STATEMENT OF REASONS

SECTIONS 65 & 66 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

SECTION 23 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

PROPOSED CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY AND INSTALLATION OF SHARED USE FOOTWAY / CYCLE TRACK AT NIGHTINGALE AVENUE, HARBURY LANE, MACBETH APPROACH AND EARL RIVERS AVENUE, WARWICK

PROPOSED PARALLEL CROSSINGS FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS ON NIGHTINGALE AVENUE, MACBETH APPROACH AND EARL RIVERS AVENUE, WARWICK

1. BACKGROUND

Warwickshire County Council proposes to:

- install a shared use cycle track, with rights of ways for pedestrians, on the lengths of road described in Schedule 1 below;

- install parallel crossings (for use by pedestrians and cyclists), as described in further detail in Schedule 2 below.

A shared use footway /cycle track is proposed on the north and south side of Harbury Lane with links around the corners of Nightingale Avenue, Macbeth Approach and Earl Rivers Avenue in order to safely connect existing paths, footways and cycle tracks with local homes and schools.

Sections of the existing footways (described in Schedule 1) on Nightingale Avenue, Harbury Lane, Macbeth Approach and Earl Rivers Avenue will be widened to approximately 3.0metres to enable the provision of the shared footway/ cycle track. The additional width will provide more space for people to walk, wheel and cycle alongside each other. The conversion of the footway to cycle track will enable people on cycles to be separated from motor vehicles on Harbury Lane (speed limit 40mph) and to connect with existing shared use and segregated cycle routes on Harbury Lane, Vickers Way and Earl Rivers Avenue.

A new section of 3.0 metre wide footway/ cycle track will be constructed on the north side of Harbury Lane to complete a missing link between the bus stop east of Nightingale Avenue and the junction with Macbeth Approach.

The proposed shared use footways/ cycle tracks on Nightingale Avenue, Macbeth Approach and Earl Rivers Avenue will also provide connections to the proposed parallel crossings on these side roads. The parallel crossings proposed on Nightingale Avenue, Macbeth Approach and Earl Rivers Avenue (described in Schedule 2) will help to provide a continuous and direct route for walking, wheeling and cycling, supporting the Highway Code, key principles of Local Transport Note 1/20 Cycle Infrastructure Design and policies in the Warwickshire Local Transport Plan and Active Travel Strategy. There are currently no controlled crossing points at these locations and the existing crossing refuges at Macbeth Approach and Earl Rivers Avenue are considered too narrow for shared use.

This scheme has been developed to support walking, wheeling and cycling by residents and visitors to Heathcote and Warwick Gates and is being funded by developer contributions and Active Travel England.

The scheme is an extension of the Harbury Lane Active Travel Project Phase 1 which has provided 1km of shared use cycle track between Earl Rivers Avenue and Tachbrook Road, together with upgraded crossing facilities to connect between the north and south sides of Harbury Lane. There are plans in the future to extend the cycle track westwards to connect with Heathcote Lane.

A Road Safety Audit has been undertaken of the current scheme designs.

2. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The Council, as the Highway Authority, has the power under S65 of the Highways Act 1980 to construct a cycle track, in or by the side of a highway maintainable at the public expense which consists of or comprises a made-up carriageway, with or without a right of way on foot; and has the power under S66(4) of the Highways Act 1980, to remove or alter a footway.

The Council, as the Traffic Authority, is required to have regard to its duty under section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004, to manage the local road network to achieve as far as possible:

- securing the expeditious movement of traffic on the local road network; and
- facilitating the expeditious movement of traffic on road networks for which another authority is the Traffic Authority,
- having had regard to its other obligations, objectives and policies as far as possible.

The Council is required to have regard to its duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 in the making of these proposals, and give regard to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it, and in particular, to the need to:

- remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

Thorough consideration was given to the factors set out Section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and the equality's duty of the Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, in the making of these proposals.

SCHEDULE 1

PROPOSED CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY AND INSTALLATION OF SHARED USE FOOTWAY / CYCLE TRACK AT NIGHTINGALE AVENUE, HARBURY LANE, MACBETH APPROACH AND EARL RIVERS AVENUE, WARWICK

Nightingale Avenue

1. West side, commencing approximately 7.1 metres north from the junction with Harbury Lane for a distance of 7.5 metres in a northerly direction

2. East side, commencing from the junction with Harbury Lane for a distance of 14.2 metres in a northerly direction

Harbury Lane

3. North side, commencing from the junction with Nightingale Avenue for a distance of 218 metres in an easterly direction

4. South side, commencing approximately 29.2 metres from the junction with Nightingale Avenue for a distance of 49.9 metres in an easterly direction, towards Vickers Way

Macbeth Approach

5. West side, commencing approximately 7.8 metres north from the junction with Harbury Lane for a distance of 9.0 metres in a northerly direction

6. East side, commencing approximately 4.0 metres north from the junction with Harbury Lane for a distance of 11.1 metres in a northerly direction

Earl Rivers Avenue

7. North side, commencing approximately 17.9 metres east from the junction with Harbury Lane for a distance of 10.3 metres in an easterly direction

8. South side, commencing approximately 4.9 metres east from the junction with Harbury Lane for a distance of 18.2 metres in an easterly direction

SCHEDULE 2

PROPOSED PARALLEL CROSSINGS FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS ON NIGHTINGALE AVENUE, MACBETH APPROACH AND EARL RIVERS AVENUE, WARWICK

Nightingale Avenue

1. Nightingale Avenue - 6.5 metres north of the junction with Harbury Lane.

Macbeth Approach

2. Macbeth Approach - 6.7 metres north of the junction with Harbury Lane.

Earl Rivers Avenue

3. Earl Rivers Avenue - 13.3 metres east of the junction with Harbury Lane.

Plans

- Consultation Plan – Scheme Layout - 9.2.C43.19-WCC-LDC-ZZ-DR-CH-0001-00
- Proposed controlled crossing Nightingale Avenue - 9.2.C43.19-WCC-LDC-SR1-DR-CH-0001-01
- Proposed controlled crossing Macbeth Approach - 9.2.C43.19-WCC-LDC-SR2-DR-CH-0001-01
- Proposed controlled crossing Earl Rivers Avenue - 9.2.C43.19-WCC-LDC-SR3-DR-CH-0001-01

Ends.