

Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation
Report submitted by: Environment Director

Part I - Item No. 5

Electoral Divisions affected:
Heysham, Lancaster City,
Lancaster East,
Lancaster Rural Central,
Lancaster Rural North,
Lancaster Rural South,
Morecambe East,
Morecambe West, and
Skerton

Completion of Heysham to M6 Link
Protection of the Route

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Executive Summary

On 2 September 2004, the County Council's Cabinet considered a full report regarding the choice of route for the Heysham to M6 Link and resolved that the route for the completion of the Heysham to M6 Link should be the northern route, but without the link to Luneside.

This is deemed a Key Decision and is included in the Forward Plan.

Recommendation

That,

- i. the route, as shown on Drawing No 11063/200 sheets 1 to 4 (known as the northern or orange route), be approved and adopted as the route of the proposed Heysham to M6 Link,
- ii. the Cabinet Member for Urban and Rural Regeneration be requested to adopt and safeguard the route of the proposed Heysham to M6 Link as that shown on Drawing No 11063/200 sheets 1 to 4 for development control purposes,
- iii. Lancaster City Council be notified that the route shown on Drawing No 11063/200 sheets 1 to 4 should be included in the Development Plan as the site of the proposed Heysham to M6 Link,

- iv. Blight Notices be accepted from those eligible to serve them, in respect of properties shown on Drawing No 11063/200 Sheets 1 to 4 as affected by the approved route, and
- v. the resolution of the Highways and Transportation Committee in March 1998 relating to the Heysham to M6 Link be rescinded.

Background

The current Lancaster City Council Local Plan identifies both the Western and Northern Routes as potential routes for the Heysham to M6 Link and states that there is a need to protect them from development which would prejudice the implementation of the Link. Following the resolution on 2 September 2004 by the County Council's Cabinet to favour the northern route, it is necessary to rescind the protection for the western route and to formalise the protection for the northern route, as shown on Drawing No 11063/200 sheets 1 to 4. As the land comprised in the protected route may be adversely affected by such protection, authority is also required for the County Council to accept Blight Notices from those affected and eligible to serve them.

Consultations

N/A.

Advice

As per the recommendation for the reasons set out in the report now presented.

Alternative options to be considered

N/A.

Implications: e.g. Financial, Legal, Personnel, Human Rights, Crime and Disorder or Other

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Financial

The financial implications of any blight notices are not yet known but will be the subject of individual reports to the Cabinet Member for Resources if they occur.

Any representations made to the Cabinet prior to the issue being considered in accordance with the Public Notice of Forward Plans

Name: Organisation: Comments:

Nil.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers**

Paper Date Contact/Directorate/Ext

Nil.

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.

Decision Taken: Declarations

Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation

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Protection of the Route**

This item has been cleared by the: Legal Services Group	Yes
: Finance Group	Yes

Original recommendation, as set out in the report, approved without amendment.	Yes
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Original recommendation amended and decision as follows:	No
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I have a personal/prejudicial interest in this matter.	No
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If an interest is declared please give details below:

Jean Yates
Cabinet Member for Highways and
Transportation

11 January 2005

Chief Officer

I certify that this is an appropriate and accurate record within the terms of Standing Order 63(3) and (5) of the decision taken by the Cabinet Member.

Graham Harding
Environment Director

11 January 2005

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