

**To: Infrastructure, Land & Environment Policy Board**

**On: 8 November 2017**

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**Report by: Director of Finance & Resources**

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**Heading: Use of Land at Old Howood Road, Howwood by St Vincent Hospice.**

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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report seeks to obtain the Boards agreement for the St Vincent's Hospice to use Council land for the purpose of creating a pedestrian and cycle route from Beith Road to Old Howood Road in Howwood as per the attached plan E2648.
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## **2. Recommendations**

It is recommended that Board:-

- 2.1 Agree to the request by St Vincent Hospice to create a pedestrian and cycle route from Beith Road to the hospice on Old Howood Road in Howwood as per the attached plan E2648.
- 2.2 Agree to grant authority to the Head of Property Services and the Head of Corporate Governance to conclude a license with St Vincent Hospice over the Council owned land on the attached plan, to facilitate the construction of this new route.
- 2.3 This license would remain in place until such times that the Council are satisfied that the footpath meets the required standards for adoption.

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### 3. **Background**

- 3.1 St Vincent's Hospice current facility is located on Old Howood Road. Pedestrian access to this facility is by way of an unlit road and a narrow unmarked path.
- 3.2 St Vincent's Hospice has requested permission to construct a footpath and cycle route over the Council's land at this locality, to create a link between Beith Road and Old Howood Road providing better pedestrian access to their hospice.
- 3.3 The cost of this construction shall be funded via contributions from Sustrans and the Landfill Community Fund. Sustrans have agreed to contribute 50% towards the cost and an application has been made to the Landfill Community Fund for the remainder of the funding.
- 3.4 The ground in question is located within the greenbelt and has a very limited development opportunity due to the presence of overhead pylons. The Head of Amenity Services has welcomed this proposal which will improve connectivity to the Hospice, and advised upon completion he would look to adopt the same. Planning permission for the formation of this pedestrian route and cycleway has been granted (17/0440/pp) and St Vincent's Hospice await Roads Construction Consent.
- 3.5 Once all statutory consents have been obtained, the Hospice will then be in a position to progress their proposal and provide details of the likely construction period. It is then proposed that the Head of Property in conjunction with the Head of Corporate Governance will look to conclude the necessary license to St Vincent's Hospice at a rent of £1, if asked, to allow their chosen contractor to carry out the works. This land shall remain under license agreement to St Vincent's Hospice until such times that it has been agreed that the pathway is of a suitable standard to be adopted.

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### **Implications of the Report**

1. **Financial** – None
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – N/A
3. **Community Planning** –

**Children and Young People** – N/A

**Community Care, Health & Well-being** – Improved links with the wider Howwood and Johnstone Community.

**Empowering our Communities** – N/A

**Greener** – Creation of this pathway will encourage more cyclists and pedestrian movement.

**Jobs and the Economy** -

**Safer and Stronger** – Creation of a safer pedestrian route

4. **Legal** – None

5. **Property/Assets** – As per this report.

6. **Information Technology** – none.

7. **Equality & Human Rights** -

(a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. **Health & Safety** – Safer pedestrian and cycle routes

9. **Procurement** – none.

10. **Risk** - none

11. **Privacy Impact** – none.

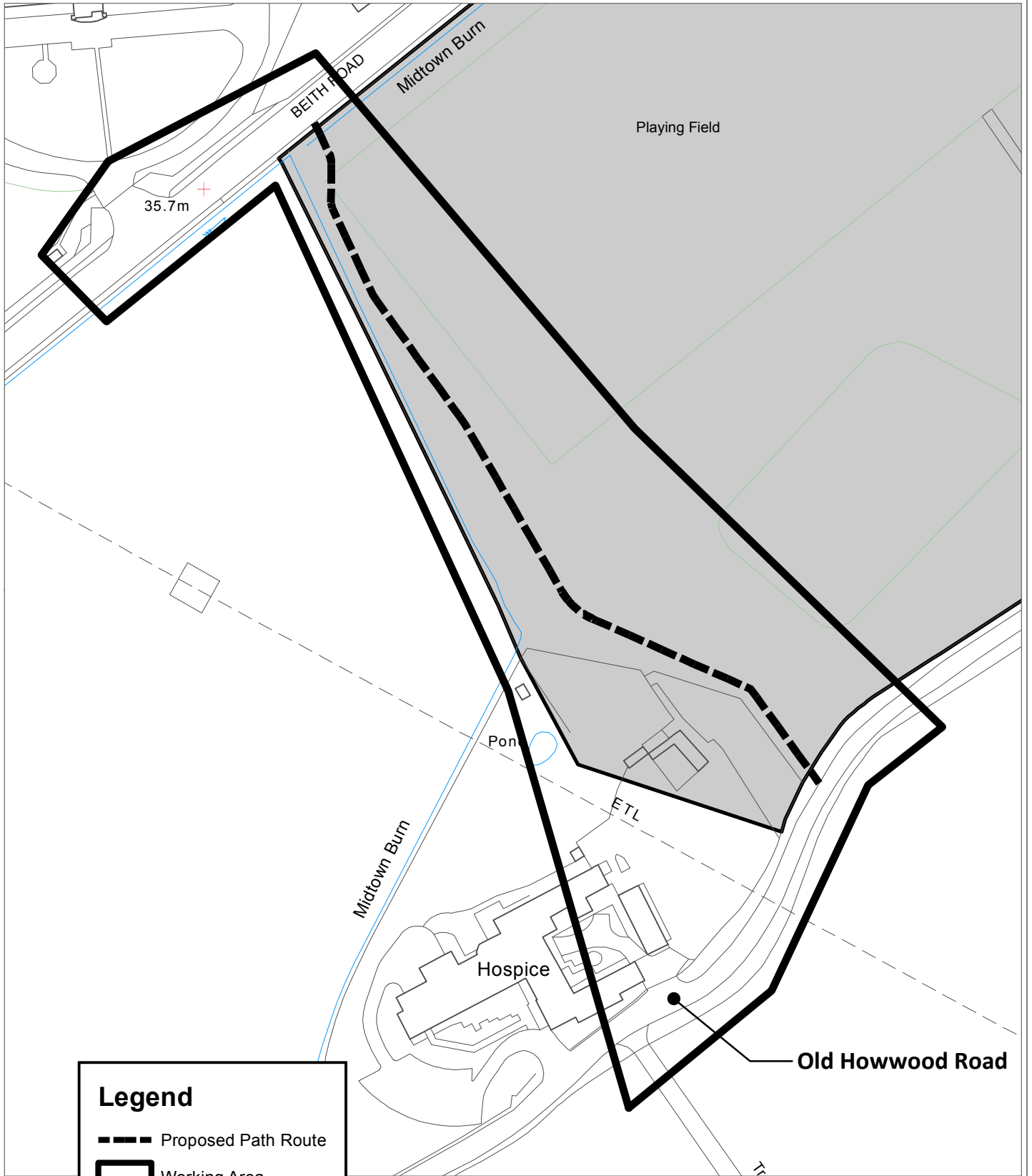
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – N/A.

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# Land at Old Howwood Road, Howwood Report Plan Ref. E2648



**Legend**

-  Proposed Path Route
-  Working Area
-  Council Owned Land

Notes: