

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Moorfield Primary School, Hazel Grove

Report to: (a) Stepping Hill Area Committee

Date: Tuesday, 2 August 2022

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: To approve the cost of pedestrian safety barrier (guard rail) at an entrance to Moorfield Primary School on Lyndhurst Avenue in Hazel Grove.

Recommendation(s): The Area Committee is asked to consider the Corporate Director's report and decide whether to approve £825 from the delegated Ward Budget for the placement of pedestrian guardrail.

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.

Moorfield Primary School, Hazel Grove

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

To approve the cost of pedestrian safety barrier (guard rail) at an entrance to Moorfield Primary School on Lyndhurst Avenue in Hazel Grove.

2. BACKGROUND

Network Management received representation on behalf of Moorfield Primary School to request the installation of a safety barrier at an entrance to the site (i.e. to prevent children spilling out onto the carriageway at school times). During a site meeting it was confirmed that the entrance in question (where the kerb has not been lowered) will no longer be used as an access for service vehicles.

At the site meeting, the large mature tree adjacent to the entrance was also discussed as the thickness of the tree severely reduces the width of the footway. Unfortunately, there is no simple resolution in this scenario as (unlike other street furniture) the tree cannot be relocated; and its removal would result in serious environmental concerns. Network Management will give this matter further consideration. Note: The tree in question does not have a preservation order.

3. PROPOSALS

Please see the image below which also includes the tree mentioned above. 3 x 2M sections of 'visi' pedestrian guard rail (total 6M) would be installed across the gated entrance. Note: With 'visi' rail the vertical bars are arranged in a staggered formation so that drivers have an improved view of children on the footway.



4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

According to TLC, the cost for the installation of guard safety rail as described would be £825 funded from the delegated Ward Budget. In the unlikely event that the dig for the barriers identifies an unexpected utility / service in the footway, the installation may have to be suspended and (subject to agreement) additional costs may be incurred.

5. TIMESCALES

If approved, the guard rail should be installed in 2022.

6. 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.

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Area Committee is asked to consider the Corporate Director's report and decide whether to approve £825 from the delegated Ward Budget for the placement of pedestrian guardrail.

Background Papers

Anyone wishing further information please contact Max Townsend on telephone number Tel: 0161 474 4861 or by email on max.townsend@stockport.gov.uk