

**Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport**  
**Report submitted by: Director of Corporate Commissioning**  
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**Part I**

Electoral Division affected:  
Preston Rural

**Proposed Improvements to Public Footpath No. 22 Barton**

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**Executive Summary**

This report requests approval to improve Public Footpath No. 22 Barton to improve pedestrian access from the A6 bus stop to a new housing development (Forest Grove) and to the wider countryside. It is proposed that the improvement is funded by S106 funding of £15,210.26 and £55.00 from the 2016/17 Public Rights of Way reactive allocation.

**Recommendation**

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is requested to:

- (i) Approve that improvement works are carried out on Public Footpath No. 22 Barton at an estimated cost of £15,265.35.
- (ii) Approve that the improvements are funded as follows;
  - £15,210.26 from the remaining funding from the S106 Agreement between Preston City Council and Rowland Homes Limited;
  - £55.00 from the 2016/17 Public Rights of Way reactive allocation.

**Background and Advice**

Lancashire County Council received the sum of £15,210.26 from Preston City Council through a Section 106 Agreement with Rowland Homes Limited following the development of housing off Forest Grove, Barton. The funding was secured for the improvement of Public Footpath No. 22 Barton.

The funding was drawn down from Preston City Council to enable an improvement scheme to be developed. A series of works have been identified to improve the public footpath between the A6 bus stop to the new development and to the wider countryside. The schemes comprised surfacing and drainage works to provide an

improved footpath surface making the route a convenient option for pedestrians throughout the year.

It was recognised that upgrades to Public Footpath No. 22 Barton would be required in response to increased pedestrian use in the vicinity of the new housing development.

### **Consultations**

Public Footpath No. 22 Barton sits within the Preston Rural electoral division. The County Councillor for this division has been made aware of the funding received and has not raised any objection to the proposal.

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

#### **Risk management.**

If this scheme is not progressed there is a risk that pedestrians in the area will not be afforded suitable facilities as increased pedestrian use will degrade the surface of what was formerly an unsurfaced path crossing agricultural land.

### **Financial**

The proposed improvements are estimated to cost £15,265.35. It is proposed that they are funded by the remaining £15,210.26 of available S106 funding that has previously been received from Preston City Council. It is proposed that the remaining £55.00 be funded from the 2016/17 Public Rights of Way reactive allocation.

### **List of Background Papers**

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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