

Record of an officer making an executive decision



BUCKINGHAM TO WINSLOW CYCLEWAY EXTENSION SCHEME

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| Name of officer and title | Peter Beer, Estates and Property Services Manager |
| Date of decision: | 11 January 2018 |
| Decision: | Dedicate a public bridleway under s.25 Highways Act 1980 along the route of a new cycleway in Buckingham |
| Reasons for decision: | <p>In February 2017 Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) & Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (BTVLEP) via Transport for Buckinghamshire delivered a 9km shared cycle and footway with Real Time Passenger Information along the A413 between Buckingham (from Lace Hill roundabout) to Winslow.</p> <p>The scheme aims to encourage sustainable travel via bus, cycling and walking to the village/town centres and the planned east-west (Winslow) train station as well as other local destinations along the A413 corridor.</p> <p>BCC is now working on plans to extend the new cycleway along the A413 into the Buckingham Town Centre. Consultation has now started to extend the new cycleway between the Lace Hill roundabout and Buckingham town centre.</p> <p>The off-road section of the proposed route (alongside the river) passes along Buckingham Footpath 27 (BUC/27). This needs to be converted to a shared use footway / cycleway (to permit cycle access) via a dedication of a bridleway under Section 25 Highways Act 1980.</p> <p>To do this, BCC needs the permission of the landowners. It has received permission from Buckingham Town Council regarding the proposed route that goes into their ownership. A small section of the land near March Edge goes into the ownership of Aylesbury Vale District Council. This decision is to therefore dedicate this footpath (in AVDC's ownership) to shared use footpath/cycleway. This is required for BCC to start the legal conversion process (i.e. conversion from footpath to shared use footway / cycleway).</p> <p>In effect this will pass on all maintenance responsibilities to the County Council. Consultations have taken place with the Open Spaces team and appropriate conditions will be placed on the dedication to safeguard the adjacent play area and trees.</p> |
| Alternative options considered | None. |
| Any conflict of interest declared by a Cabinet Member who is consulted and any dispensations granted to them: | There are none. |
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