

# Norfolk County Council

## Record of Individual Cabinet Member Decision

**Responsible Cabinet Member: Cllr Wilby - Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure & Transport)**

### **Background and Purpose:**

- 1.1 The proposals fulfil planning conditions for the White House Farm housing development and improve facilities by providing safer links for pedestrians and cyclists travelling along Blue Boar Lane.
- 1.2 The proposals will ensure that the highway network can accommodate additional users from the new housing development and encourage active and sustainable travel options, along with encouraging modal shift.
- 1.3 A new toucan crossing located on Blue Boar Lane will improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists when crossing Blue Boar Lane.

### **Decision:**

- 1. To implement the proposals as detailed on plan PR3915-HP1-001A in Appendix A and in accordance with the Notices in Appendix B.**

**Is it a key decision?** No

**Is it subject to call-in?** Yes

**If Yes – the deadline for call-in is:** 4pm, Thursday 7 April 2022

### **Impact of the Decision:**

As detailed in the attached Report.

### **Evidence and reason for the decision:**

As detailed in the attached Report.

### **Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As detailed in the attached Report.

**Financial, Resource or other implications considered:** As detailed in the attached Report.

### **Record of any conflict of interest:**

None.

**Background documents:**

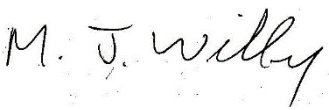
- Appendix A – Consultation Plan
- Appendix B – Notices.
- Appendix C – Comments Received with Officer Response.

**Date of Decision: 30/3/22**

**Publication Date of Decision: 31/3/22**

**Signed by Cabinet Member:**

I confirm that I have made the decision set out above, for the reasons also set out.

**Signed:** 

**Print name: Cllr Martin Wilby**

**Date: 30/03/2022**

**Accompanying documents:**

- Individual Cabinet Member Decision Report: Sprowston – Highway Works for the White House Farm Housing Development.

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# Individual Cabinet Member Decision Report

**Item No:**

**Report Title:** Sprowston – Highway Works for the White House Farm Housing Development

**Date of Meeting:** N/A

**Responsible Cabinet Member:** Cllr Martin Wilby (Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure & Transport)

**Responsible Director:** Tom McCabe (Executive Director, Community & Environmental Services)

**Is this a Key Decision?** No

**If this is a Key Decision, date added to the Forward Plan of Key Decisions:** N/A

## Executive Summary

This report sets out details of the Notices that are required to support the planning conditions for the housing development on the White House Farm site in Sprowston. These will improve safety for all highway users, including pedestrians and cyclists and help encourage modal shift.

## Recommendations:

1. To implement the proposals as detailed on plan PR3915-HP1-001A in Appendix A and in accordance with the Notices in Appendix B.

## 1. Background and Purpose

- 1.1 This proposal fulfils planning conditions placed upon the White House Farm housing development and provides safer links for cyclists and pedestrians travelling along Blue Boar Lane.
- 1.2 The proposals will ensure that the highway network can accommodate additional users from the new housing development and encourage sustainable travel, including encouraging modal shift.

- 1.3 The proposed new Toucan crossing located adjacent to the Linacre Avenue Junction will improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists when crossing Blue Boar Lane.

## **2. Proposal**

- 2.1 The Proposals are to deliver highway improvements associated to the new housing development. These were consulted on as per the drawing in Appendix A.
- 2.2 The highway works consist of the following;
  - Footway widening to provide a 3m wide (where possible) shared use footway / cycleway on Blue Boar Lane.
  - A new toucan crossing facility located on the Blue Boar Lane / Linacre Avenue Junction.

## **3. Impact of the Proposal**

- 3.1 Highway safety will be improved for all highway users through the introduction of these highway improvements. This is key as the proposal supports a major new housing development which will lead to an increase in journeys in the area. It is therefore essential that walking and cycling are actively encouraged, and the infrastructure is in place to enable this.
- 3.2 The proposals will provide additional options for pedestrians and cyclists and encourage more sustainable travel, including modal shift towards walking and cycling.

