

CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Venue: Bailey House, Rawmarsh Road, Rotherham. **Date:** Monday, 22 January 2007

Time: 9.00 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Minutes of previous meetings of the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Development Services held on:-
 - 13th November, 2006
 - 27th November, 2006
 - 4th December, 2006.
 - 18th December, 2006

 - for signature by the Cabinet Member
(see Orange Book – Schedule of Delegated Powers – 4th November to 22nd December 2006)
4. Opening of Tenders (Page 1)
5. Templeborough to Rotherham Flood Alleviation Scheme (Pages 2 - 7)
Partnership Implementation Officer to report.
 - to establish ownership of the route of the gas main diversion.
6. Orgreave Community Fund (Pages 8 - 11)
Major Applications, Minerals and Waste Manager, to report.
 - to consider bids from Treeton and Orgreave Parish Councils.
7. Swinton Gateway Improvement Works (Pages 12 - 14)
Principal Highway Engineer to report.
 - to report on the details proposed for 'Gateway' Improvements in Swinton for this financial year 2006/7 and so seek approval to proceed with the works subject to Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder (HMRP) funding being made available.
8. Proposed changes to arrangements for Sponsorship on Roundabouts, boundary signs etc (Pages 15 - 16)

Network Manager to report.

- to inform Members of a proposal to change the arrangements for procuring sponsorship on roundabouts etc.

9. Manor Road Bridge, Kiveton Park Station/Cuckoo Way - Proposed Pedestrian Walkway (Pages 17 - 20)
Transportation Unit Manager to report.
 - to report the receipt of an objection relating to the proposed pedestrian walkway along Manor Road Bridge, Kiveton Park Station.

10. Provision of Flashing Amber Warning Lights at School Crossing Patrol Sites (Pages 21 - 22)
Transportation Unit Manager to report.
 - to consider a proposal to provide a number of flashing amber warning lights on the approach to school crossing patrol sites throughout the borough.

11. Broom Lane - Provision of Pedestrian Refuge Island (Pages 23 - 25)
Transportation Unit Manager to report.
 - to consider a proposal to provide a pedestrian refuge to assist pedestrians to cross Broom Lane, Broom.

12. South Yorkshire Forest Partnership (Pages 26 - 38)
Countryside Planning Assistant to report.
 - to report the progress towards agreed work outputs of the South Yorkshire Forest Partnership so far this financial year.

The Cabinet Member authorised consideration of the following item in order to consider the objections received:-

13. Brook Hill, Thorpe Hesley - Provision of a disabled Parking Day. (report attached) (Pages 39 - 41)
Principal Traffic Officer to report.
 - to consider the objections received.

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
The following items are likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under those Paragraphs, indicated below, of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006).

15. Rating List 2005 Appeals (Pages 42 - 45)
Director, Asset Management to report.
 - to consider the method of dealing with the assessments of National Non Domestic Rating assessments of properties for which the Council has payment responsibility.
(Exempt under Paragraph 3 of the Act - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular individual (including the Council))

16. Rotherham Economic Regeneration Fund (RERF) - April to September 2006 (Pages 46 - 57)
Programmes Manager to report.
 - to report the mid year 2006 monitoring position of the fund.
(Exempt under Paragraph 3 of the Act - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular individual (including the Council))

17. Notes of a Stage 3 Complaint Panel held on 10th January, 2007 (Pages 58 - 66)
 - to receive the notes and consider the recommendation
(Exempt under Paragraph 2 – information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual)

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO CABINET MEMBERS
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1. MEETING:- CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – DELEGATED POWERS

2. DATE:- 22ND JANUARY, 2007

3. OPENING OF OFFERS/TENDERS

I wish to report the opening of offers/tenders by the Cabinet Member, Economic Regeneration and Development Services, as follows:-

On 3rd January, 2007:-

- Floor Covering

4. RECOMMENDATION

That the action of the Cabinet Member be recorded.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Economic and Development Services
2.	Date:	22 January 2007
3.	Title:	Templeborough to Rotherham Flood Alleviation Scheme – Resolution to commence a compulsory purchase order
4.	Programme Area:	Economic and Development Services

5. Summary

The implementation of the Templeborough to Rotherham Flood Alleviation Scheme (TRFAS) is a key project underpinning achievement of the Town Centre Renaissance Charter goals in terms of riverside uses. In order to carry out the scheme the diversion of the DOGSTAR gas main (Distribution Of Gas Stocksbridge Templeborough Aldwarke Roundwood) needs to be undertaken in the preferred alignment which is the cart track on the north side of the freight rail line at Centenary Riverside area. Despite extensive enquiries and searches, ownership of this track is uncertain and needs to be resolved in a timely manner. This report seeks a resolution to commence the procedures for the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order (“**CPO**”) in order to provide a wayleave for the gas main diversion for Corus, the owner of the pipe. This Resolution is a formal part of the CPO process.

