

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Bramhall Moor Lane, Hazel Grove

Report to: (a) Stepping Hill Area Committee

Date: Tuesday, 1 August 2023

Report of: (b) Director of Place Management

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

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Tick box)

Summary: To approve the cost for lining work (Inc traffic management) on part of Bramhall Moor Lane (BML) in Hazel Grove.

Recommendation(s): The Area Committee is asked to make a decision on approving the said costs and (if required) to recommend that the Cabinet Member (Parks, Highways and Transportation) supports the lining work on a Strategic Route.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): (d)
Communities & Transport 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.

AGENDA ITEM

Bramhall Moor Lane, Hazel Grove

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

To approve the cost for lining work (Inc traffic management) on part of Bramhall Moor Lane (BML) in Hazel Grove.

2. BACKGROUND

That part of BML over the railway line (between the junctions at Mirlees Drive and Rutters Lane) has recently been under consideration.

Because the carriageway and footway are narrow over the bridge, pedestrians feel intimidated by traffic and there are reports of footway users being 'clipped' by wing mirrors and other related concerns.

Obviously, the width of the Highway is historical and any physical alterations to the (Network Rail) bridge to widen the road space would be a major engineering scheme.

Recently, works have been undertaken to cut-back the foliage on both sides which was deemed to be exacerbating the problems. This does appear to have improved the situation as drivers / pedestrians can now fully utilise the (limited) width of the carriageway and footway.

There is no footway along the western side over the bridge and the removal of detritus on this side has revealed several 'kinks' in the profile of the double yellow lines. Ideally these kinks should be straightened-out as we want to encourage traffic to stay in lane on that side so traffic in the other direction is not 'pushed' towards the footway.

A local Ward Councillor has also suggested the provision of 'SLOW' markings to encourage drivers to proceed more cautiously. Note: If implemented, the (2) markings would be installed facing on-coming traffic on either approach where the carriageway starts to rise for the bridge.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost to reprofile the double yellow lines and supply SLOW markings would be £2,000 funded from the delegated Ward Budget. The bulk of the cost would be for Traffic Management (TM) to close the lanes so the lining work can be undertaken safely. A local Ward Councillor has indicated a willingness to proceed on this basis.

4. TIMESCALES

If approved the work is expected to be undertaken in 2023.

5. 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.

6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Area Committee is asked to make a decision on approving the said costs and (if required) to recommend that the Cabinet Member (Parks, Highways and Transportation Services) supports the lining work on a Strategic Route.

Background Papers

Anyone wishing further information please contact Max Townsend on telephone number Tel: 07527 387146 or by email on max.townsend@stockport.gov.uk