## **4. Evidence and Reasons for Decision**

- 4.1 The proposals form part of planning conditions for the White House Farm housing development which were approved by Broadland District Council.
- 4.2 Preliminary consultation was undertaken in October 2020 and received support from Norfolk Constabulary, Sprowston Town Council and the Local Member.
- 4.3 Formal advertisement received three objections. Full details can be found in Appendix C with the officer response.
- 4.4 The proposals will improve road safety and encourage sustainable travel within the area. The works are being paid for entirely by the developer.

## **5. Alternative Options**

- 5.1 There are no reasonably viable alternative options as the proposals are part of an agreed planning condition.

## **6. Financial Implications**

6.1 The scheme is fully funded by the developer.

## **7. Resource Implications**

7.1 **Staff:** Scheme designed and delivered utilising existing resources.

7.2 **Property:** Nil.

7.3 **IT:** Nil.

## **8. Other Implications**

8.1 **Legal Implications:** Nplaw have advised on the making of the Notices and confirmed that actions taken to date have been compliant with the legislative requirements.

8.2 **Human Rights Implications:** Nil.

8.3 **Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA):**

Norfolk County Council has a duty to pay due regard to equality when exercising its public functions. In making these Notices, we have considered the potential impact on local people, particularly disabled and older people and parents and carers of children, and others who may have particular needs when using the highways.

Public consultation on the Notices has taken place, to enable people to highlight any issues it is important for NCC to be aware of before a decision is made.

This scheme will not provide any equality implications as the proposed improvements should help improve accessibility and increase safety for all highway users.

8.4 **Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA):** As part of the consultation and implementation process all personal data has been removed from reports being put into the public domain. Personal data has been stored as per NCC standards to allow further correspondence as part of the delegated decision process.

- 8.5 Health and Safety implications:** The proposed schemes should improve road safety, especially for cyclists and pedestrians on Blue Boar Lane.
- 8.6 Sustainability implications:** The proposals will help create an environment to encourage more walking and cycling, positively contributing to sustainability, modal shift and active travel.
- 8.7 Any Other Implications:** Officers have considered all the implications which members should be aware of. Apart from those listed in the report (above), there are no other implications to take into account.

## **9. Risk Implications / Assessment**

- 9.1 A stage 2 road safety audit has been completed and approved by the Council's Network Safety team.
- 9.2 The implementation of the proposed scheme will improve safety for vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists in the area.

## **10. Select Committee Comments**

- 10.1 N/A

## **11. Recommendations**

- 11.1 To implement the proposals as detailed on plan PR3915-HP1-001A in Appendix A and in accordance with the Notices in Appendix B.**

## **12. Background Papers**

- Appendix A – Consultation Plan (001A)
- Appendix B – Notices
- Appendix C – Comments Received with Officer Response.

### **Officer Contact**

If you have any questions about matters contained within this paper, please get in touch with:

