

# **AGENDA REPORTS PACK**

## **EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 2019**

## 19/057. B1049 Twenty Pence Road Footpath & Drainage Works

There is considerable alarm in Cottenham at the way this expensive project has appeared from “under the radar” at a sensitive time for rural wildlife and without any recent local consultation.

Residents have raised several issues:

- Now we are past 1<sup>st</sup> March, it is likely that such a project will be highly disruptive to the local wildlife – and possibly illegal.
- The consultation for CTSSC was performed almost 6 years ago and it is hard to identify this specific project within those reports, so a more recent consultation should have been carried out.
- The cost/benefit of a project costing some £200,000 seems tenuous and the suggestion of cost savings on school transport appears prejudicial to the education of Traveller children in that area.
- The existence of a poorly-maintained footway on the opposite side of Twenty Pence Road.
- The number of competing capital projects elsewhere in Cottenham that appear more justifiable – several of which have been raised through LHI proposals in recent years.
- The poor state of repair of footways and roads in and around Cottenham.

There may be others.

I have called this meeting to discuss any further action the Parish Council may wish to take to prevent this project proceeding at this time and without further financial appraisal and local consultation.

County Council Officers have been advised of local concerns and invited to the meeting should the project still be active at the time of the meeting.

*See attached for proposed letter to be sent to residents:*

My ref:  
Your ref:

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Owner/Occupier

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
**IMMINENT HIGHWAY WORKS**

Place & Economy  
Highways Service

Vantage House  
Washingley Road  
Huntingdon  
PE29 6SR

Dear Sir/Madam,

**B1049 TWENTY PENCE ROAD, COTTENHAM – NEW FOOTWAY AND DRAINAGE WORKS**

Cambridge Highways will shortly be carrying out improvement works on B1049 Twenty Pence Road. The scheme was highlighted in The Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire to provide a safer route for pedestrians travelling between Smith Fen Road and Cottenham's village centre.

Following a feasibility study, a new 1.8 m footway is proposed to the west-side of B1049 Twenty Pence Road to provide safer pedestrian access to Cottenham. The proposed footway will start from the existing road hump stretching all the way to the residential properties on Smithy Fen road. In addition, the existing road hump near Voland Roofing will be altered to a flat-top road hump and be used as an uncontrolled crossing point.

The work is planned to start on 25 March 2019 and is expected to last up to nine weeks. To ensure the safety of the workforce and general public, the work will be carried out under temporary traffic lights, Monday to Friday between 7am and 5pm.

There will also be a one-day full road closure during the weekend to allow for the road hump construction. We will circulate a new letter to inform you about the date once it has been confirmed. A diversion route will be in place which will be advertised in advance. Our contractors will make every effort to keep noise and disruption to a minimum.

Please find enclosed a plan showing the proposed improvements of the scheme and the diversion route.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation and understanding during this work.

If you require any further additional information please do not hesitate to contact me using the information provided at the top of this letter.

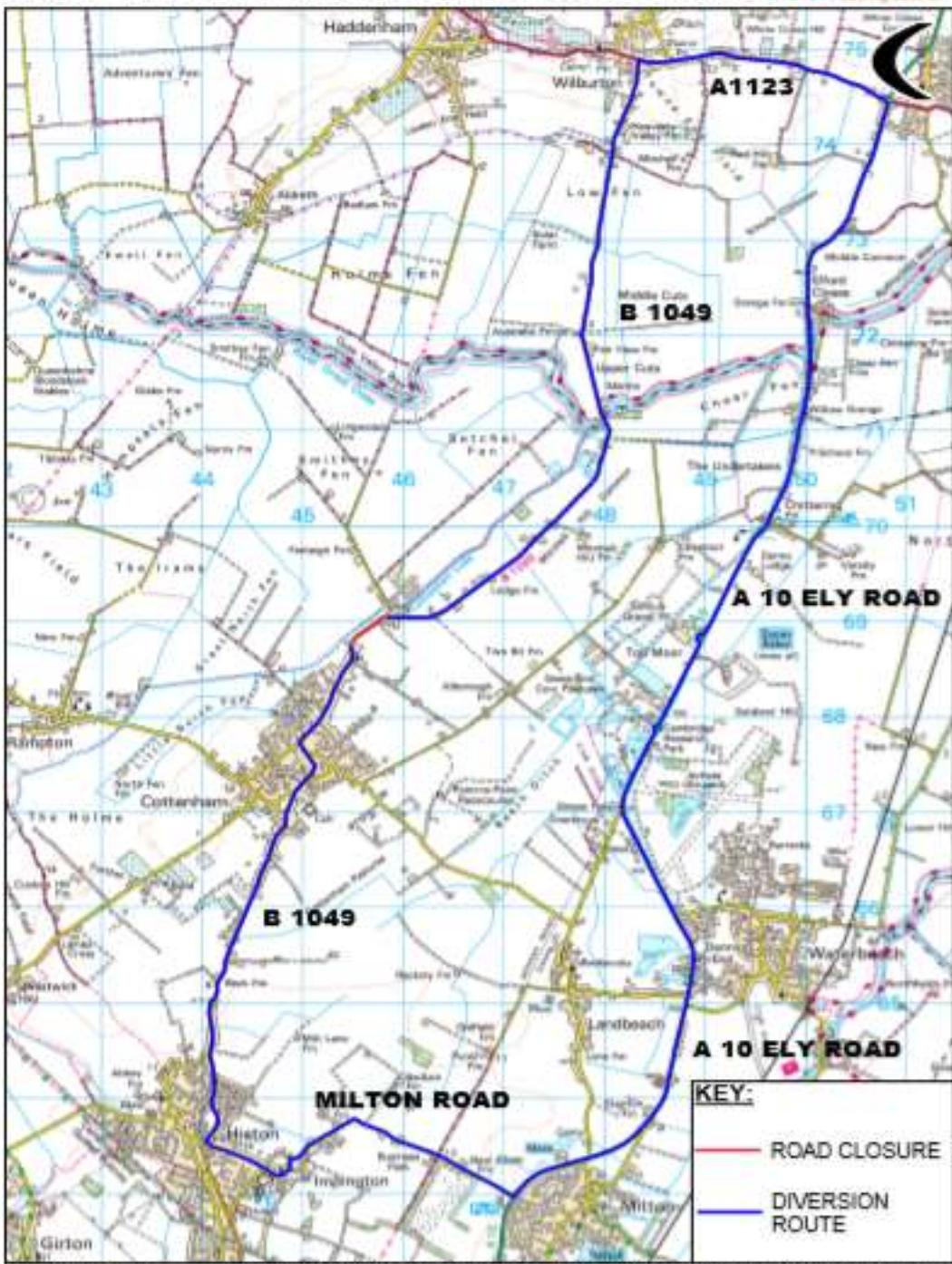
Yours faithfully,

John O'Donnell  
Project Engineer  
Highways Service  
Cambridgeshire County Council



Fig 1: PROPOSED GENERAL ARRANGEMENT

**B1049 TWENTY PENCE ROAD DIVERSION ROUTE** 



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