

ANGUS COUNCIL**ROADS COMMITTEE****16 OCTOBER 1997****CYCLE TRACK, BORROWFIELD, MONTROSE.****REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS****ABSTRACT**

This report recommends that the cycle track recently constructed in the Borrowfield area of Montrose be extended northwards as far as Newhame Road and that a TOUCAN crossing be provided on Newhame Road.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agree that the cycle track which was recently constructed in the Borrowfield Housing area of Montrose be extended northwards as far as Newhame Road, and that a TOUCAN crossing be provided on Newhame Road.

2 INTRODUCTION

Report number 465/96, which was approved by the Roads Committee in June 1996, gave an overview of cycling, contained a new policy for Angus Council, and contained a programme of schemes which were to be designed in detail and brought back to Committee. The extension of the cycle track in the Borrowfield Housing area is another such scheme.

3 DETAILS

As detailed previously a number of measures are already in place in the Montrose area which is ideally suited for cycling. (See Report Number 848/96 to the Roads Committee, October, 1996 and Report Number 979/96 to the Roads Committee, November, 1996)

It is proposed that a new section of cycle track be provided in the Borrowfield Housing area northwards from the existing track to Newhame Road, a distance of approximately 390 metres.

This is presently an unadopted footpath of 1.8 metres width, lit and well used by pedestrians and cyclists. It is on the Housing Account and runs close to the boundaries of the existing houses. It is proposed to widen the path from 1.8 metres to 3.0 metres and create a segregated track. This will mean that pedestrians are adjacent to the house fronts. Following upgrading, the cycle track would be taken on to the list of roads.

In addition it is proposed to provide a TOUCAN crossing across Newhame Road to tie in with the extension of this path and at a point where the School Crossing Patrol operates at present.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

(a) Capital

The estimated cost of the scheme is £25,000 including design and supervision costs. The TOUCAN crossing equipment is already in stock. The cost can be met from the Roads Department Capital Budget for Cycling/Pedestrian facilities during the current financial year.

(b) Revenue

Additional maintenance costs would amount to £1250 per annum and this would be added to the 1998-1999 base budget. Loan charges would amount to £2937 per annum over 20 years.

5 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance, the Director of Housing, the Director of Planning, Transportation and Economic Development and the Chief Constable have been consulted in the preparation of this Report and are in agreement with it.

6 CONCLUSION

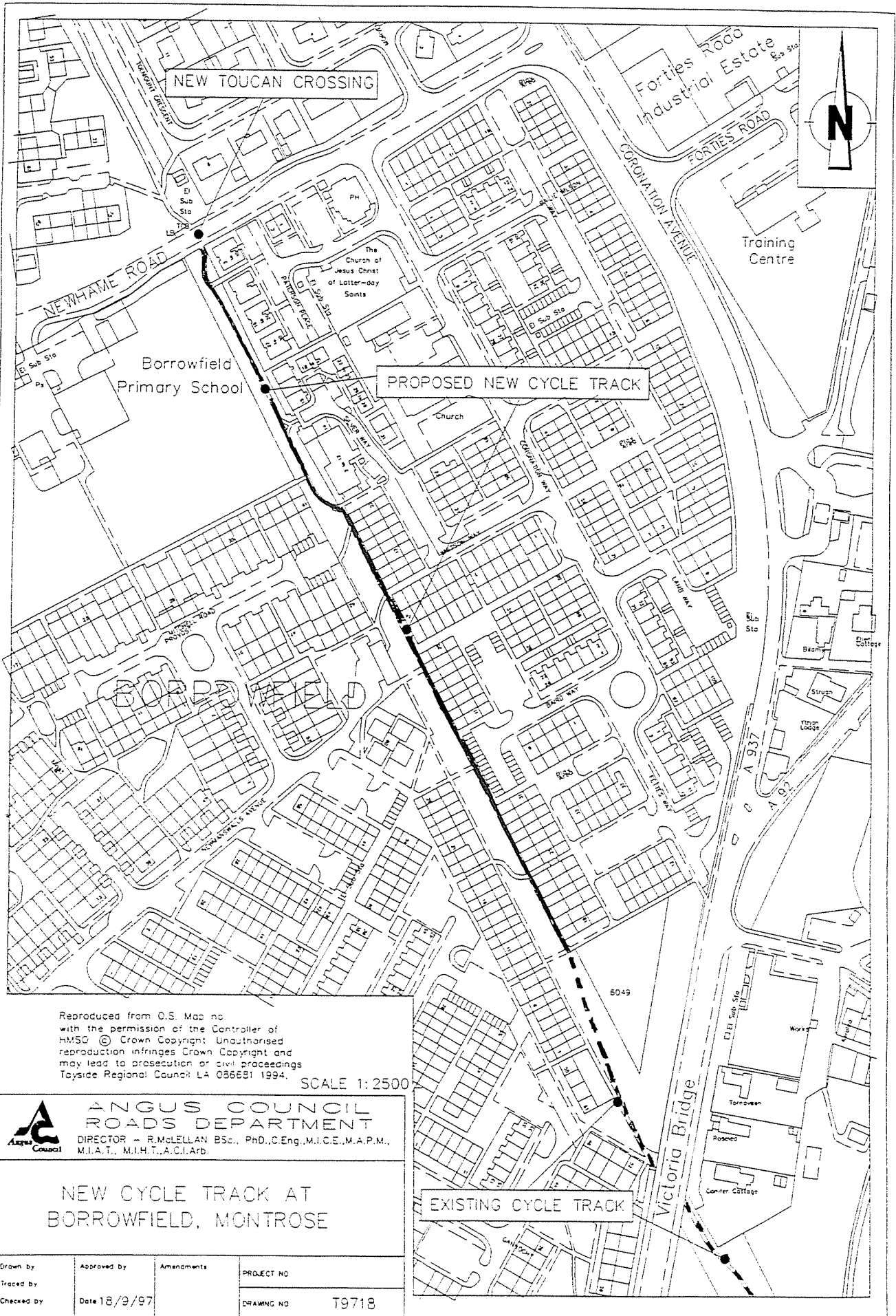
In order to further encourage cycling in Montrose it would be appropriate to extend the existing cycle track through Borrowfield Housing northwards to Newhame Road and provide a TOUCAN crossing on Newhame Road.

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NOTE

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report:-

- Report No 465/96 - Provision for Cyclists in Angus - Roads Committee 6 June 1996
- Report No 848/96 - Provision of Cycle Track at Brechin Road, Montrose - Roads Committee 17 October 1996
- Report No 979/96 - Cycle Tracks, Montrose - Roads Committee 28 November 1996.



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