**Officer name:** Richard Austin

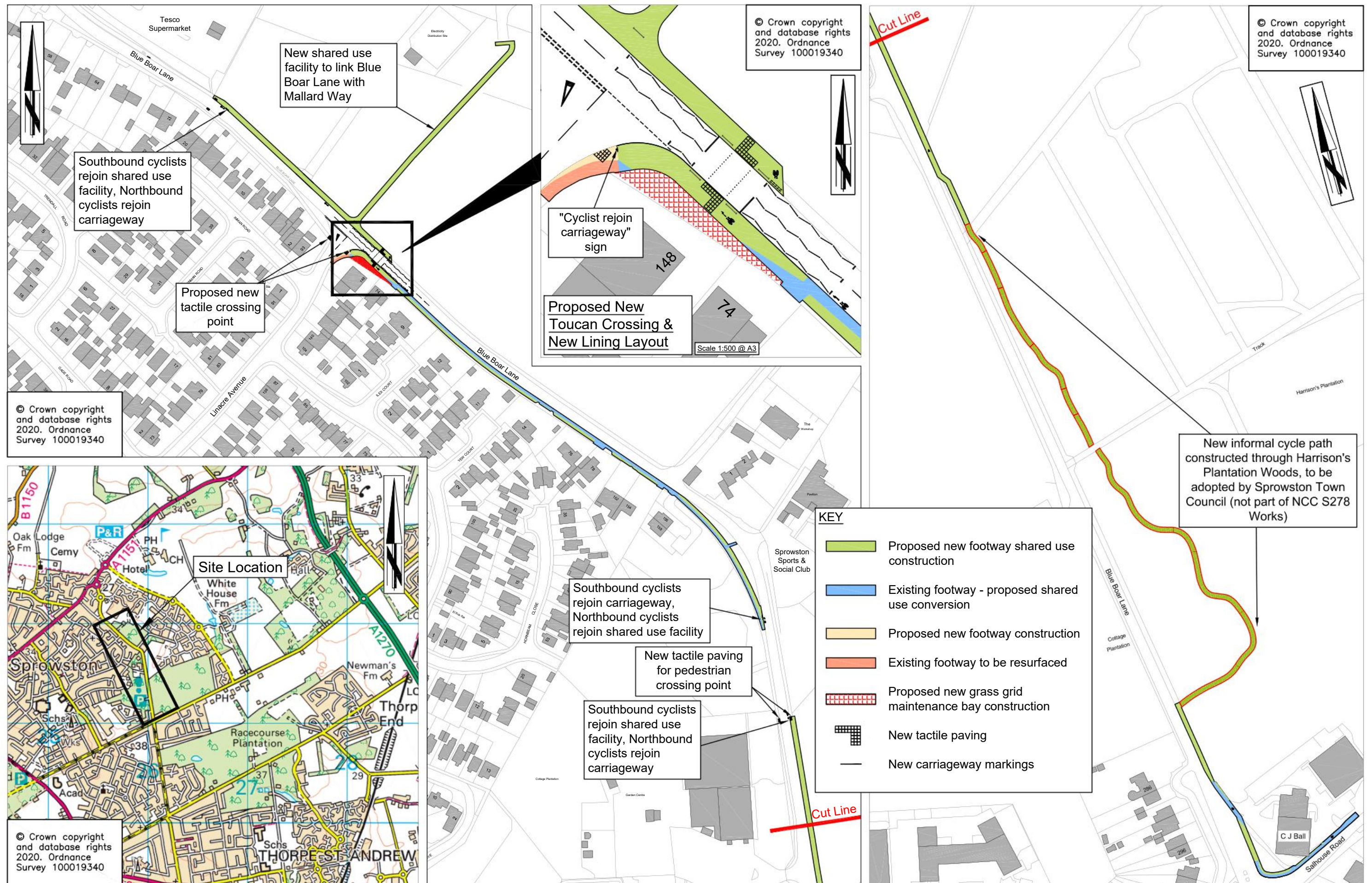
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**THE NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL SPROWSTON,  
FOOTWAY CONVERSION TO CYCLEWAY/FOOTWAY AND  
TOUCAN PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST CROSSING NOTICE 2021**

**Footway/Cycleway**

The Norfolk County Council is proposing to convert lengths of existing footways/verges to combined cycleway/footway using powers under Section 66(4) and Section 65(1) of the Highways Act 1980 along the following lengths of the C256 Blue Boar Lane and C283 Salhouse Road in the Town of Sproston:

C256 Blue Boar Lane Eastern side	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing footways: from its junction with C283 Salhouse Road, northwards for 20m;</li> <li>- from a point 47m north its junction with C283 Salhouse Road, northwards for 24m.</li> <li>Existing verges: from a point 20m north of its junction with C283 Salhouse Road, northwards for 27m;</li> <li>- from a point 71m north of its junction with C283 Salhouse Road, northwards for 50m;</li> <li>- from a point 421m north of its junction with C283 Salhouse Road, northwards for 180m.</li> </ul>
C256 Blue Boar Lane South-West side	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Existing footway: from a point 330m south-east of its junction with U57427 Linacre Avenue, north-west for 290m.</li> <li>- Existing verge: from a point 40m south-east of its junction with the U57427 Linacre Avenue, north-west to its junction with the U57427 Linacre Avenue.</li> </ul>
C256 Blue Boar Lane North-East side	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing verges:</li> <li>- from a point 29m south-east of its junction with U57427 Linacre Avenue, north-west for a distance of 140 metres;</li> <li>- from its junction with U57427 Linacre Avenue, north-eastwards to the 5P252 Mallard Way.</li> </ul>
C283 Salhouse Road North side	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Existing footway: from a point 72m north-east of its junction with C256 Blue Boar Lane, south-westwards to its junction with C256 Blue Boar Lane.</li> </ul>

The conversion of the existing footway to the shared use facility will consist of widening the existing footway and constructing a combined cycleway/footway which will be 3 metres wide throughout the majority of the route where possible. Due to layout constraints, there will be small sections of the route that will be under the 3m width. Pedestrians and cyclists will have joint use and will not be segregated.

