

Report to Committee: Request for Improved Signage to Multi-User Path on Lincoln Road

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Meeting: Planning and Development Committee Meeting

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Subject: Resident request for improved signage to the multi-user path

Background

The Parish Council has received concerns from a resident regarding the continued use of the footpath on Lincoln Road by cyclists, despite the availability of the new off-road multi-user path linking the A57 to Saxilby via Sellars Walk.

The resident notes that:

- The existing blue directional sign on the A57 is small and partially obscured by hedge growth.
- Road markings indicating the end of the shared-use route are worn and difficult to see.
- There is no clear signage on Mill Lane directing cyclists to the path via Daubney Avenue and Sellars Walk.
- As a result, many cyclists continue along the footway on Lincoln Road, creating conflict with pedestrians and vehicles entering and exiting driveways.

Residents have been advised to report overgrown hedges and faded road markings to FixMyStreet, which forwards reports to Lincolnshire County Council Highways which they have carried out.

Considerations

The multi-user path represents a significant investment in cycling infrastructure intended to improve safety and encourage active travel. Improved directional signage would help ensure the route is clearly visible and better utilised.

As highway signage on the A57 and Mill Lane falls under the responsibility of Lincolnshire County Council as the Highway Authority, any new or enlarged signs would need to be installed by the County Council if on the highway.

Recommendation

The clerk writes to Lincolnshire County Council Highways requesting:

1. Installation of a larger and more prominent sign on the A57 at the point where cyclists should leave the footway and join the multi-user path.
2. Consideration of additional directional signs on Mill Lane to guide cyclists to the path via Daubney Avenue and Sellars Walk.
3. Reports the request for refresh of the associated markings on FixmyStreet
4. Reports the request for maintenance of surrounding vegetation to ensure signs remain clearly visible.

RECOMMENDATION

Council writes to Lincolnshire County Council Highways requesting improved and enlarged signage directing cyclists to the multi-user path on the A57 and Mill Lane, together with renewal of road markings and vegetation maintenance to improve visibility and encourage use of the designated route.