

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**  
**EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject: Green Lane Footpath**

**Report to: (a)** Heatons & Reddish Area Committee  
2021

**Date:** Monday, 18 October

**Report of: (b)** Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

**Key Decision: (c)** **NO / YES** (Please circle)

Forward Plan ☐ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Tick box)

**Summary:**

Further to the Area Committee Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 and the request by the Area Committee for an Ecology Report to be submitted in relation to the Green Lane Improvement scheme, this report details the updated recommendations for the scheme.

**Recommendation(s):**

The Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration requests that the Heatons and Reddish Area Committee consider and approve the proposals including the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the order can be made.

**No Waiting At Any Time**

Location	Extent
<b>Green Lane (Eastern Side)</b>	From a point 46 metres to the north of the northern kerbline of Kennedy Way in a northerly direction for a distance of 6 metres.
<b>Green Lane (Northern Side)</b>	From a point 52 metres to the north of the northern kerbline of Kennedy Way in a westerly direction for a distance of 7.3 metres (full kerb length).
<b>Green Lane (Western Side)</b>	From a point 48 metres to the north of the northern kerbline of Kennedy Way in a northerly direction for a distance of 6 metres.

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee** (if decision called in): **(d)**  
Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee

**Background Papers** (if report for publication): **(e)**

There are none.

Contact person for accessing  
background papers and discussing the report

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**'Urgent Business': (f)** **YES / NO** (please circle)

**Certification** (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on \_\_\_\_\_ /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

## **Green Lane Footpath**

### **Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Further to the Area Committee Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 and the request by the Area Committee for an Ecology Report to be submitted in relation to the Green Lane Improvement scheme, this report details the updated recommendations for the scheme.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. A Committee Report for the Green Lane Footpath Improvement scheme was submitted by the Feasibility and Road Safety Team as an agenda item for the Heatons and Reddish Area Committee meeting held on Monday 21st June.
- 2.2. The report summarised the outcomes of the consultation exercise and recommended that a 2.5m wide shared use path should be implemented, along with street lighting, while minimising impact on existing trees. Traffic Regulation Orders were also recommended for implementation along the highway of Green Lane around the southern entrance to the scheme, to keep it clear for safe use by pedestrians and cyclists.

#### **3. ADDITIONAL REPORTS**

- 3.1. This updated Area Committee Report considers the findings of two specialist reports which have been commissioned in relation to this scheme: an Arboricultural report which is contained within Appendix A, and an Ecology Report which is contained within Appendix B.
- 3.2. The Arboricultural report highlights that the existing trees along the route of the path are in a neglected state, although none are an imminent danger. However, several are in very poor condition and, along the western side, several sycamore trees are located tight up against the adjacent fence, which may not be an appropriate location considering their potential mature size.
- 3.3. The Arboricultural report recommends that the trees identified to be in poor condition should be removed to ensure safety of future path users and opportunity should be taken to remove any inappropriate trees along the length of the route such as the sycamore to the west of the path.
- 3.4. The Ecology Report confirms that bat roost potential is considered negligible, mainly due to the young age of the woodland, however potential nest sites do exist. It is recommended that works should not be undertaken during nesting season (March to August) or if this cannot be avoided then a nesting bird survey should be undertaken up to three days in advance of the works.
- 3.5. There are no signs of badger habitation and the proposed lighting for the scheme is considered to have limited negative effect on woodland and the surrounding area.

- 3.6. The Ecology Report concludes that the proposals are anticipated to result in minimal negative impact on the surrounding environment and there is opportunity for overall net gain for wildlife and the biodiversity of the area, through suitable enhancements.

#### **4. SUMMARY**

- 4.1. In summary, neither the Arboricultural report nor the Ecology report have identified potential issues likely to be generated by the scheme. The Arboricultural report recommends the removal of trees that are likely to cause a hazard to users.

#### **5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1. Following the review of the Arboricultural and Ecology reports which have been undertaken in relation to this scheme, our previous recommendation still stands and The Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration requests that the Heaton and Reddish Area Committee consider and approve the proposals including the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the order can be made.

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##### **Background Papers**

There are no background papers to this report.

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