The reasons for this proposal are to link with existing shared use facilities along the C256 Blue Boar Lane and along C283 Salhouse Road and to provide a safer route/Link along the C256 Blue Boar Lane for cyclists. It is also required to offer a safe link between the new housing development works on 5P252 Mallard Way and C256 Blue Boar Lane.

**Toucan Crossing**

As required under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Part III Sections 23 and 25, notice is hereby given that the Norfolk County Council propose to install a Toucan

controlled pedestrian and cyclist crossing and an associated Toucan controlled area on the C256 Blue Boar Lane at a point 21 metres south-east of the centreline of its junction with U57427 Linacre Avenue in the Town of Sprowston.

Distances measured are to the centreline of the Toucan crossing.

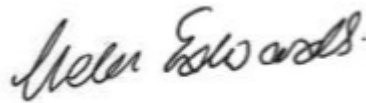
The reason for the Toucan crossing proposal is to provide a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists within an urbanised area.

A copy of the plan may be viewed online at <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/>. Copies may also be available for inspection at Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Norwich and at the offices of Broadland District Council, Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Road, Norwich, NR7 0DU, during normal office hours. However, during the current epidemic staffing levels have been reduced and viewing online would be recommended in keeping with the government guidelines.

Any person who wishes to comment on these proposals should write to nplaw, Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH, marked for the attention of Mrs Simmons by no later than 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021. They may also be emailed to [trafficorders@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:trafficorders@norfolk.gov.uk).

The Officer dealing with the public enquiries concerning these proposals is Mr R Austin, telephone 01603 222099 or 0344 800 8020.

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021



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Chief Legal Officer

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## APPENDIX C

Comment Received	Support Y/N	Officer Comment
<p>Concern for cyclist's safety as the cycle route is disjointed.</p> <p>Question the positioning of the toucan crossing point, as right turning traffic out of Linacre Avenue will have to wait when the crossing is in use.</p> <p>The toucan crossing will cause an environmental impact with extra pollution from stationary cars and noise which will be a detriment to the residents who live near it. It will also devalue their homes.</p>	N	<p>The disjointed nature of the route cannot be helped, as there is very limited highway corridor to work with.</p> <p>The crossing is located to the east of Linacre Avenue as this is the desire line of pedestrians walking / cycling from Mallard Way.</p> <p>Vehicle emissions will be down to a minimum as the crossing procedure will take no longer than 21 seconds.</p>
<p>The location of the toucan crossing isn't suitable. It should be near to the Whitehouse farm access road.</p> <p>The proposed crossing will devalue the property, cause noise &amp; air pollution and be visible from the back garden.</p> <p>The beeping from the proposed toucan crossing will scare the two Labrador dogs.</p>	N	<p>The crossing is located to the east of Linacre Avenue as this is the desire line of pedestrians walking / cycling from Mallard Way.</p> <p>Vehicle emissions and noise pollution will be down to a minimum as the crossing procedure will take no longer than 21 seconds. The traffic lights will have deflector shields fitted so that the light will not be directed towards the property.</p> <p>The volume of the crossing beeper can be turned down to its minimum required level and the beeper will only be operational between the hours of 07:00 to 22:00.</p>
<p>The cycle route doesn't conform to LTN 1/20 guidelines.</p>	N	<p>The newly released guidance (LTN 1/20) can't be used to enforce changes to previously agreed and funded schemes. The new guidance makes it clear that any schemes which apply for government funding will need to be in compliance with these new</p>

		<p>design standards in order to be considered. However, this does not apply to schemes which have been funded by developer S278 contributions, CIL monies or similar as these funds have been legally secured. In this instance the works are being funded by a developer as part of the development works that are ongoing in this area. The works proposed are to satisfy a planning condition for the new ongoing housing development.</p>
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