The purpose of this report is to inform the Cabinet Member of the progress of the TRFAS and to seek authority to pursue a CPO to facilitate the acquisition of interests and rights needed provide the preferred diversion alignment for the DOGSTAR gas main, part of the implementation of the TRFAS.

6. Recommendations

1. That approval is given to the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order pursuant to the provisions of Section 226(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990(“TCPA”) (as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) and having regard to the Human Rights Act 1998. Such Order to be entitled “Rotherham Borough Council (Templeborough to Rotherham Flood Alleviation Scheme – Cart Track) Compulsory Purchase Order 2007” and to authorise the acquisition of land and interests shown edged red on the plan now submitted as Appendix 1. The approval is needed to ensure the successful delivery of this key stage of the Rotherham Renaissance and the wider regeneration objectives of economic, social and environmental benefits which it will deliver to the Borough.

2. That, if the landowner of the Cart Track is identified during the course of the CPO, the Council pursue the said acquisition of land and interests by agreement at the same time as continuing with the promotion of the CPO in case such agreement cannot be reached.

3. That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to affix the common seal of the Council to the said Compulsory Purchase Order.

4. That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services submit the said Order to the Secretary of State for confirmation.

5. That, if the Cart Track is compulsorily acquired, the Council pay the compensation either to the Landowner (if known) or into Court in accordance with s5(3) and Schedule 2 Compulsory Purchase Act 1965.

7. Proposals and Details

Background

Previous Reports to Members have outlined the basis of the Phase 1a of the Templeborough to Rotherham Flood Alleviation Scheme and approval given to progress the works to contract and delivery.

Funding contracts from Objective1 and Yorkshire Forward have been signed and the main contractor Volker Stevin Ltd has been appointed and project management by Jacobs Babtie has been contracted.

Current Situation

to progress the construction works in accordance with the timescales of funders (particularly Objective 1) the Construction works Contract has been initiated. Part of the works is the diversion of the Dogstar gas main. A Planning Application has been submitted by the Consultants for Corus (the owner of the main). This shows two possible diversion alignments. Corus require a formal Wayleave to be secured for the diversion. Obviously this cannot be formally achieved without determining ownership.

The preferred alignment requires placement under an unadopted roadway known as the Cart Track ("**Cart Track**"). The Council has undertaken title searches and contacted the adjacent landowners in an effort to establish the ownership of the Cart Track but the Council has been unable to identify the Landowner.

There is public access over the track to public open space previously provided by the Council. The main use of the track is to serve this open space and the bungalow adjacent to Ickles Lock (previously BWB and now privately owned.). Despite several indications of ownership rights (one of which is Corus itself) a full title cannot be proven and therefore we cannot comply with the Corus requirement for a wayleave.

If the landowner of the Cart Track is identified during the course of the CPO then the Council can pursue the acquisition of the Cart Track by agreement as well as

pursuing the CPO if agreement with the landowner cannot be reached. This route of pursuing private treaty and CPO in parallel is endorsed by paragraph 24 of the Government Circular.

Why CPO is required

As identified above, the use of CPO powers to acquire the Cart Track is necessary to secure the ownership of the Cart track where the new gas main alignment is preferred. The gas main will facilitate the implementation of the Flood Alleviation Scheme which is needed to achieve the Town Centre Renaissance Charter goals.

As the landowner of the Cart Track is not known, CPO Notices and procedures are used in order to attempt to establish ownership through that process. If no owner comes forward or opposes the Order the Council can, through an established legal mechanism, take legal control of the land.

Legislative basis for CPO

The Council is afforded CPO powers under a variety of legislation. In this case, in the interests of facilitating the regeneration of the town centre, the Council should progress the CPO of the land pursuant to provisions of Section 226 (1) (a) of the TCPA (as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) .

Grounds for CPO

A local authority may only exercise this power if they think that the development , redevelopment or improvement is likely to contribute to the achievement of one or more of the following objectives;

- (a) the promotion or improvement of the economic well being of the area
- (b) the promotion or improvement of the social well being of the area
- (c) the promotion or improvement of the environmental well being of the area.

The acquisition of the land interests in the Cart track will allow the Templeborough to Rotherham Flood Alleviation scheme to go ahead. This scheme underpins the achievement of the Rotherham Renaissance Charter aims and objectives in accordance with the provisions and objectives of the TCPA, and promotes the economic, social and environmental well being of the area.

Procedure for CPO

The Council is required to make the CPO in the prescribed form and in accordance with prescribed procedures. This includes serving notice on every qualifying person and any landowner or occupier of the land (if known) would be a qualifying person and so the Council would need to serve notice on them. As the Council cannot identify the owner of the Cart Track then the notices are deemed served if they are left on or near the land.

