

**MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL**

<b>Report of:</b>	Director for Environment and Community Services
<b>Relevant Executive Member:</b>	Executive Member for Environment
<b>Submitted to:</b>	Executive
<b>Date:</b>	4 December 2024
<b>Title:</b>	Linthorpe Road Phase 1 Cycleway Design
<b>Report for:</b>	Decision
<b>Status:</b>	Public
<b>Council Plan priority:</b>	A successful and ambitious town
<b>Key decision:</b>	Yes
<b>Why:</b>	Decision(s) will have a significant impact in two or more wards
<b>Subject to call in?:</b>	Yes
<b>Why:</b>	It is a decision of the Executive and a non-urgent decision

### Proposed decision(s)

- Accept the proposed design submitted by Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) for the Linthorpe Road Cycle Lane (see appendix 1).
- Agree a further report will be brought to the Executive, following a final, funded proposal from TVCA.

### Executive summary

The report seeks an executive decision in respect of the design of the Linthorpe Road Cycle Lane.

## **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 Removal of the cycle lane was identified as a political priority for the Town Centre in early 2023.
- 1.2 TVCA commissioned WSP Engineering Consultants to produce a design that fits political aspirations of returning the corridor back to a pre-cycle lane scheme.
- 1.3 Middlesbrough Council has reviewed the design and the commissioned Road Safety Audit.
- 1.4 The design can be seen in appendix 1 of this report. The road safety audit can be found in appendix 2.

## **2. Recommendations**

### 2.1 That the Executive

- Accept the proposed design submitted by Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) for the Linthorpe Road Cycle Lane (see appendix 1).
- Agree a further report will be brought to the Executive, following a final, funded proposal from TVCA.

## **3. Rationale for the recommended decision(s)**

- 3.1 Removal of the scheme has become a political priority to support the local businesses along the cycle corridor, through the increase in the number of parking spaces located directly outside businesses affected by the creation of the cycle lane.

## **4. Background and relevant information**

- 4.1 Removal of the cycle lane was identified as a political priority for the Council.
- 4.2 TVCA commissioned WSP Engineering Consultants to produce a design that fits political aspirations of returning the corridor back to a pre-cycle lane scheme.
- 4.3 Middlesbrough Council has reviewed the design and the commissioned Road Safety Audit.

## **5. Other potential alternative(s) and why these have not been recommended.**

- 5.1 This report deals only with the design of the replacement of the Linthorpe Road Cycle Lane. Consideration around the funding and wider implications of its removal will be brought to a subsequent executive meeting when the final proposals are received from TVCA.

## **6. Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)**

6.1 The impact of this report will be that it allows TVCA to undertake a business case for the removal of the cycle lane.

## **7. *Financial (including procurement and Social Value)***

7.1 TVCA has commissioned the amended design and related road safety audit, with no cost to Middlesbrough Council.

7.2 An additional report will be brought to the Executive in early 2025, detailing value for money, assessment of the business case and any financial implications for the Council to consider.

## **8. *Legal***

8.1 There are no legal implications in retaining the cycle lane. The Traffic Regulation Orders will be produced to facilitate any removal of the scheme.

## **9. *Risk***

9.1 As this paper seeks to agree a design for further consideration and business case review there are therefore no risks arise a result of this report.

## **10. *Human Rights, Public Sector Equality Duty and Community Cohesion***

10.1 The EIA undertaken to install the scheme evidenced that there was sufficient mitigating measures in place to ensure that the scheme did not impact negatively upon all users.

## **11. *Climate Change / Environmental***

11.1 This will be considered by the Executive when a final funded scheme is submitted to the council.

## **12. *Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers***

12.1 This will be considered by the Executive when a final funded scheme is submitted to the council.

## **13. *Data Protection***

13.1 No data will be required to be collected as part of this decision.

## **Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)**

Action	Responsible Officer	Deadline
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Letter to be sent to TVCA indicating approval of the design.	Geoff Field	December 2024
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**Appendices**

1	Proposed plans for removal of cycleway and reinstatement of previous alignment
2	Findings from Road Safety Audit
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**Background papers**

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