

**WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CYCLE TRACKS ACT 1984**

**HARBURY LANE, WARWICK**

**1. STATEMENT OF REASONS**

- 1.1 Warwickshire County Council is proposing to upgrade a footpath (tarmac surface, widen to 3.0m and introduce street lighting at regular intervals) for approximately one kilometre, alongside Harbury Lane between Tachbrook Road and Garrett Drive, and to convert the upgraded footpath to a shared use footpath/ cycle track for use by pedestrians and cyclists in accordance with appropriate signage and markings.
- 1.2 The purpose of the improvements is to:
- Provide an all-weather route that can be used throughout the year and at all times of the day. The current path is narrow, poorly surfaced and unlit, and particularly difficult to use in the winter and during wet weather conditions.
  - Provide a route that is sufficiently wide to enable use by both pedestrians and cyclists including families and people with disabilities.
  - Provide a durable route that caters for the growing demand in this area due to the rapid growth in new homes on both sides of Harbury Lane
  - Create safer connections along Harbury Lane to link between housing and the new schools – Heathcote Primary School (Garrett Drive) and Oakley School (Oakley Wood Road)
  - Promote walking and cycling and thereby support County Council policies on sustainable transport, health and wellbeing, net zero and climate change
- 1.3 The footpath modifications are detailed on the attached drawing 9.2-C43--017-014 Rev. A