

Report to	<b>Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment</b>
Date	<b>31 March 2008</b>
Report By	<b>Director of Transport and Environment</b>
Title of Report	<b>Land at Eastbourne Road / Huggetts Lane Junction, Willingdon</b>
Purpose of Report	<b>To rescind the Eastbourne Road / Huggetts Lane Junction Improvement Scheme.</b>

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**To rescind the Eastbourne Road / Huggetts Lane Junction Lane Improvement Scheme shown on plans P/060/3/2 and P/060/9/1.**

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**1. Financial Appraisal**

1.1 Approved highway schemes are recorded on the highway terrier and must be declared on local land charge searches where appropriate and when interested parties request information. If the scheme remains as an approved scheme, cost will be incurred in maintaining the terrier and in declaring the information on searches, letters, and over the telephone. There is also the possibility that the County Council may be served a blight notice by an affected property owner. If proved to be valid, the Council would incur costs in acquiring the property.

1.2 There is no financial cost in rescinding the scheme.

**2. Supporting Information**

2.1 In December 1973, the Highways and Transportation Committee approved the Eastbourne Road / Huggetts Lane Junction Improvement Scheme, in Willingdon. The improvement scheme consisted of dual carriageway widening, which required the acquisition of land adjacent to the A22 (by means of a Compulsory Purchase Order), as shown on plans P/060/3/2 and P/060/9/1 and indicated by the hatched area on the attached site plan (PLAN1).

2.2 However, the land was not acquired and the scheme was never constructed. In the 1990's the scheme was reviewed and the conclusion was that it should be rescinded once the A22 New Route (Golden Jubilee Way) had been completed. The Golden Jubilee Way was completed in 2002, but the scheme still retains its approved status.

2.3 The proposed scheme is not included in the current Eastbourne Urban Area Local Transport Plan (EUALTP).

2.4 The County Council has consulted with the Parish Council, District Councillors and local County Councillors about rescinding the scheme. One of the local County Councillors has written in support of rescinding the proposed scheme. Any further responses will be reported orally at the Lead Member meeting.

**3. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation**

3.1 The hatched area of land shown on the attached site plan (PLAN 1) is no longer required by the Transport and Environment Department. As there is no prospect of the

Eastbourne Road / Huggetts Lane Junction Improvement Scheme being implemented, I recommend that the scheme be rescinded.

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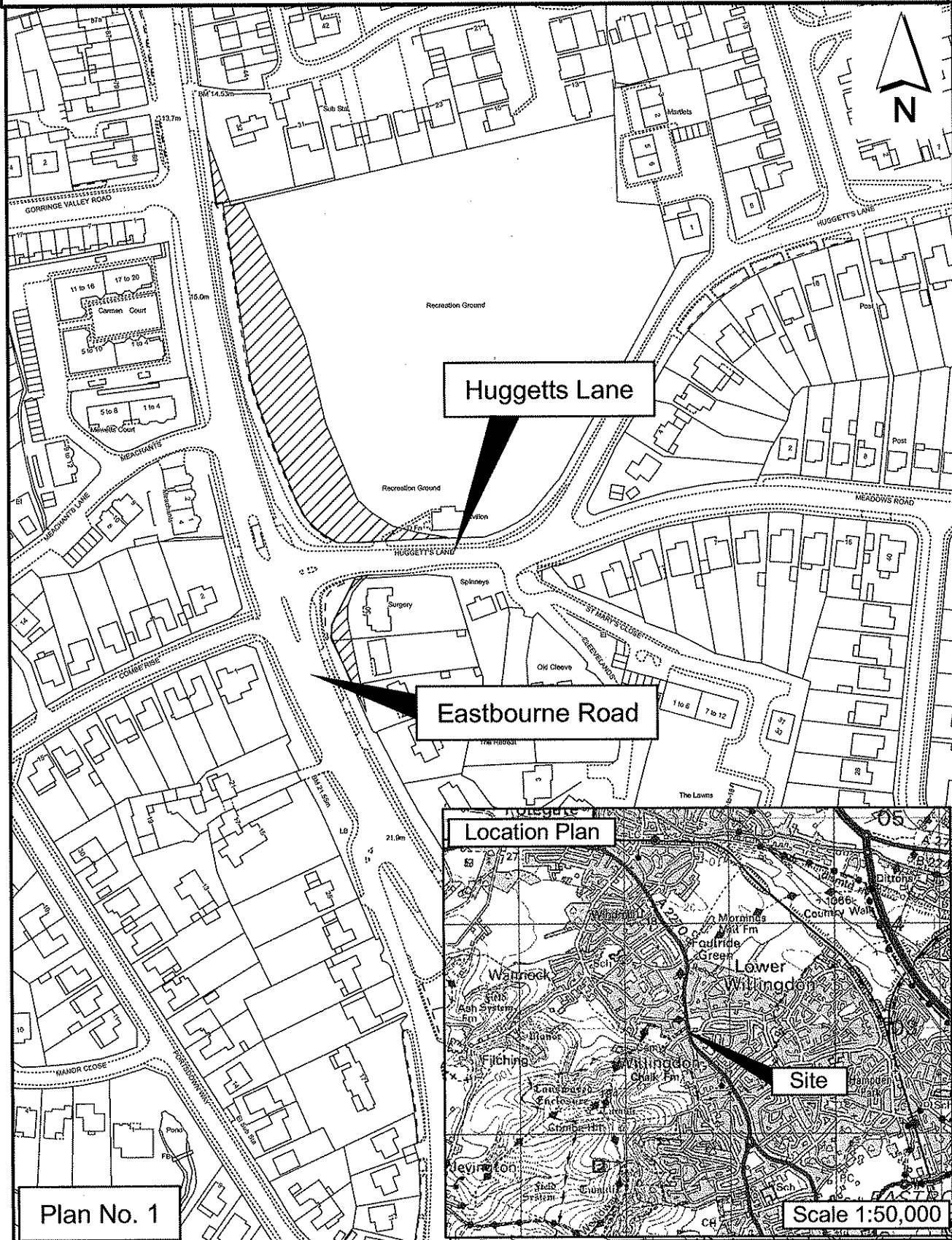
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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Highways and Transportation Committee Meeting 11 December 1973.

# Eastbourne Road / Huggetts Lane Junction Improvement Scheme Site Plan



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