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The following paper was submitted to the Parish Council at its meeting of 5th August 2020 from information supplied by SCC and Persimmon Homes.

Reference: Alternative to the current line of the cycleway at Thurston

Engineers working on behalf of Persimmon have drawn up a possible alternative to the current line of the Cycleway at Thurston. The length along the field which is earmarked as School Extension Land and land to the North of the School Extension Land is to remain as designed and should be finished in the next couple of weeks. Note this is Land the PC knows as Site 1 and Site 2 under the Option held by SCC for educational use.

However, Persimmon have identified a problem associated with this length as being the position of the proposed two junctions that are shown on their Approved Plans – **Appendix A** - and which Concertus, acting on behalf of SCC Education Department have shown on their plans submitted for the Artificial Pitch/car parking facility (*those showing on the website*) – **Appendix B**.

A tree still remains in place that hinders the visibility; therefore they have chosen to only install the radii kerbs and subbase in these locations in case they move at a later date.

They have also shown a 'new' position of a junction that could be utilised by the School Extension Land and/or Wheeled Facility which gives sufficient visibility that allows the tree to remain – **Appendix C & D**

However, this isn't based upon a 'one-in, one-out' scenario which is now planned by Concertus undertaking the designs for the MUGA/School Extension Land – **Appendix E**.

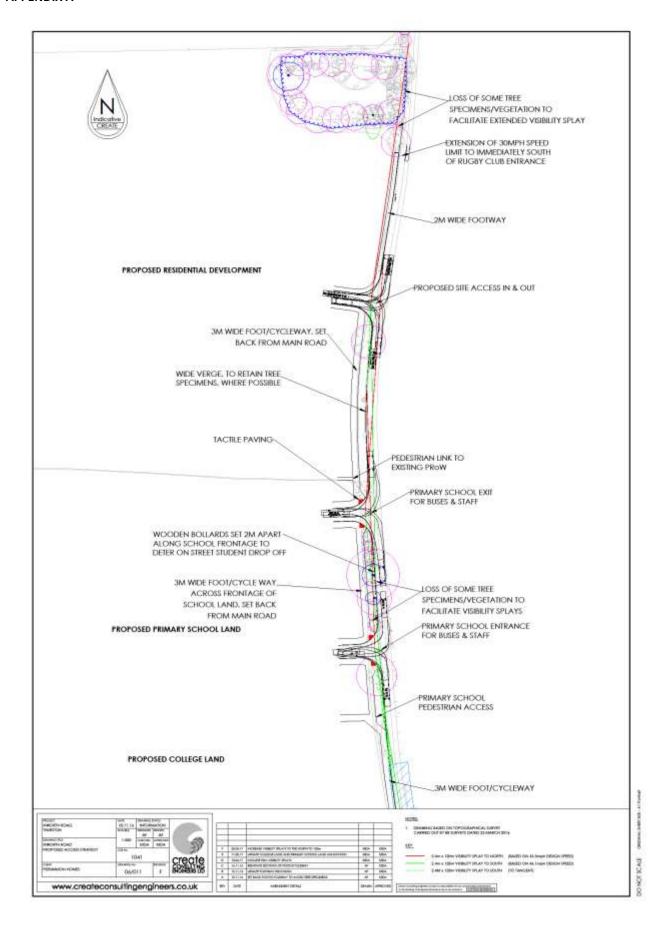
Points to note (from Persimmon)

- The tree near the access to their junction has to come out as they see no alternative highway solution that allows this tree to remain.
- This then leaves the length that runs alongside the existing college land including the caretakers house. The drawings (981-ESK-5 and 981-ESK-4) show the existing proposed alignment in yellow hatch. They have then added a grey shaded area showing the new proposed position which is pushed further into the school land. The dimensions shown on the drawings are from the back of existing cycleway edging to the new back of verge line (verge required to install French drain). This would then allow the trees to remain and the hedgerow to reestablish itself.
- They have Plot completions happening in August 2020, the cycleway will be constructed and made available for use from their development to the corner of the existing college playing fields, obviously as a result of the issue with the trees their development will not connect to the footpaths at the crossroads on the corner of the college building. However, as suggested at the last meeting on site with various representatives, they could look to provide a crushed hard-core temporary path along the existing verge immediately adjacent to the carriageway albeit its width would be limited in places.

