

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Bramley Close, Bramhall - Feasibility Outcome

Report to: (a) Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee
Thursday, 18 April 2024

Date:

Report of: (b) Director of Place Management

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

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Tick box)

Summary:

To provide the outcome of a feasibility study regarding potential options and costings to provide safer crossing points on Bramley Close from Bramhall Lane South to the Bramley Close Car Park, Health Centre, Library and other facilities.

Recommendation(s):

The Director for Place Management requests that the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee note the contents of this report.

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

Communities & Transport Scrutiny Committee

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

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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.

Bramley Close, Bramhall – Feasibility Outcome

Report of the Director of Place Management

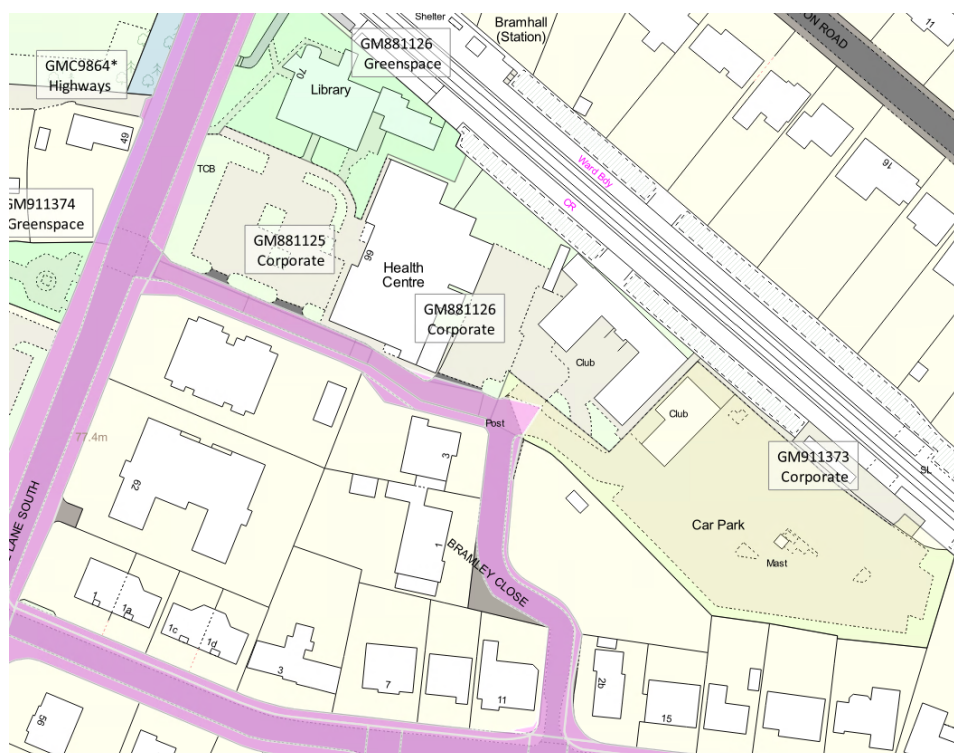
1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide details of potential options and costings in relation to providing safer crossing points and walking routes on Bramley Close following the recent feasibility study.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1. As councillors will be aware, a report was presented to the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee on Thursday 14th September 2023, to request funding to enable feasibility studies to be carried out focusing on improving accessibility for all highway users along Bramley Close from its junction with Bramhall Lane South to Bramley Close Car Park and Bramley Road.

2.2. There are sections of the footway which are not adopted highway but are council land which is either managed by parking facilities or leased out to others. The snapshot below refers; the areas highlighted pink reflect the extent of the adopted highway and council owned land.



2.3. Whilst stopping places on the footway have been requested in the form of a bench, due to the narrow width of the footway, a bench will not be possible as this would cause an obstruction.

- 2.4. Due to the size of the vehicles needing to use Bramley Close, such as the refuse vehicles, emergency vehicles, vehicle/vehicles with trailers attached and the space these vehicles need to carry out safe manoeuvres, it will not be possible to accommodate a footway on both sides of Bramley Close.
- 2.5. During the feasibility studies, it has been confirmed that due to the size of the breast screening vehicle associated with the health centre, this has to exit Bramley Close the wrong way via Bramhall Lane South and that the vehicle manoeuvres are done under the control of a banksman to ensure safety for all road users.
- 2.6. The following was noted:
 - 2.6.1. That there is no continuous footway on Bramley Close from Bramley Road to Bramley Close Car Park.
 - 2.6.2. There are no crossing points from the south side of Bramley Close to the north side to access the facilities on the north side.
 - 2.6.3. There was no direct line to walk from the car park to Bramhall Lane South without walking in the carriageway.

