

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: POLICY & RESOURCES (REGENERATION & INFRASTRUCTURE) SUBCOMMITTEE	Subject: CLARKSTON TO PLAINS CYCLE-PATH: PATH MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT
From: ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
Date: 25 February 2016	Ref: HR/W7

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek consent to the proposed terms of a Path Management Agreement, between North Lanarkshire Council and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Motherwell, which will allow the Council access for construction and long-term maintenance of a cycle-path from Clarkston to Plains.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The cycle-path will link Clarkston with Plains, and also links into the National Cycling Network Route 75.

2.2 The project is being led by Roads and Transportation Services. The estimated cost for the construction of the cycle-path is £290,000. It is being funded on a 50:50 basis by NLC Roads and Transportation (as part of the Cycling and Walking Safer Streets initiative) and Sustrans (as part of their Community Links initiative).

2.3 Estates were approached by Roads and Transportation Services with a request to establish an agreement with the affected landowner which would allow access for construction and long-term maintenance of the cycle-path.

3. DESCRIPTION

3.1 The proposed route of the cycle-path will connect Clarkston with Plains, across open countryside. The cycle-path will run from Burnhead Road to Meadowhead Road.

3.2 The path will follow the natural boundary of a field in the ownership of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Motherwell.

3.3 The land affected by the proposed Path Management Agreement is shown on the attached plan.

4. TERMS OF PATH MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT


- 4.1 Under the provisions of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, the Council has agreed Heads of Terms for a Path Management Agreement with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Motherwell.
- 4.2 It is proposed that the period of the Agreement will be for 25 years and that the Agreement will be subject to review by either party every 2 years.
- 4.3 The Agreement will enable the Council to construct a cycle-path in line with agreed plans. The Council will be responsible for the maintenance of the said cycle-path to a reasonable standard, and to comply with all statutory obligations relating to its construction.
- 4.4 There will be no consideration payable to the landowners as part of the establishment of this Agreement. The Council will, however, meet the reasonable professional fees incurred by the landowner.

5. CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 The delivery of the proposed project will aid in the provision of the National Cycling Network, for the benefit of local residents.
- 5.2 The Head of Roads and Transportation has been consulted with regard to the content of this report and has confirmed that the costs associated with entering into the Agreement and future maintenance will be funded within existing budget provision.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is recommended that Committee approve the Terms of this Agreement, as detailed above.
- 6.2 All other terms and conditions to be adjusted by the Acting Executive Director Regeneration & Environmental Services.



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Members seeking further information on the contents of this report are asked to contact Mary Anne Robb, Business Manager (Estates) on 01236 632667.

LOCATION PLAN - For Information Only

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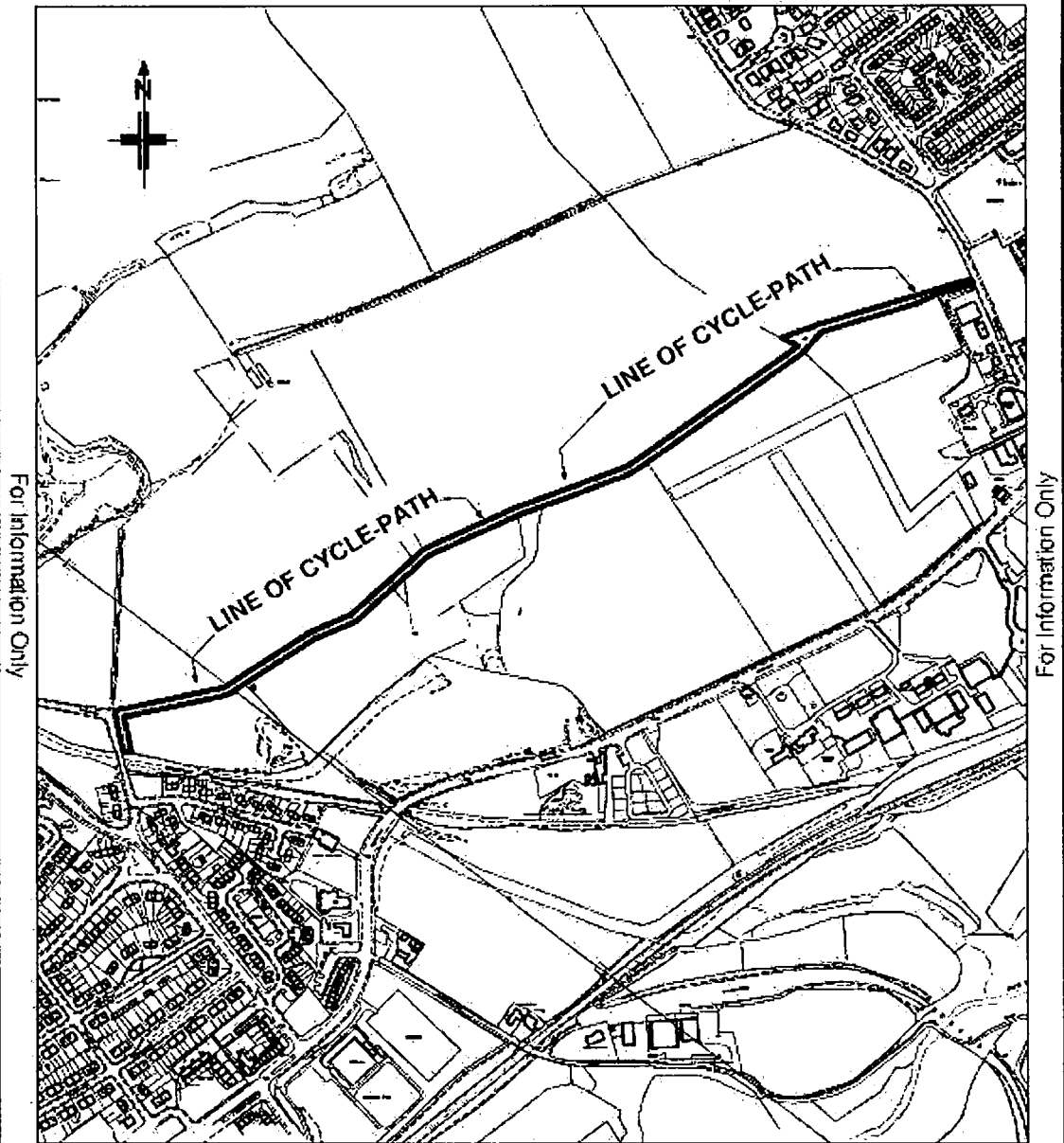
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