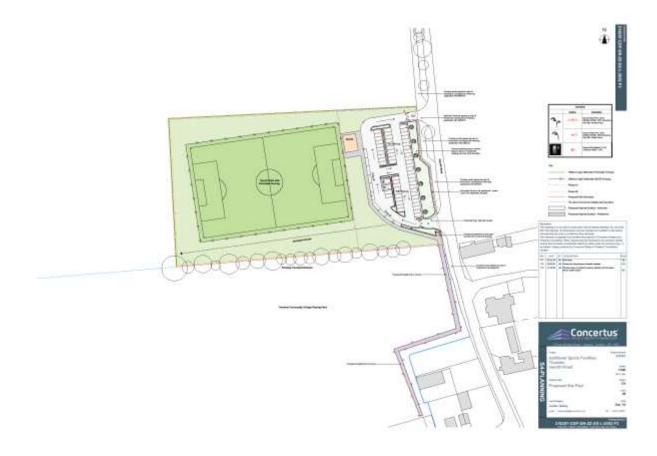
Parish Council consideration:

To consider the proposals in light of information received and to consider whether to submit an informed comment

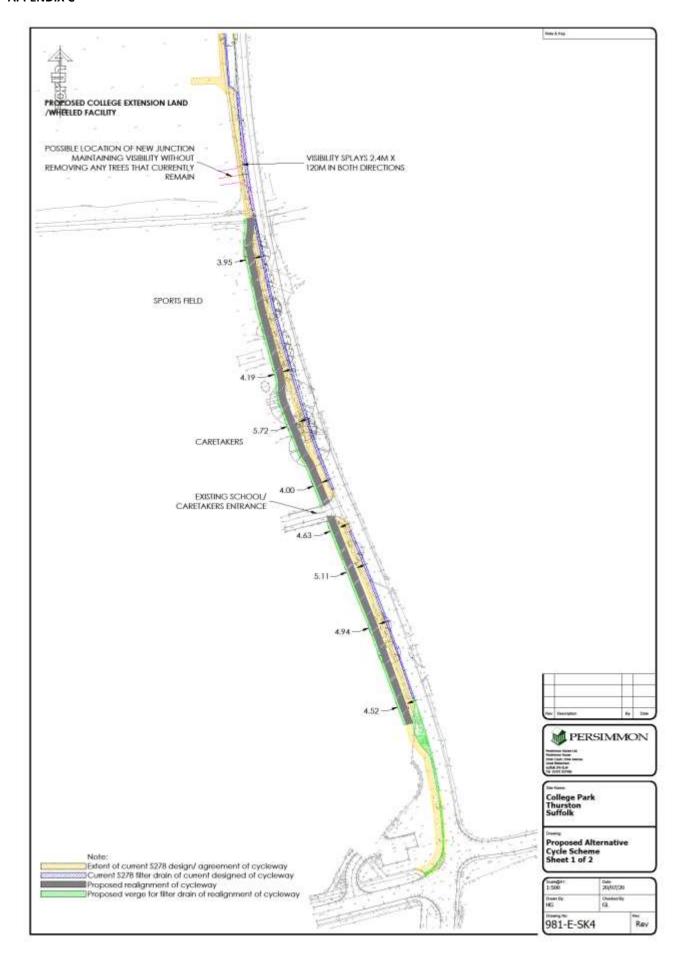
APPENDIX A



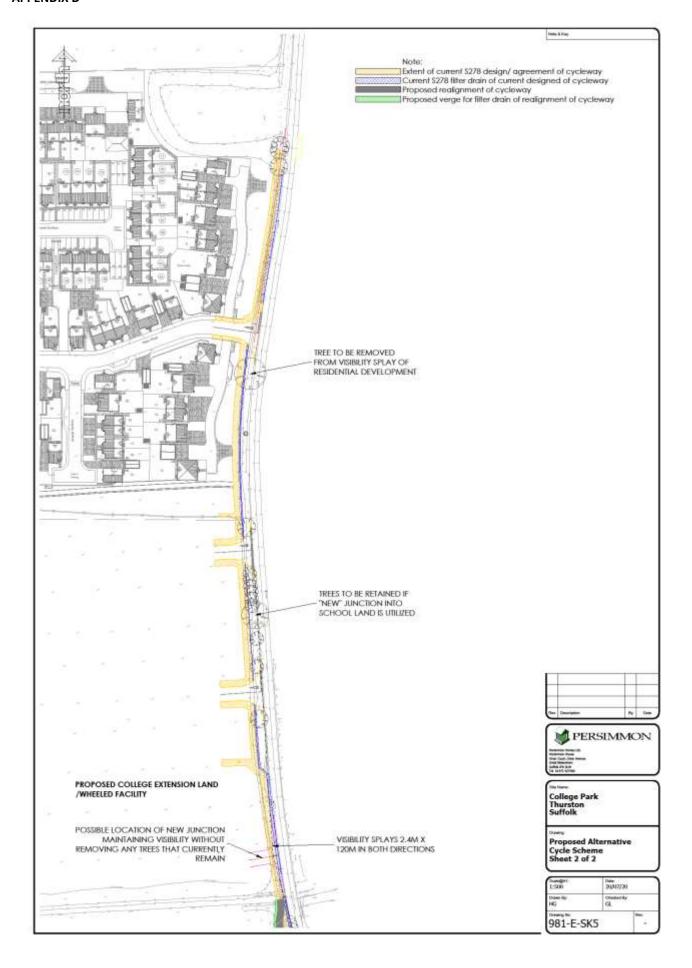
APPENDIX B



APPENDIX C



APPENDIX D



APPENDIX E

