



Havering

LONDON BOROUGH

Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	DRAPERS PYRGO PRIMARY SCHOOL, SETTLE ROAD – PROPOSED NEW PEDESTRIAN PATH
Decision Maker:	Imran Kazalbash Assistant Director of Public Realm, Environment
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Barry Mugglestone
SLT Lead:	Andrew Blake Herbert Chief Executive Officer
Report Author and contact details:	Gareth Nunn, Senior Engineer 01708 433139 gareth.nunn@havering.gov.uk
Policy context:	Havering Local Implementation Plan 2022/23 Delivery Plan
Financial summary:	The estimated cost of £0.070m for the implementation of a new pedestrian path joining 2 existing paths in the school field of Drapers Pyrigo Priory School will be met by the Transport for London Local Implementation Plan School Travel Plan Engineering budget.
Relevant OSC:	Places
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	Yes-Non Key

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

People - Things that matter for residents [X]

Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy [X]

Resources - A well run Council that delivers for People and Place. [X]

Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

This Executive Decision requests approval for the implementation of a new publicly accessible pedestrian path within the school field of Drapers Pyrgo Priory School, Settle Rd, Harold Hill, Romford RM3 9RT, linking two existing publicly accessible paths together as shown on the attached drawing.

It is noted that the estimated cost of £0.070m for this scheme will be met by the Transport for London Local Implementation Plan School Travel Plan Engineering budget.

This report is asking the Assistant Director of Public Realm, Environment to approve the implementation of the above scheme.”

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Council's Constitution

Part 3

3.8.3. Assistant Director of Environment Delegated Powers

(b) Other than in those matters delegated to the Lead Member to exercise all powers and duties in respect of maintaining and improving highways, providing facilities, and interference with highways arising under Parts IV, V, VII, IX and XIV of the Highways Act 1980.

(v) To exercise all powers and duties under the Highways Act 1980 that are not delegated to the Leader or Cabinet Member.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1.0 Background

1.1 In November 2022, Drapers Pyrgo Priory school approached the Council requesting a new publicly accessible pedestrian path within their school field linking the two existing paths together. One of the existing paths leads from Dagnam Park Drive to the southern school entrance, the other path leads from Settle Road to the northern school gate.

1.2 It was advised that many people already walk across the school field which allows pedestrians to ‘cut off the corner’ at the junction of Dagnam Park Drive and Settle Road. It also provides a faster route for pedestrians on Dagnam Park Drive to access Pyrgo Childrens Centre.

1.3 The proposal would make this route accessible to all pedestrians including those with buggies, wheelchairs or scooter/cycles and at all times of the year.

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1.4 The request was supported by the Council's Smarter Travel Officers and TfL Local Implementation Plan funding was allocated for the scheme.

1.5 The Highways Office was asked to design and oversee the implementation of the scheme despite it being on un-adopted highway. The Council's highways contractor will undertake the work.

2.0 Proposals

2.1 The proposals are to create a new pedestrian path within the school field of Drapers Pyrgo Priory School, creating a link between the 2 existing paths as per the plan attached as appendix A. The path will give a direct access to the Children's Centre from Dagnam Park Drive whilst also provide a hard surface for those already walking across the field to access the other schools on Settle Road.

2.2 The school field is owned by the Council and is leased to the Multi Academy Trust. The proposed pedestrian path will be maintained by the Multi Academy Trust as part of their ongoing field Maintenance.

2.3 The proposed footpath will drain naturally on to the school field and will not contribute to flooding.

2.4 The proposed footpath will not be lit in order to not effect night-time wildlife.

3.0 Outcome of formal public consultation

3.1 Due to the location of the proposed path being on un-adopted highway, no public consultation has taken place or is required.

4.0 Officers' comments and conclusions

4.1 The proposed path promotes a safer environment for pedestrians, reducing the reliance on cars as a mode of travel and therefore supporting more sustainable travel modes, which contributes to several Council Policies including Policy 23 *Transport Connections* of the Local Plan, the Local Implementation Plan and the adopted Council's Climate Change Action Plan.

4.2 The Council adopted a Climate Change Action Plan in November 2021 setting out how Havering will look to achieve becoming a carbon neutral borough by 2040 or sooner. This project will support the adopted Action Plan, as it will promote and support a carbon neutral travel method.

4.3 It is believed that that proposed path would not only be utilised by attendees of Drapers Pyrgo Priory School and Childrens Centre, but also by attendees of Drapers Academy, Draper Maylands and Lime Academy schools. It may also be

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beneficial to users of The Manor Country Park.

- 4.4 The proposed path compliments an existing 'school street' in place on Settle Road to discourage the use of motor vehicles as a mode of transport to and from the multiple schools on Settle Road.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

None.

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

None.

NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name: Gareth Nunn

Designation: Senior Engineer

Signature:



Date: 04/05/2023

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Here officers seek approval for a scheme to implement a new pedestrian path within the school field of Drapers Pyrgo Priory School, Settle Rd, Harold Hill, Romford RM3 9RT, linking two existing public paths together.

The new path is being considered at the request of the School.

The land upon which the new path will be sited is in the freehold ownership of the Council. The proposed works would fall under permitted development rights given to the Local Authority under Part 12 of the General Permitted Development Order 2015 (as amended).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The estimated cost of £0.070m for feasibility, detailed design and implementation will be met through the TfL Funded Local Implementation Plan (School Travel Plan Engineering budget).

Breakdown of costs:

	£m
Contractor works	0.060
Officer costs (30 hrs @ £76.00/hr)	0.002
10% contingency	0.007
TOTAL	0.070

This is a standard project for Highways and there is no expectation that the works cannot be contained within the cost estimate. There is an element of contingency built into the financial estimate.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)

The recommendations made in this report do not give rise to any identifiable HR risks or implications that would affect either the Council or its workforce.

EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Council has a general duty under the Equality Act 2010 to ensure that its highway network is accessible to all users. Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded, reasonable adjustments should be made to improve access. In considering the impacts and making improvements for people with protected characteristics (mainly,

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but not limited to disabled people, the young and older people), this will assist the Council in meeting its duty under the Act.

Havering has a diverse community made up of many different groups and individuals. The Council values diversity and believes it essential to understand and include the different contributions, perspectives and experience that people from different backgrounds bring.

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the council, when exercising its functions, to have due regard to:

- (i) the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
- (iii) Foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

Note: 'Protected characteristics' are: age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnerships, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.

The Council demonstrates its commitment to the Equality Act in its decision-making processes, the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and employment practices concerning its workforce. In addition, the Council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing of all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

There would be some visual impact from the proposals; however, these proposals would generally improve safety for pedestrians and have no impact on vehicles.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The provision of the new path may change some peoples school travel arrangements and encourage sustainable travel whilst also creating a safe and accessible route to ensure parents and the community feel able to make this choice, subsequently supporting the Climate Change Action Plan by promoting and supporting a carbon neutral travel method.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

APPENDICIES

Appendix A Proposed Path Location

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Part C – Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Decision

Proposals as recommended in the report - agreed

Details of decision maker

Signed: 

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Name: Imran Kazalbash, Assistant Director of Public Realm,
Environment

CMT Member title: Assistant Director, Public Realm, Environment
Cabinet Portfolio held: Councillor Barry Mugglestone, Cabinet Member for
Environment

Head of Service title: Mark Hodgson, Head of Highways, Traffic & Parking,
Environment

Date: 10/07/2023

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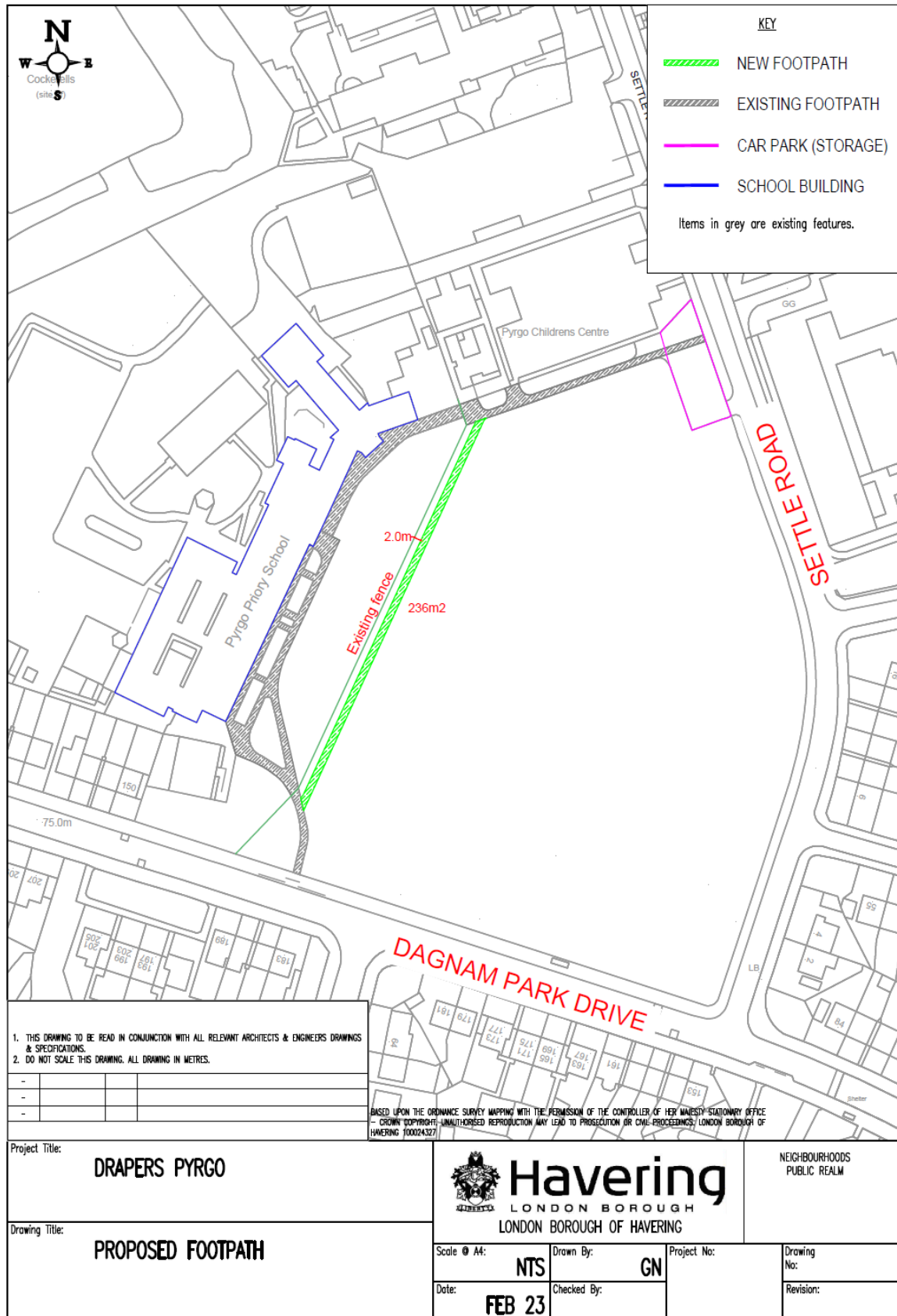
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This notice was lodged with me on _____

Signed _____

**APPENDIX A
Proposed Path Location**



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