CABINET 25 March 2004

EASTON TO ELLINGTON PERMISSIVE CYCLE ROUTE (Report by Head of Environment & Transport)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 There is only limited opportunity for cycling in an East /West direction (i.e parallel to the trunk road) in the A14 corridor to the West of the A1. All minor roads to the South of the trunk road tend to run North/South.
- 1.2 The Member for Ellington has identified a potential route that would improve East/West movement and link the settlements of Easton and Ellington. Authority is sought to establish the identified route as a permissive cycleway.

2. PROCESS AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 The proposed route (see Annex A) would use an existing farm track which is in private ownership. The landowner has indicated informally that he would be prepared to allow public access along the track.
- 2.2 To bring the route into use would require
 - issues of public liability indemnity to be resolved;
 - a formal agreement to be concluded with the land owner; and
 - advisory signing and way marking to be provided along the route.
- 2.3 It is estimated that this will not cost more than £1,000 and that this could be met from existing revenue budgets.

3. RECOMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet authorises the Director of Operational Services to take such actions as are necessary to establish the permissive cycleway between Easton and Ellington.

Background papers

Nil

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