

**Alderley Drive, Bredbury - Verges****Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration****1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval for the introduction of 3 wooden posts and the removal of a section of grass verge.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Over the last few year SMBC have received several reports in regard to misuse of the grass verge on Alderley Drive with cars parking here causing mud and divots within the verge, which in turn is creating a hazard on the footway. Together with reports of dog fouling on the verge, as well as the lack of maintenance, which is on a schedule that is not cut often, due to the verge being the only one on that stretch of road. This is causing offense to neighbouring properties and their children dealing with the effect of dog fouling and mud being spread of the footway from over running vehicles.

**3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1. To introduce 3 wooden posts and the removal of a section of grass verge on Alderley Drive, Bredbury, as shown on **Drawing No. NM1-6341-00**, which will help to stop the misuse of this section.

The Council does not advocate the removal of grass verges. As this could lead to additional surface water runoff and increasing the potential for flooding downstream. In this case it is a single small area. Vehicle overrun on verges can compact soil and affect its structure and drainage qualities. The Council has a duty of care for the general public and to ensure the highway remains safe. Thus, the removal of the verge will help to prevent this current misuse.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. The estimated cost of the scheme is as follows:

Removal of grass verge and installation of 3 wooden posts	
Installation & associated works	£2860.00
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>£2860.00</u></b>

To be funded from the Werneth Ward Budget.

**5. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1. Equal Opportunities

- To provide a suitable and safer environment for pedestrians and other road users. The scheme contributes to the Council's vision statement "Promote equal life outcomes for all by tackling known inequalities across the borough of Stockport".

## 5.2. Sustainable Environment

- To develop and sustain a healthy, safe and attractive local environment which contributes to Stockport. Stockport Council understands the responsibility it must lead by example and help the broader community make a positive contribution to the local environment.

## 6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1. The Area Committee makes a decision on approving the scheme and said costs for the works as shown in **Appendix A**.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are no background papers to this report.

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