

## SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**REPORT TO:** Development and Conservation  
Control Committee

2 November 2005

**AUTHOR/S:** Finance and Resources Director

### Proposed registration of Public Right of Way – Arbury Camp

#### Recommendation: to respond to consultation

#### Purpose

1. To consider a proposal by Cambridgeshire County Council to register a public right of way in Arbury Camp (Parish of Impington).

#### Effect on Corporate Objectives

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| 2. | Quality, Accessible Services | n/a  |
|    | Village Life                 | Public rights of way contribute to the quality of village life |
|    | Sustainability               | Public rights of way provide a facility for pedestrians.       |
|    | Partnership                  | n/a  |

#### Background

3. Now that development work is about to begin at Arbury Camp, Cambridgeshire County Council intends formalising the status of the green lane running along the eastern boundary of the site. By registering it as a public right of way, it will be possible to protect it by law for public enjoyment over its entire length. The proposal is marked on the plan attached as **Appendix 1**.
4. The proposed route forms the southern section of the Roman Road, which continues over the former railway line (future Guided Busway) as Impington / Milton Byway Open to All Traffic (B.O.A.T.) no. 3. The County Council's initial view is that the proposal should also be registered as a B.O.A.T, but officers there have yet to conclude their research into the historic records. It is envisaged that the County Council's Director of Highways and Access will consider authorising the making of an Order in January 2006 with a view to publishing it two months later.
5. 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

6. There are no financial implications for this Council.

### **Legal Implications**

7. This is a highways matter and, therefore, the statutory responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council as Local Highways Authority. South Cambridgeshire District Council is a statutory consultee.

### **Staffing Implications**

8. There are no staffing implications.

### **Risk Management Implications**

9. There are no risk management implications for this Council.

### **Consultations**

10. The local Members (Councillors JP Chatfield, MJ Mason and Mrs JA Muncey) have been consulted, as have the Area Planning Officer, Senior Planning Policy Officer (Transport) and Conservation Manager. Councillor Mason has indicated that he intends to attend the meeting to record a number of reservations he has about the proposal. These include its relationship to the Guided Busway, the absence of any apparent facility for those using the proposed right of way safely to cross over the Guideway, its proposed status as a B.O.A.T. and implications for landscaping and for Cambridge City Council.
11. The Principal Planning Officer (Development Services) has no objections to the proposal.
12. Comments received after dispatch of the agenda will be reported verbally at the meeting.

### **Recommendation**

13. It is **recommended** that Members assist officers in responding to Cambridgeshire County Council on the proposal to register a public right of way in Arbury Camp in the Parish of Impington..

**Background Papers:** the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: Letter from Cambridgeshire County Council, dated 27<sup>th</sup> September 2005

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