

# **Strategic Planning Board Updates**

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**Date:** Wednesday 30th May 2012  
**Time:** 10.30 am  
**Venue:** Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street,  
Crewe CW1 2BJ

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# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Strategic Planning Board

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**Date of meeting:** 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
**Report of:** Steve Irvine – Development Management and Building Control Manager  
**Title:** Rope Lane Shavington

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### UPDATE REPORT

#### Amended Plan

As stated in the main report, the hedgerow on the Rope Lane frontage of the site has been identified as being historically important under the Criteria set down in the Hedgerow Regulations.

Policy NE5 of the Crewe and Nantwich Local Plan states, inter alia, that the local planning authority will protect, conserve and enhance the natural conservation resource proposals for development will only be permitted where natural features such as hedgerows, are, wherever possible, integrated into landscaping schemes on development sites.

Given that the hedgerow was proposed for removal it was considered that a natural feature, which has been identified as being historically important, would not be retained and integrated into the development and as a result the requirements of this policy would not be met.

However, the applicant has now submitted an amended plan (attached) showing the proposed footpath along the site frontage to be relocated behind the hedgerow, within the site. The plans also show that the required visibility splays for the proposed access can be achieved without the need to remove the hedgerow. Therefore, with the exception of the removal of a small 10m section in the middle of the site frontage to accommodate the highway access itself, it is now proposed to retain the existing hedgerow.

In the light of this amended plan, the fact that the historic line of the hedgerow, which is considered to be important, and that as its line follows that of the road, it could still be traced in the landscape following the implementation of the development, it is not considered that a refusal on the grounds of Policy NE.5 could now be sustained.

On the basis of the above, it is considered that the Council should also withdraw the hedgerow reason for refusal and agree with the Appellant not to contest the issue at Appeal.

**AMENDED RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Committee resolve to withdraw the reasons for refusal in respect of both contaminated land and the hedgerow and to instruct the Development Management and Building Control Manager not to contest the issue at the forthcoming Appeal.**

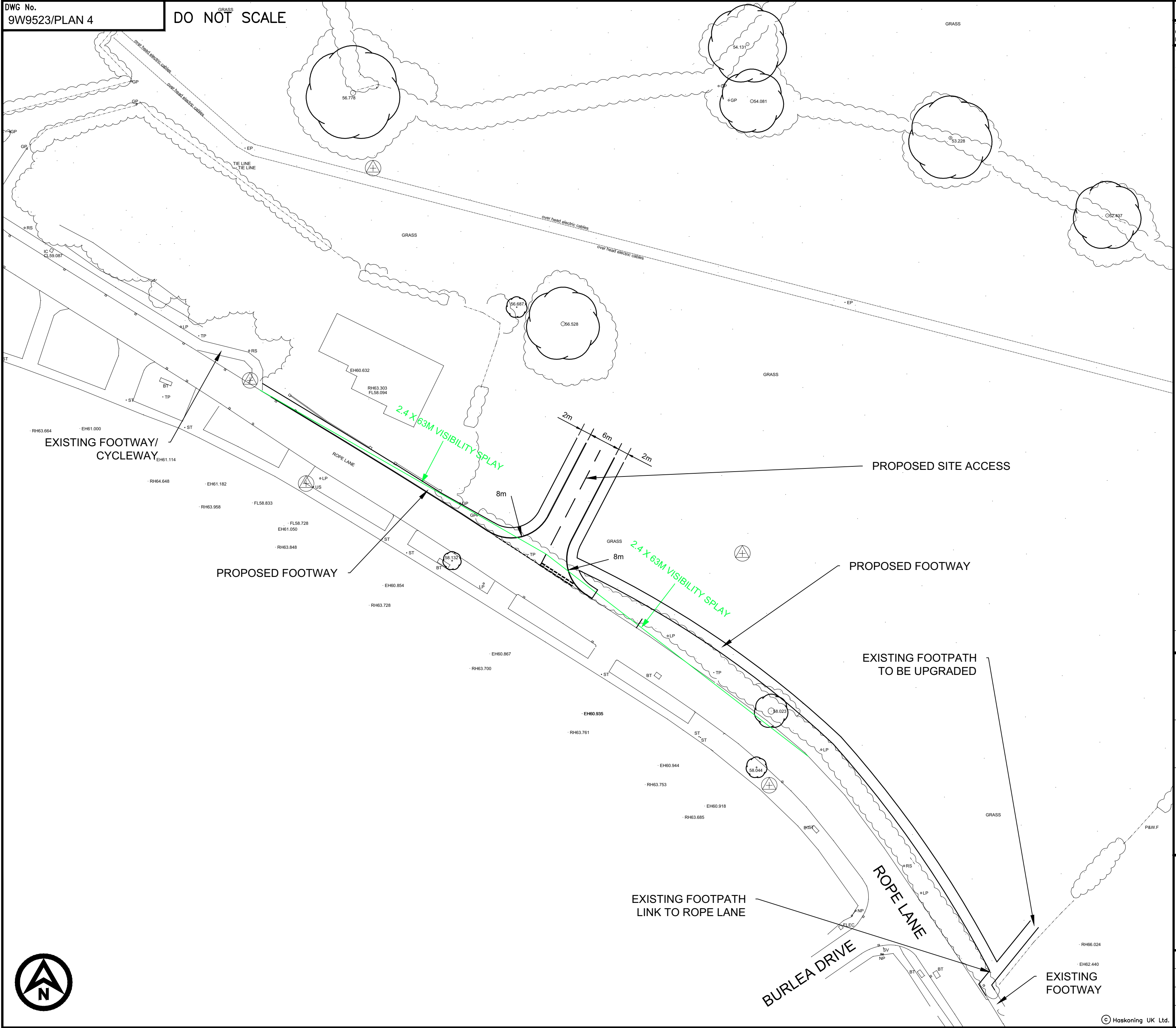
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PLAN 4



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Client  
Wainhomes Developments Ltd

Project  
Rope Lane, Shavington

Title  
Proposed Site Access Junction

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**UPDATE TO AGENDA – STRATEGIC PLANNING BOARD 30 MAY 2012**

**APPLICATION NO: 12/1211c**

**LOCATION: BRIDESTONE SHOPPING CENTRE VICTORIA STREET  
CONGLETON**

**UPDATE PREPARED      29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012**

There are no additional information or consultee responses to be reported in respect of this application.

Some minor errors have been noted in the Heads of Terms as originally drafted in the Report. Accordingly, it is recommended that the Heads of terms in respect of Clause 7 of the Heads of Terms be amended to :

**Public Realm**

- a. A contribution of £10,000 or 50% (whichever is the lower) to the cost of a Public Realm Design strategy commissioned by Congleton town Council**
- b. Any cost savings which arise between (i) the actual cost of the off-site highway works in Paragraph 1 (the off street Highway Works) and (ii) the applicant's indicative costings for those works ,shall be quantified and paid to the Council to pay any further works identified in the Public Realm Design Strategy**

**RECOMMENDATION**

In order to give proper effect to the Board's intentions and without changing the substance of the decision, it is recommended that authority is delegated to Development Management and Building Control Manager, in consultation with the Chair of Strategic Planning Board, to correct any technical slip or omission in the wording of the resolution, between approval of the minutes and issue of the decision notice.

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