

PROPOSED FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENT WEBSTERS WAY RAYLEIGH

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Members have requested that information be provided in of the future plans for land acquired by Essex County Council from the owners of plots 8-12 Websters Way, Rayleigh.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Between 1976 and 1981 a scheme for improvements to Websters Way was developed and attempts were made to acquire land needed for the improvement by negotiation with the owners. Where this was unsuccessful a Compulsory Purchase Order was made. Notices to Treat and Enter were served and in 1981 some of the roadworks were completed. Between 1986 and 1996 further negotiations took place to complete the outstanding acquisitions and terms were agreed. Essex County Council as Highway Authority now shows title to the land shown hatched on the plan attached. Since 1996 no further development for the improvement scheme has been made.

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Generally requests for the provision of new footways are assessed using a point scoring system developed by the Highway Authority. This relates to safety, the need for a footway and is used to assess priority with other requests on the list.
- 3.2 As shown in the Appendix (Drawing 1), the existing footway on the western side of Websters Way extends northwards and southwards from either end but is incomplete for a 130 metre section in the middle. If this available land fronting plots Nos 8-12 is used for a footway improvement a further 40 metres of footway will be added to the network (Drawing 2). In the short term the addition of this section of footway will not be of great benefit to pedestrians as it does not effectively lead anywhere and will not link with the existing footway to the south. However if any future development is likely for Websters Way, this small extension of the footway could then form part of the overall pedestrian movement strategy. In addition the improvement works will provide additional forward visibility for drivers in the vicinity of the bend.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 At present no funds have been allocated to enable these works to proceed. However this scheme would be ideally suited for funding through the locally determined programme.

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- 4.2 The potential for funding from the Local Transport Plan could also be explored.

5 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That this scheme be assessed using the Highway Authority's Footway Scoring System and added to the ranked list for footway requests, to be considered as part of the Locally Determined Programme. (County Highways)

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Background Papers:

Details of Conveyance of Land available at Churchill House.

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