



COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

**CYCLEPATH SOUTH OF PARKHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL, WESTCALDER
REDETERMINATION OF FOOTWAY TO A SHARED USE CYCLEPATH**

REPORT BY HEAD OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to redetermine the existing footway adjacent to 55 to 161 Harburn Drive in West Calder and the existing footway adjacent to 74 to 84 Chapelton Drive in Polbeth to a shared use cyclepath.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council Executive approve the initiation of statutory procedures for the promotion of a traffic regulation order to redetermine the footway from 55 to 161 Harburn Drive in West Calder and 74 to 84 Chapelton Drive in Polbeth to a shared use cyclepath.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I	Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs and working in partnership.
II	Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Policy: None Legal: The redetermination of the two sections of footway to a shared use cyclepath will require the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None
V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	The scheme will contribute to the outcome we live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities.
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	The promotion of the traffic regulation order will be funded through the Roads and Transportation capital budget.
VII	Consideration at PDSP	None

VIII Other consultations

Statutory consultation will be carried out in accordance with procedures set out in the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

Background

Funding for a scheme to improve the link for cyclists using the West Calder to Polbeth path was approved between Parkhead Primary School in West Calder and Chapelton Drive in Polbeth by the Council Executive at its meeting on the 27 May 2014. The path improvement has been identified as a key community link between Polbeth and West Calder.

During the design process it was identified that the existing footway adjacent to 55 to 161 Harburn Drive in West Calder and the existing footway adjacent to 74 to 84 Chapelton Drive in Polbeth have not been formally redetermined as a shared use cyclepath to connect the cyclepath that is presently being constructed.

To allow these footways to be shared by pedestrians and cyclists, a traffic regulation order is required to be promoted to redetermine these two footways to cyclepaths. The extent of the footways to be redetermined is shown on plans TP/B587/6/DD/3 and TP/B587/6/DD/4.

If the Council Executive approves the recommendation, the traffic order will be advertised and objections invited. Any unresolved objections will then have to be submitted to Scottish Ministers for determination.

Formal dropped kerbs will be constructed at the appropriate locations for cyclists and pedestrians and this route shall be signed accordingly.

Consultation

The local ward members and the affected frontagers in house numbers 55 to 161 Harburn Drive in West Calder and the affected frontagers in 74 to 84 Chapelton Drive in Polbeth have been consulted.

Councillor Muldoon enquired regarding if this cyclepath would be damaged or removed by the proposed new West Calder High School construction, however this is not known at this time and would be addressed during the detailed design of the new school.

E. CONCLUSION

The redetermination of the existing footway adjacent to 55 to 161 Harburn Drive in West Calder and the existing footway adjacent to 74 to 84 Chapelton Drive in Polbeth to a shared use cyclepath will provide a safe traffic-free route for cyclists wishing to travel in the West Calder and Polbeth area.

The scheme supports the council's commitment to encourage active travel through walking and cycling. It also provides an improved link between the communities in Polbeth and West Calder and is identified as a key community link project funded jointly with Sustrans.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Council Executive Report dated 27 May 2014 – Sustrans Community Links Projects Funding 2014 to 2016.

Appendices/Attachments: TP/B587/6/DD/3 and TP/B587/6/DD/4

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