

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	The Straight Mile Cycleway, Rotherwas – appropriation of land for highway purposes
Date of decision:	9 July 2021
Decision maker:	Engineering Manager
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Directorate scheme of delegation: updated 28 April 2021 Directorate: Economy and Place, section 75. To act on behalf of the council in respect of the legislation specified in the foregoing:</p> <p>Traffic Management Act 2004, Road Traffic Act 1988, Cycle Tracks Act 1984, Highways Act 1980, National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1948, New Roads and Street Works Act 1991, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Town Police Clauses Act 1847, Traffic Calming Act 1992, Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981</p>
Wards:	Dinedor Hill
Consultation:	N/A
Decision made:	To appropriate the cycleway known as The Straight Mile Cycleway in Rotherwas (as shown coloured red on the attached drawing) from private land owned by Herefordshire Council to public adopted highway land, following improvements carried out at the expense of the Property Team to bring the route up to an adoptable standard.
Reasons for decision:	To recognise the existing public use of The Straight Mile Cycleway which runs alongside the C1268. The route is an asset to the highway providing a key active travel link to Rotherwas. The remaining open verge area beside the cycleway will continue to be managed and maintained by the Hereford Enterprise Zone.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The improvement works carried out by the Property Team have been constructed to the current specification, standards and supervised which minimizes the risk to the Public Realm Contract.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	The land in question can be left as private council owned land. This may lead to confusion over its status, as it is a through route used by members of the public. This option is therefore rejected.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	No declarations of interest.

I am an officer delegated to make the decision

Signed:

Print Name: Bruce Evans

Job Title: Engineering Manager