

**CREATION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH
LAND AT FLAMSTEED DRIVE
HUNTINGDON**

(Report by Planning Policy Manager)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 To seek approval to enter into a Public Path Agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council for the dedication of a Public Right of Way over land in the control of the District Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 Since the completion of the residential development west of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital it is apparent there is need for a pedestrian link between Flamsteed Drive and Hinchingsbrooke Business Park over an area of public open space. At present there is an informal route used by residents in the area to the business park and nearby nursery (see plan attached to this report). This informal route is muddy in wet weather and the surface is inadequate for pushchair use.
- 2.2 While the District Council recognises the need for a surfaced path over its land, in the short term there are no funds for this. Cambridgeshire County Council has recommended formalising the route as a public footpath as a first step. The County would then be responsible for maintenance of the path and surface the path when funding is available.

3. Issues

- 3.1 Present informal use clearly indicates a need for a pedestrian link to the business park unforeseen when the development was first considered.
- 3.2 The new Public Right of Way will link into existing public rights of way and a cycleway which links to Huntingdon town centre. A good clear path will encourage pedestrian use as an alternative to using car based transport.
- 3.3 Other than staff time it is not envisaged that there will be any significant financial implications to the District Council entering into a creation agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council.

4. Recommendation

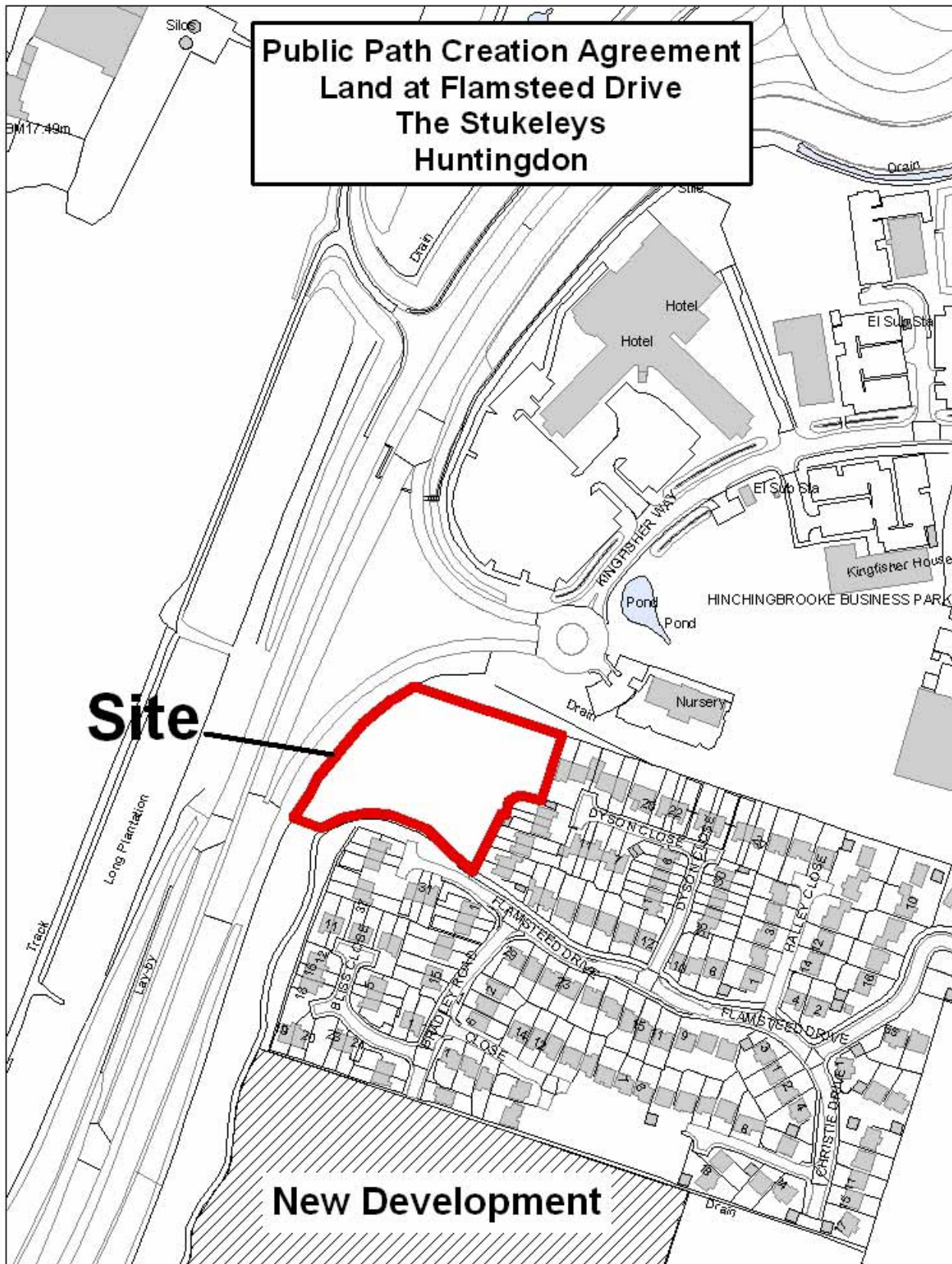
- 4.1 That approval is given to enter into a Public Path Agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council for the dedication of a Public Right of Way over land in the control of the District Council at Flamsteed Drive, in accordance with the provisions of section 25 of the Highways Act 1980.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Nil

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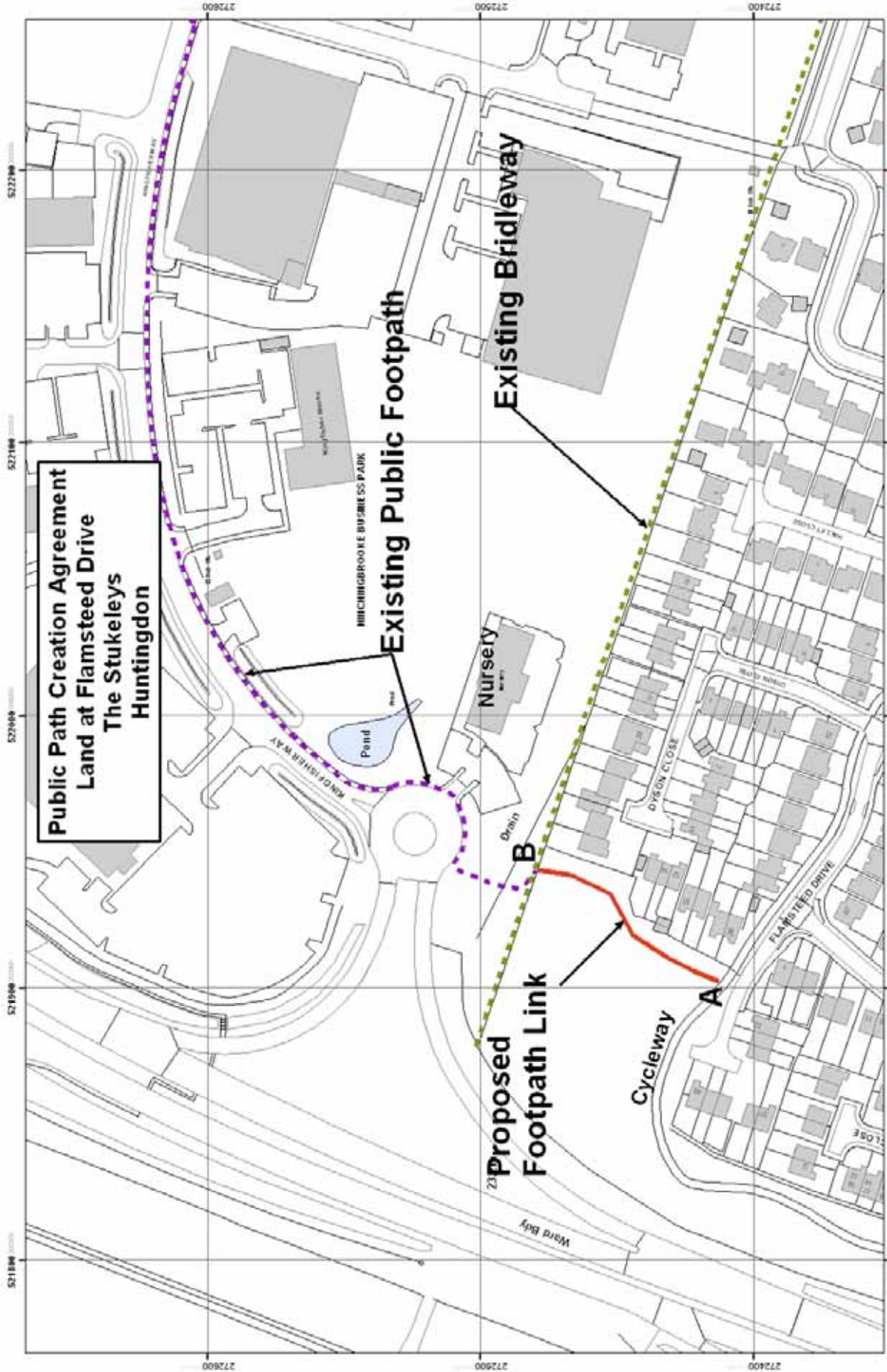


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**Plan 1
Location Plan**

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Riverside House
St Mary's Street
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**Plan 2
Creation Order Plan**