

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980, SECTIONS 65 AND 66

**PROPOSED CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY TO SHARED USE FOOTWAY /
CYCLE TRACK AT A452 KENILWORTH ROAD, LEAMINGTON SPA**

1. STATEMENT OF REASONS

- 1.1** Warwickshire County Council is proposing, pursuant to sections 65 and 66 of the Highways Act 1980, to convert parts of existing footways along the A452 Kenilworth Road, Leamington Spa (as described in the Schedule below) into a shared use footway/cycle track for use by pedestrians and cyclists.
- 1.2** The existing footway facility on the eastern side of the carriageway is narrow (average width 1.2 to 1.4m) and has not enough width to accommodate pedestrians particularly when number is more than 1 pedestrian.
- 1.3** As the existing carriageway is a high speed road (40mph) and extremely busy, therefore cyclists don't feel safe riding on the carriageway. Similarly on the other hand the existing footway on the eastern side does not have sufficient width to accommodate any cyclists.
- 1.4** The existing facility is in a poor condition. Most of it has poor and deteriorated surfacing. Also the back of this facility is covered by overgrown vegetation.
- 1.5** There is no facility on the other side of the carriageway for this length.
- 1.6** The number of cyclists/pedestrians increases particularly in summer.
- 1.7** As the existing width of the facility is not enough, there is therefore a safety risk of conflict of live traffic with pedestrians/cyclists in situation where there is demand for high usage.

For all the above reasons it's very important that the existing facility is widened and converted into a shared facility for both pedestrians and cyclists.

SCHEDULE

(existing footways proposed to be converted to shared use cycle track)

A452 Kenilworth Road (eastern side)

- (i) That length of footway which extends from its junction with Sandy Lane, southwards for a distance of 928 metres.
- (ii) That length of footway which extends from a point approximately 50 metres north of Gables House, northwards for a distance of 32 metres.

These lengths are marked in green on the attached consultation plan numbered 9.2.A452.078-WCC-LDC-ZZ-DR-CH-0001-00.

Section which does not form part of the current consultation

The section which crosses the school playing fields (North Leamington & Kingsley school) which are marked with a blue dashed line on the consultation plan numbered 9.2.A452.078-WCC-LDC-ZZ-DR-CH-0001-00 do not form part of this proposal but it is anticipated this section will form part a future proposal to create the connection once the relevant land transfers have been concluded.