

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: POLICY & RESOURCES (REGENERATION & INFRASTRUCTURE) SUBCOMMITTEE		Subject: AUCHINLOCH TO LENZIE PATH UPGRADE
From: HEAD OF LAND SERVICES		
Date: 5 September 2013	Ref: ()/WP W5	

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek consent to either (1) acquire title to land or (2) enter into a Path Management Agreement with Lenzie Estate Company Limited which will allow the Council access for upgrading and long-term maintenance of the established path linking Auchinloch and Lenzie.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 It is proposed that the remote path linking Auchinloch & Lenzie is upgraded along its entire length in order to improve accessibility and overcome localised flooding issues.
- 2.2 This project is being led by Roads and Transportation, with funding support from Sustrans Scotland. East Dunbartonshire Council are also a participant in this project, as a short section of the path at Lenzie falls within their geographic area.

3. DESCRIPTION

- 3.1 The proposed upgrading will involve re-profiling sections of the path, improving the surface of the path and raising the level of the path in places where localised flooding has previously occurred.
- 3.2 The path is illustrated on the attached plan.
- 3.3 It is understood that the Council owns a short section of the path adjacent to Auchinloch Primary School. Ownership of the remainder of the path is not confirmed but may belong to Lenzie Estate Company Limited; title investigations are ongoing. It is however understood that the Council and its predecessors have maintained the path.

4. NEGOTIATIONS

4.1 There is an ongoing discussion with Lenzie Estate Company Limited & Lenzie Golf Club in relation to the project, who are generally supportive of the project.

- 4.2 The Estate Company has verbally indicated that they aren't looking for a monetary consideration for any land transfer / path management agreement, simply that the Council cover their legal costs, and take on future responsibility for the path.
- 4.3 If the adopted solution is in the form of a path management agreement, it would be for a period of 25 years, subject to review every 2 years. The Council will be responsible for the future maintenance of the upgraded path, and to comply with all statutory obligations relating to the structure.
- 4.4 Roads and Transportation will continue a dialogue with East Dunbartonshire Council, aiming to secure agreement that they would take on any future responsibilities for the section of path within their geographic boundary.

5. CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 The existing path between Auchinloch and Lenzie is a claimed Right of Way and the proposed path upgrade project will contribute towards implementation of the Walking & Cycling Strategy.
- 5.2 The scheme will also contribute to North Lanarkshire's Equality Strategy through improving accessibility to public spaces and by improving opportunities for people to access services and participate in community life.
- 5.3 The project will help work towards providing an improved pedestrian route between the residential community areas of Auchinloch and Lenzie and will also promote active travel to work and to school.
- 5.4 Roads & Transportation has been consulted with regard to the contents of this report and has confirmed that the costs associated with entering into the Agreement, and of future maintenance, will be funded within existing budget provision.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is recommended that Committee approve either land acquisition or a path management agreement in connection with the proposed upgrade to the Auchinloch to Lenzie path on the basis that the Council cover Lenzie Estate Company Limited's reasonable costs.
- 6.2 All other terms and conditions to be adjusted by the Head of Land Services.



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LOCATION PLAN - For Information Only

Title: Route of Footpath

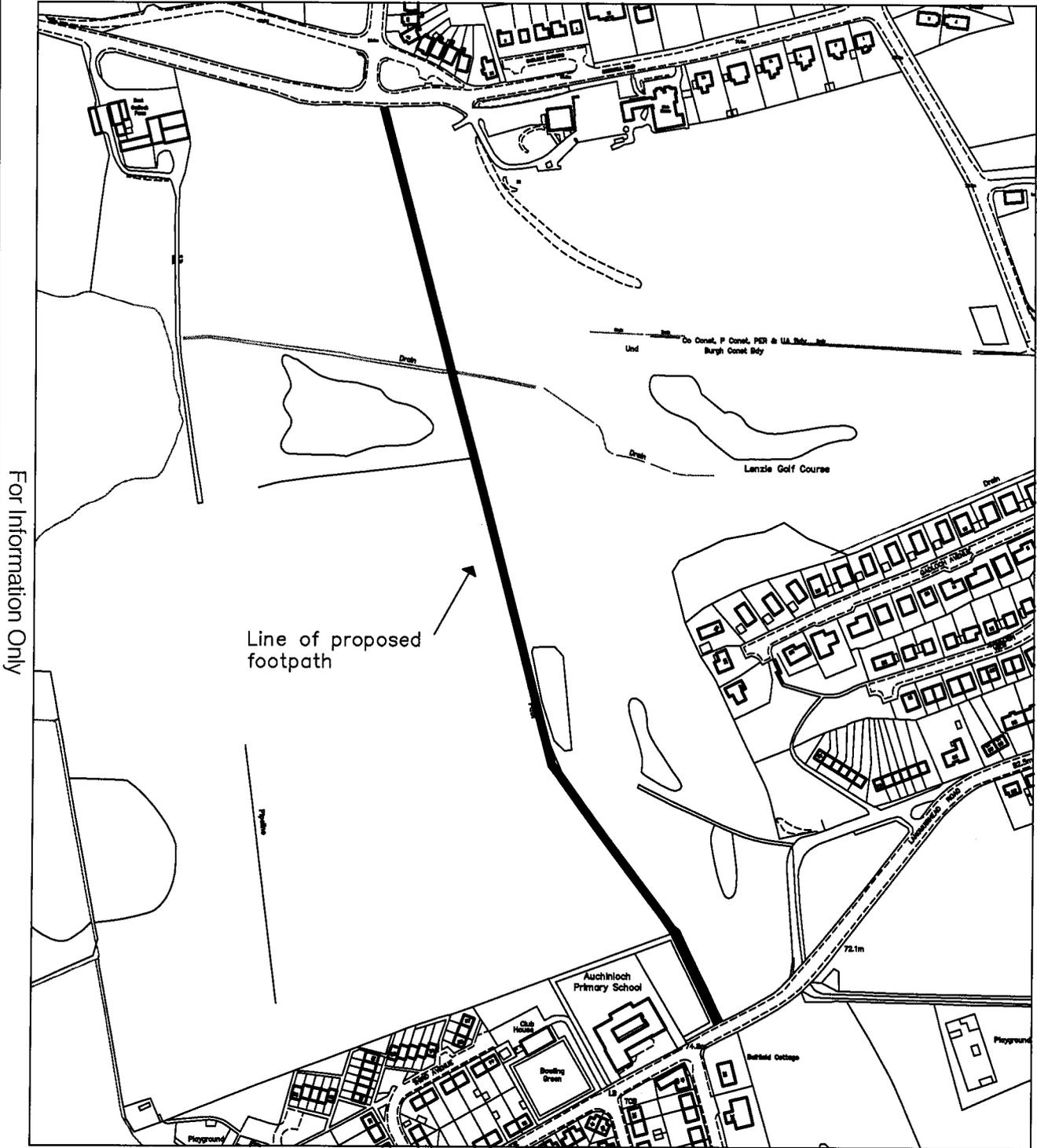
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