3. PROPOSALS

Option 1

3.1. Bramley Close (North Side)

To address the concerns highlighted, it is proposed to remove the grass verge and construct a footway and associated uncontrolled dropped crossings with tactile paving for a safe walking route from the car park to the Health Centre, Library and Bramhall Lane South.

3.2. Bramley Close (South Side)

To address the concerns highlighted, it is proposed to construct uncontrolled dropped crossings with tactile paving together with the construction of a footway to provide access to Bramley Road.

3.3. Bramley Close (East Side)

To widen the existing footway of Bramley Close from 1.5m to 1.8m. To be noted, this is a condition of the approved planning application DC/082570.

Option 2

- 3.4. Similar to Option 1 without the proposed footway extent to the south side of Bramley Close.
- 3.5. These proposals are shown in **Drawing No. NM1/Bramley Close/01 & 02**.
- 3.6. These changes would require additional works in relation to cutting back vegetation and highway drainage.
- 3.7. It is anticipated that these uncontrolled dropped crossings will provide safer crossing points for all pedestrians, particularly those with prams, trolleys, wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

4. ANY OTHER PROPOSALS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 A shared use route was considered however, due to limited visibility concerns owing to the sharp bend located on the southeast side of Bramley Close, this was discounted.
- 4.2 In relation to the footway to the west side of Bramley Close, please refer to point 2.5 of this report and vehicle sizes.
- 4.3 A build out to cross from the east footway to the south footway for pedestrians to access the Health Centre, Library and Bramhall Lane South as an alternative to using the proposed north footway. However, due to the type of vehicles, please refer to point 2.5 of this report, it was tracked and shown not feasible due to the lack of available carriageway.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Network Management have consulted with the Library, Health Centre/NHS Property Services, 1st Bramhall Scout Group, 55 Bramhall Air Cadets and SMBC Parking Facilities to determine the type and size of vehicles used. This information has been crucial to this study as we have needed to understand how these vehicles manoeuvre on Bramley Close.
- 5.2 Network Management have consulted with the Councils Estate & Asset Management Department to determine what permissions would be required to progress any highway improvement works as some of the highway is not 'adopted highway'. Though the majority of the land is in council ownership, there is a small section which is privately owned. Therefore, we would require written permission from this landowner together the lease holders meaning any potential works will be subject to the relevant permissions being granted.

6. LEGAL POSITION/IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. The existing Traffic Regulation Orders will need to be reviewed in the event of the footway being constructed from the car park to the east footway on the south side of Bramley Close.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. The Bramhall South and Woodford Delegated Ward Budget does not have sufficient funding to progress the potential improvements detailed within point 3 of this report. Therefore, progression of these improvements, as shown in **Drawing No. NM1/Bramley Close/1 & 2**, will be dependent on funding being secured.

7.2.

Option 1

Consultation and Prelims	£3,750
Detail Design	£3,398
Traffic Regulation Order(s) Review	£1,500
Construction	£27,851
Project Management	£495.00

Option 1 Total **£36,994**

Option 2

Consultation and Prelims	£3,750
Detail Design	£3,398
Traffic Regulation Order(s) Review	£1,500
Construction	£19,553
Project Management	£495.00

Option 2 Total **£28,696**

7.3. These costs are for guidance purposes to support requests from funding streams and would need to be reviewed at provide a more detailed cost detail design stage.

7.4. Note: east footway design and construction has not been included as this is part of the planning conditions associated with the development.

8. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8.1. 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".

8.2. 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.

9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 The Director for Place Management requests that the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee note the contents of this report.

9.2 If funding becomes available the next steps are:

9.2.1 Review proposals are still required as per this report.

9.2.2 Consult with affected frontages.

9.2.3 Detail design and confirm construction costs.

9.2.4 Review the traffic regulation orders.

9.2.5 Produce documentation for the transfer of council owned land to become adopted highway and therefore, afterwards maintained at the expense of the public purse.

Background Papers

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