

Rosemary Wilkins Cycling Officer

From: Rosemary Wilkins Cycling Officer
Sent: 26 January 2012 13:57
To: Julie Young Member CC
Cc: Robert Overall Executive; Paul Bird Director of Highways & Transportation; Elizabeth Hunter-Gray Cabinet Advisor; Chris Stevenson Head of Transportation
Subject: RE: LTP3 Cycle Path Fire Station to Essex University Wivenhoe

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Dear Councillor Young

Thank you for contacting me regarding this scheme. I'm sorry that you were not able to answer the Town Councillor's questions due to a lack of information, however to my knowledge the revised scheme has not been discussed or provided to anyone outside of the design team.

When the design for this scheme had been completed and an outline estimate drawn up it was envisaged that it would cost in the region of £500,000. This high cost is due partly to providing the full 3m wide footway/cycleway which can only be achieved by re-aligning the road including some substantial drainage changes and land acquisition.

I discussed this and the likelihood of finding funds from ECC sources to implement with the design team. There were no S106 funds to allocate to this scheme to offset the cost. We decided to revisit the scheme/design and see if there was a more cost-effective solution. This has now been completed in outline design and I am currently waiting for ball-park estimate of costs. This scheme will still require land purchase, but until we know how much the scheme would cost and the level of funding available for cycling next year we cannot proceed with negotiations with the land owner.

The route has been included in Colchester Borough Council's supplementary planning document covering cycling provision which seeks to secure funding for this scheme from developers. We are happy to share and send you both designs for the scheme, but being realistic it is unlikely that either would be funded in the near future through the LTP. I have asked the design team to forward both designs and costs to you for your information.

We know that you fully support an off-road route between Wivenhoe and the University and ECC would be happy to help deliver it, but there are some decisions to be made regarding the scheme. Perhaps if you are available we could meet with the design team and other interested parties, such as the University, to discuss all the possibilities around the scheme, land, funding and timescales.

Regards

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From: Julie Young Member CC
Sent: 25 January 2012 22:23
To: Rosemary Wilkins Cycling Officer
Cc: Robert Overall Executive
Subject: Fw: LTP3 Cycle Path Fire Station to Essex University Wivenhoe
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Dear Rosemary

I was surprised to hear rumours that these plans had changed from a Wivenhoe Town Councillor as I had no idea amendments had been made. I was involved at the inception of this plan and it would have been nice to have been informed as I was unable to answer the Town Councillors queries. Please can you send me the details of the changes please so my knowledge is up to date.
Julie

From: Member Enquiries
To: Julie Young Member CC
Sent: Wed Jan 25 15:11:10 2012
Subject: LTP3 Cycle Path Fire Station to Essex University Wivenhoe

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Dear Cllr Young

RE: LTP3 Cycle Path Fire Station to Essex University Wivenhoe

Thank you for your email dated 18 January 2012 in respect of the above.

I can confirm that the Transportation Planning team have re-visited the original proposals submitted and are currently in the process of finalising designs. I am pleased to confirm that this amended type of design does not require as much third party land, and will therefore cost significantly less than initially anticipated in the original proposals.

At present the Transportation Planning team are waiting to secure funding from the Local Transport Plan (LTP) budget or through Section 106 contributions. Once the team have secured the appropriate funding they will approach the land owner and begin negotiations to purchase the required sections of land.

Should you wish to discuss the matter in further depth you may wish to contact Rosemary Wilkins, Cycling Officer, on telephone: 01245 437048 or email: Cycling@essex.gov.uk

Thank you for contacting us in respect of this issue, and I hope that you find the above information useful.

Regards

Sean Russo

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From: Julie Young Member CC

Sent: 18 January 2012 07:34

To: Member Enquiries; Anne Mehrtens Customer Liaison Support Officer; Members East Area

Subject: LTP3 Cycle Path Fire Station to Essex University Wivenhoe

Dear ECC

Can you provide me with an update re the above?

Julie