

**Proposed Conversion of footway to Unsegregated Shared Footway/Cycleway –
A133 St Andrews Avenue and A133 Cowdray Avenue, Colchester
Proposed Implementation of Unsegregated Shared Footway/Cycleway
– A133 St Andrews Avenue
Proposed Implementation of Toucan Crossing – A133 St Andrew’s Avenue,
Colchester**

STATEMENT OF REASONS:

The proposals aim to improve the connectivity between existing cycling and walking facilities, and the upcoming Rapid Transit System (RTS) to support modal shift from private vehicles to public transport, and the associated traffic benefits. The vision is that cyclists will be able to park bikes at the halts and then use the RTS, but currently existing bus stops / the halt positions are not accessible by bike off carriageway, so these connections are proposed.

The Toucan crossing will provide a safer route across the A133 to and from the proposed RTS halts and to the benefit of the surrounding communities reducing the element of severance the road currently brings. Currently there is an uncontrolled crossing point with fairly narrow central refuge.

These proposals conform to Essex County Council policy on the selection of types of crossing (as outlined in Highways Practice Note HPN033) and with the Essex Walking Strategy.

The scheme has undergone the prescribed road safety audit process and any safety concerns raised have been satisfactorily addressed. A copy of the Road Safety Audit is available upon request.