

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Development and Conservation
Control Committee

6th October 2004

AUTHOR/S: Finance and Resources Director

Public Bridleway in Oakington

Recommendation: to respond to consultation

Purpose

1. To consider a proposal by Cambridgeshire County Council to create a new bridleway in Oakington.

Effect on Corporate Objectives

2.	Quality, Accessible Services	n/a
	Village Life	n/a
	Sustainability	Bridleways promote horse riding, which is a sustainable method of transport.
	Partnership	n/a

Background

3. At its meeting on 1st September 2004, the Development and Conservation Control Committee authorised officers to take all necessary steps to extinguish Footpath 7 in order to accommodate the access road and pavement, that will form part of a development at Coles Lane.. It is intended that the adopted highway will link up with a new bridleway being proposed by Cambridgeshire County Council that will follow the approximate line of the former section of public footpath, which was extinguished when Oakington Airfield was built. The surfaces of the highway and bridleway will more-or-less be flush with each other. Plans are attached as an Appendix to this report.
4. Relevant **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003** policies are:
 - **Policy P4/2** – Informal recreation in the countryside
 - **Policy P8/8** – Encouraging walking and cycling
 - **Policy P8/9** – Provision of Public Rights of Way

Financial Implications

5. South Cambridgeshire District Council is a statutory consultee, so there are no direct financial implications.

Legal Implications

6. There are no legal implications.

Staffing Implications

7. There are no staffing implications.

Risk Management Implications

8. There are no risk management implications.

Consultations

9. The local Members (Councillors Mrs J Dixon, SM Edwards and TJ Wotherspoon) have been consulted, as have the Area Planning Officer, Principal Planning Policy Officer (Transport) and Conservation Manager. Comments received after dispatch of the agenda will be reported verbally at the meeting.

Recommendations

10. So that a formal response can be sent to Cambridgeshire County Council, it is **recommended** that Members comment on the proposal to create a new bridleway in Oakington.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: Letter Ref. CLFH/168/7 from Cambridgeshire County Council, dated 8th September 2004 and received on 21st September 2004

Contact Officer: Ian Senior – Democratic Services Officer
Telephone: (01954) 713028