Once the prescribed procedures have been complied with the Council can then submit the CPO to the Secretary of State for approval. If no objections are received to the CPO, the Secretary of State may confirm the CPO with or without qualification

provided the notice requirements have been complied with. If objections to the CPO are lodged by statutory objectors and the objections have not been withdrawn, the Secretary of State will call a public inquiry.

Even when a CPO has been confirmed, there is no obligation for the Council to implement the CPO and the Council can continue to negotiate with any landowner of the Cart Track up to the implementation of the CPO. The Council has 3 years in which to implement the CPO.

The Council will have to pay compensation to the owner for the value of the land that is compulsorily acquired. If the landowner of the Cart Track is not identified and the land is compulsorily acquired by the Council, the Council pays the value of the land into court. If the landowner comes forward at a later date then they make an application to the High Court for the release of the compensation. If no owner is identified or comes forward within a 12 year period, then the Council can make an application to have the money returned to them. An assessment of the value at an area of just under half an acre based on public open space value, would be in the region of £2,500.

8. Finance

The construction cost of the scheme is being funded from Objective 1, Yorkshire Forward, RMBC and the Environment Agency over the current and following financial years to August 2008. (Obj1 £5.6M , YF £5M, RMBC £1.2M - from approved capital programme and EA £237K.) The sum to cover the purchase and legal fees costs for which approval is sought would be met as part of this secured funding.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The nature and scale of this overall project and the associated risks has been presented in previous reports

The risk of not agreeing to purchase this area is that the gas pipe diversion would be delayed outside of the Corus shut down period and external funding to the scheme would be lost.

Human Rights Impact

Local authorities are bound by the provisions of the Human Rights Act. One of the rights protected by the Act is a persons "right to property". When considering CPO local Authorities need to satisfy themselves that the CPO case is not only legal but that it overrides the rights of the small number of people affected and is within the wider public interest. The Council has a duty to act proportionately in its dealings with affected owners and tenants in any decision to acquire property compulsorily. The Head of Legal Services has been involved and is satisfied that the various interests have been fully considered. However, the importance of the project to the regeneration of Rotherham is such that undue delays in reaching agreement with affected interests would have detrimental impact upon its delivery and funding.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The Flood Alleviation Scheme project supports the aims of:

- Rotherham Community Strategy
- the vision for Rotherham Town Centre as contained in the Rotherham Renaissance Charter and the Strategic Development Framework
- The objectives of PPS25 – Development and Flood Risk
- the delivery of the objectives of the South Yorkshire Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder.

The construction phases of the scheme will take into account the Environment Agency's environmental aims and targets and use recycled material in accordance with the Agency's vision.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Report to Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Development Services
30 October 2006.

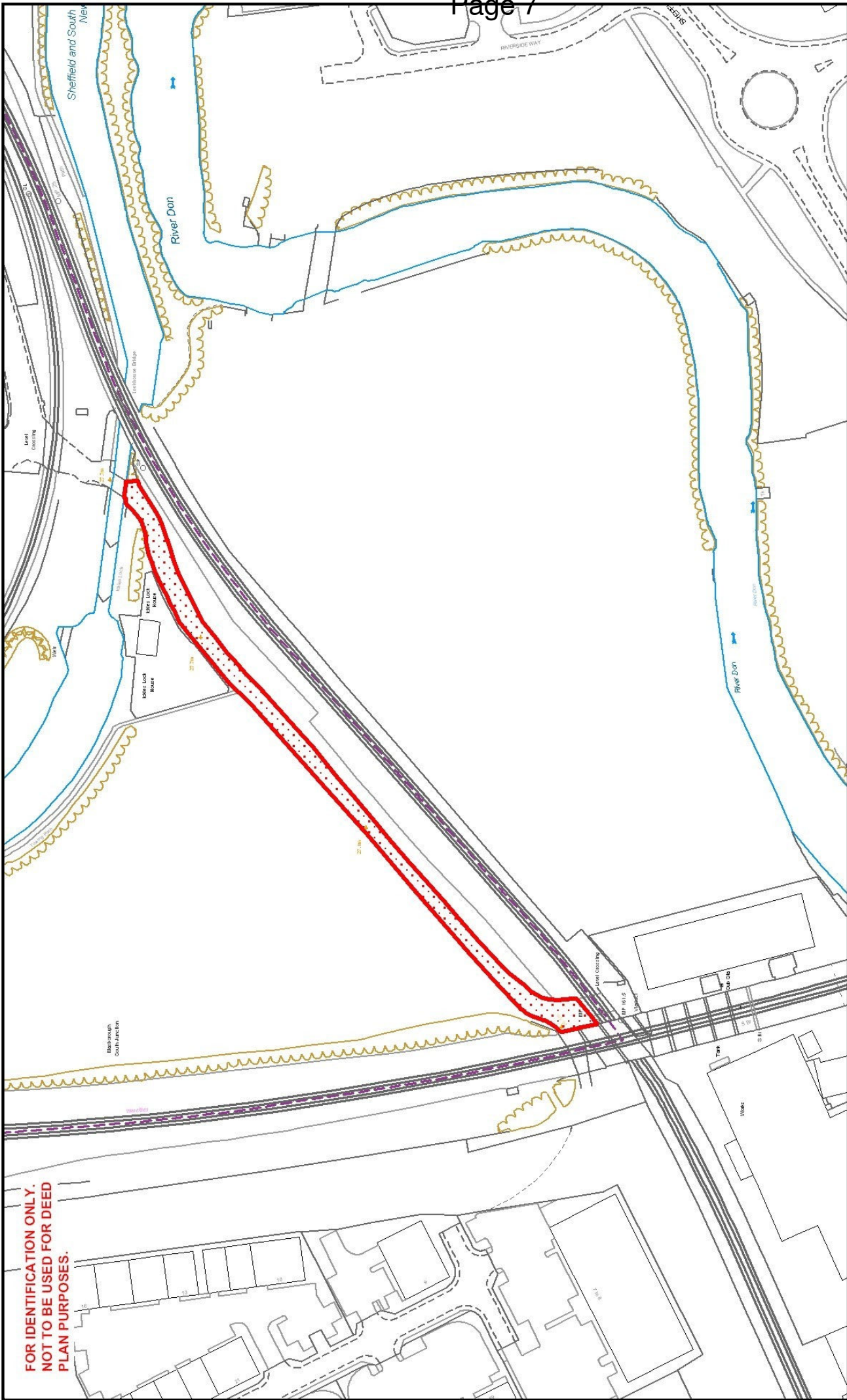
The Head of Legal Services has been consulted.

