

Agenda Item A12	Committee Date 29 June 2009	Application Number 09/00463/CCC
Application Site Lune Valley Cycle Path Caton Lancaster	Proposal Extension of Lune Valley foot and cycle path by approximately 120 metres due east from Bull Beck picnic site	
Name of Applicant Lancashire County Council	Name of Agent	
Decision Target Date 8 June 2009	Reason For Delay	
Case Officer	Petra Williams	
Departure		
Summary of Recommendation	No Objections	

1.0 The Site and its Surroundings

- 1.1 The site that forms the subject of this County Council Consultation is an existing gravel footpath which runs alongside the A683 from close to Bull Beck Picnic site and approximately 600m to the east.
- 1.2 The site is close to the River Lune and is lined by a number of trees and scrub.
- 1.3 The site is close to the village of Caton and is within the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

2.0 The Proposal

- 2.1 Extension of the Lune Valley foot and cycle path. It is proposed to resurface and widen the existing gravel path to form an un-segregated footpath and cycle path. The proposed foot and cycle path largely follows the same route as the existing path and will be widened to 2.5m.
- 2.2 It is also proposed to extend the path through an area of woodland to the east for a distance of approximately 120m which will involve the removal of some trees.
- 2.3 The track will be surfaced in fine a graded wearing course with concrete edging and a new access will be created at the eastern end of the site.

3.0 Site History

- 3.1 None relevant

4.0 Consultation Responses

4.1 Response not received at the time of compiling this report – comments will be reported verbally.

5.0 Neighbour Representations

5.1 N/A

6.0 Principal Development Plan Policies

6.1 E3 – Development affecting Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

7.0 Comment and Analysis

7.1 The desk study submitted with the consultation does not record the presence of any evidence of protected species at the time of the survey. As there is potential for breeding birds to nest in the trees which are to be felled the desk study makes recommendations in order to mitigate any possible disturbance to birds.

7.2 The scheme will improve public access on foot and on bicycle within the Lune Valley

8.0 Conclusions

8.1 Given the details outlined above are considered acceptable members are advised to raise no objections to the proposal.

Recommendation

That the County Council be advised the **City Council supports the proposal in principle.**

Human Rights Act

This recommendation has been reached after consideration of the provisions of The Human Rights Act. Unless otherwise stated in this report, the issues arising do not appear to be of such magnitude to override the responsibility of the City Council to regulate land use for the benefit of the community as a whole, in accordance with national law.

Background Papers

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