

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Streetpride and Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Transportation
2.	Date:	1 March 2010
3.	Title:	Modifications to A630 Parkway central reserve adjacent Catcliffe Interchange. Ward 3 Catcliffe and Brinsworth.
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To report on proposals by Yorkshire Forward for modifications to A630 Parkway central reserve and so seek approval in principle to the provision of the modifications. The modifications are required for potential future abnormal loads and will be delivered through a formal agreement with Yorkshire Forward, to the affect that Yorkshire Forward will meet all costs.

6. Recommendations

It be resolved that:

Approval be given in principle to modifications being made to the Parkway central reserve to facilitate abnormal loads, subject to appropriate consultation.

The Council's Head of Legal and Democratic Services prepare an agreement between the Council and Yorkshire Forward for the design and construction of the modifications with all associated costs to be met by Yorkshire Forward.

7. Proposals and Details

The Advanced Manufacturing Park – part of the development at Waverley, has been developed by Yorkshire Forward as a site suitable for manufacturers of specialised products. Recent discussions between Yorkshire Forward and interested manufacturers have highlighted potential future problems of egress and transportation from the site for some of the large manufactured products. These products are likely to receive an abnormal load designation and early indications are that the existing junction on the Parkway at Catcliffe Interchange – the ‘Dumbbells Roundabout’ may not be passable, even by the specialised abnormal load hauliers.

It has been proposed by Yorkshire Forward that a section of the existing central reserve adjacent to the junction be modified such that abnormal loads could use the off slip (adjacent Poplar Way) from the Parkway in the reverse direction, and cross from the Sheffield bound carriageway (westbound) to the eastbound carriageway, thereby gaining access to the M1 and the rest of the motorway network. Such a manoeuvre would require a full closure of the Parkway which would be organised and financed by the specialist haulier in close consultation with the Council and the Police.

These proposals will require modifications to the reserve itself, together with the existing safety fence. Modification may also be required to the existing lighting provision. It is anticipated that the proposal will create a section of safety barrier that can be removed to allow the movement of the abnormal load and then reinstated once the movement has been completed, together with the appropriate carriageway construction beneath.

8. Finance

The costs of these modifications will be met by Yorkshire Forward. Early indications are that the works are likely to cost in the region of £60,000. Any future use of the modification will be met by manufacturers wishing to utilize the provision provided.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

None over and above those normally associated with small scale construction works. A legal agreement will be entered into by the Council and Yorkshire Forward, which will ensure that all costs associated with the modifications will be met by Yorkshire Forward.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The provision of these modifications will further enhance the suitability and viability of the Advanced Manufacturing Park to potential manufacturers which in turn will help efforts being made to create and maintain high skilled employment opportunities.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

None.

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