

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference	E2183
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Proposed introduction of pedestrian/cycle shared use footways at Lower Bristol Road/Churchill Bridge

Decision maker/s	Cllr Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Service Delivery
The Issue	It is proposed that the following existing footways are converted to shared use paths for cyclists and pedestrians to provide important links in the Strategic Cycle Network for Bath: the north and south footways on Lower Bristol Road at the Churchill Gyratory and on the western footway on Churchill Bridge. In order to convert a footway to cycle track, the footway must be removed under Section 66(4) of the Highways Act 1980 and a cycle track 'constructed' under Section 65(1) of the Act. No physical construction is necessary but there needs to be clear evidence that the power has been exercised.
Decision Date	23 rd February 2011
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees that the footways referred to above are converted to cycle tracks. The above proposals should only be introduced if a Deed of Declaration of Cycle Track is also put in place covering a section of the Authority's owned land along footpath BQ60 which links to the above proposals and forms part of this proposed route. The Deed of Declaration is being dealt with separately. The conversion is reviewed 12 months from the date of implementation. This is because the pedestrian count has identified heavy footfall in the Churchill Bridge area.
Rationale for decision	The rationale of this scheme is to encourage more people to cycle rather than using cars. It will provide an alternative route to the busy carriageway. It constitutes an important link in Bath Strategic Cycle Network. If cyclists are forced to use a more circuitous and/or hazardous route it can be a deterrent to cycle use.
Financial and budget implications	The works required for this scheme include signs and lines/symbols. A funding item is included in TC8511 Bath Cycle Network budget (2010/11 Transportation Capital programme). The total budget is £45,000 for various schemes and these works will be accommodated within this.
Issues considered	Customer Focus; Sustainability; Health & Safety; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Ward Councillor; Cabinet members; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Section 151 Finance Officer.
How consultation was carried out	Attended meeting, letter or email

Other options considered	No other options were considered for Churchill Gyrotory as other options would be prohibitively expensive.
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Signatures of Decision Makers	
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Date of Signature	
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Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision