STATEMENT OF REASONS AND PLAN

Cycle Tracks Act 1984 – Section 3
Proposed Cycle Track Order – Footpath 33380027

1. LEGAL POWERS AND DUTIES

The proposed Order is made under Section 3 of the Cycle Tracks Act 1984, which enables a local highway authority to designate a footway (or part of a footway) as a cycle track.

In exercising its powers, the Council has had regard to its duties under:

- Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic (including pedestrians and cyclists);
- Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, in relation to the Public Sector Equality Duty;
- Its wider duties as highway authority under the Highways Act 1980; and
- Relevant local and national transport policies, including the promotion of active travel.

2. BACKGROUND

North Yorkshire Council proposes to deliver a shared pedestrian and cycle route along Footway (33380027) From 27 The Chase to 21 Kingston Drive, Norton on Derwent

The proposed infrastructure will provide a shared-use facility, designed to accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists and to support year-round use.

3. REASONS FOR MAKING THE ORDER

The proposed Cycle Track Order is required to enable the lawful use of sections of the existing footway by pedal cycles.

The reasons for making the Order are as follows:

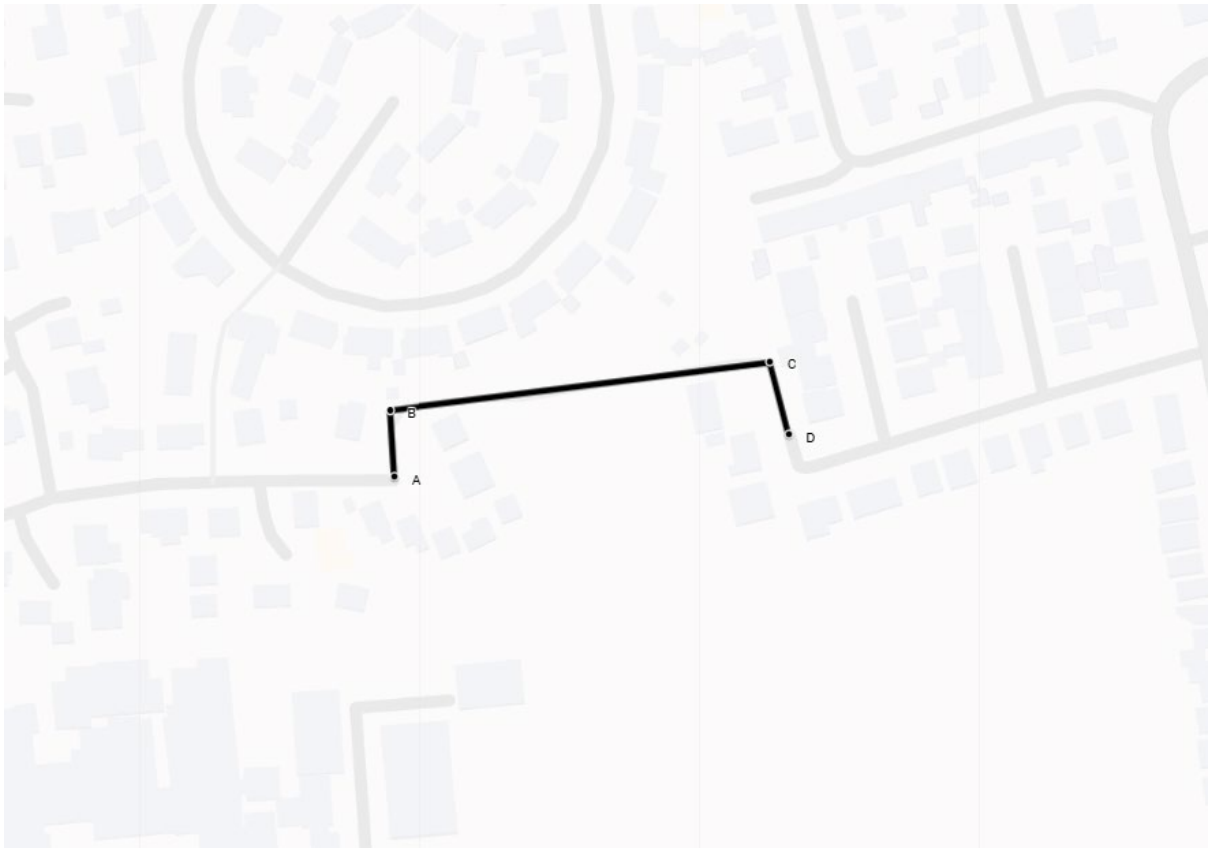
- To encourage increased use of sustainable transport modes, including walking, wheeling and cycling;
- To improve road safety by providing a dedicated off-carriageway facility for cyclists;
- To reduce reliance on private car travel, contributing to reduced congestion and improved air quality; and
- To support delivery of the Council's adopted transport strategies and objectives.

4. SCHEDULE

The section of footpath proposed as a cycle track is the full length of the footpath between The Chase and Kingston Drive (33380027) in the Town of Norton. The extents begin at Point 'A' on the below map at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference SE 79726 70769 then proceeding in a northerly direction to Point 'B' at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference SE 79729 70778 and then proceeding in an easterly direction to Point 'C' at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference SE 79845

70797 then proceeding in a southerly direction to Point ‘D’ at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference SE 79853 70779, a distance of approximately 168 metres. (The width of the cycle track will be a minimum of 2.5m)

5. PLAN



6. CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

Any person may object to the proposed Cycle Track Order during the statutory consultation period.

Under the provisions of the Cycle Tracks Act 1984:

- Where no objections are received, or where all objections are withdrawn, the Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order.
- Where objections are received and not withdrawn, the Council is required to refer the Order to the Secretary of State for Transport for determination.

In such cases, the Secretary of State may:

- confirm the Order (with or without modifications);
- determine the matter on the basis of written representations; or
- arrange for a public inquiry or hearing before reaching a decision.

Prior to referral, the Council will:

- consider all objections received;

- prepare a report setting out officer recommendations and relevant considerations; and
- include the views of the relevant local ward Member(s).

The Council's internal governance procedures will apply in determining how objections are reviewed prior to referral to the Secretary of State. The Corporate Director of Environment, in consultation with the relevant Executive Member, may decide to:

- confirm the Order if it is unopposed; or
- authorise referral to the Secretary of State where objections are maintained.

Where appropriate, meetings may be open to the public to allow objectors and interested parties the opportunity to present their views.