

A6MARR CMM Hazel Grove – Footpath 77 (Sandown Road)

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Members are requested to consider the contents of the report and approve the proposed footpath improvement scheme, including vegetation management, noting that a consultation exercise has not been carried out with local residents due to only minor improvements being carried out on the section adjacent to homes (Section 1 & Section 2 on the proposals below). Neighbouring residents will be informed of the works prior to commencement.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following completion of the A6 Manchester Airport Relief Road (MARR), there has been a wider project to identify complementary and mitigation projects and, as part of this funding package, an existing footpath (PROW 77) located between Sandown Road and the access road to Hazel Grove Golf Club has been identified for proposed improvement works. Please note that these works are of reduced scope from those consulted over as part of the Hazel Grove MCF scheme in Autumn 2019. Those works included path widening to 3m, lighting the path, designation as a bridleway and re-routing the path behind houses on Sandown Road. These works only widen the path to a maximum of 2m (and that only south of the railway), do not include lighting, retain it as a Public Footpath and maintain the current route to Sandown Road.

3. PROPOSALS

The proposals include:

3.1 Section 1 – Existing alleyway between Nos. 36 & 50 Sandown Road

- Cut back existing hedge along the boundary to No. 36 Sandown Road
- Existing 1.5m wide tarmac footpath to be retained and cleared (25m)

3.2 Section 2 – Existing footpath to the rear of properties on Kempton Close

- Cut back existing hedges along the boundaries to No. 36 Sandown Road and the adjacent field.
- Existing 1.2m wide path to be cleared of debris and to receive a granular stone dressing (95m).

3.3 Section 3 – Railway Subway

- The existing 2m wide path through the railway subway is to be resurfaced with Flexipave, including a short length to the rear of No. 11 Kempton Close (40m)

3.4 Section 4 – Railway Subway to Hazel Grove Golf Club Access Road

- The provision of a 2m wide path surfaced with Flexipave (110m)

4. **LEGAL POSITION/IMPLICATIONS**

This work is classed as permitted development with no legal implications anticipated.

5. **CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS**

The route proposed for improvement is an existing PROW. No alternatives have been considered.

6. **CONSULTATION**

A consultation exercise has not been carried out, but neighbouring residents will be informed of the works prior to their commencement on site.

7. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The scheme is estimated to cost £100,000 and is to be capital funded from the A6MARR complementary and mitigation measures work.

8. **TIMESCALES**

If approved the scheme is expected to be completed before the end of March 2022.

9. **EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

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".

Sustainable Environment

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

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to consider the contents of the report and the Area Committees are asked to give a recommendation that the Cabinet Member (Economy and Regeneration) approves the scheme.

Background Papers

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