The project continues to be developed through direct consultation with scheme partners and wider consultation with stakeholders, statutory bodies and those landowners' who are directly affected.

Formal consultation as part of the planning process has been undertaken. Direct consultation with affected parties/landowners have been ongoing throughout the detailed design process of the works. Jacobs Babbie have been involved alongside RMBC Officers throughout this process.

Reports to this Board will continue as the delivery of the scheme progresses.

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Appendix 1
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
(Templeborough To Rotherham Flood Alleviation Scheme CART TRACK)
Compulsory Purchase Order 2007

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Economic & Development Services

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Delegated Powers Meeting
2.	Date:	22 nd January 2007
3.	Title:	Orgreave Community Fund
4.	Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

Orgreave Community Fund - Consideration of provision of funding for bids from Treeton and Orgreave Parish Councils.

6. Recommendation

It is recommended that £15,000 be released to Treeton Parish Council comprising a further contribution to the funding of a Community Capacity Officer (£10,000) and for fencing works at Washfeld Lane playing fields (£5,000) and that £27,100 be released to Orgreave Parish Council for various projects which form part of a scheme of environmental improvements through out the Parish from the Orgreave Opencast planning gain monies in accordance with the Borough Council's financial regulations.

7. Proposals and Details

The procedure for the release of monies from the Orgreave Community Fund was agreed at the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Economic and Development Services held on 21 February 2005. The report specified that £36,000 be allocated to Treeton, Catcliffe, Orgreave and Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Councils and an allocation of £18,000 made for Brinsworth Parish Council, the remainder to be made available for local groups to bid for.

£21,000 of Treeton's allocation has already been released to the Parish Council for the funding of a Community Capacity Officer. The current bid requests a further £10,000 to extend the previously approved scheme to continue the employment of the Officer based in Treeton Village. The main duties of the officer are to support and empower local people to actively participate in enhancing the community and economic life of the local area.

In support of this bid Treeton Parish Council have submitted information relating to successful projects that the Community Capacity Officer has developed including: a Summer Activities Scheme aimed at young people and tackling anti social behaviour; Working closely with South Yorkshire Police and 2010 staff to develop projects and schemes of work to tackle anti social behaviour; One to One advice and guidance with large numbers of the community ranging from training and educational needs to debt and addiction issues. (this has been a very successful aspect to his role with potential for expansion); Assisting the formation and development of community groups and offering advice on both fundraising and the development of projects; Managing a very successful junior youth club on behalf of the Parish Council, and to develop its services so as to enable interaction with more young people; Promote and deliver Training and Education courses to wide aspects of the community. Directly enabling people to access further education or employment; Conception and Development of the "Rother Valley West Advice Service" project aimed at delivering a one stop shop advice and guidance centre; Conception and Development of the "Fingertips" project aimed providing low cost handyman and gardening services to those individuals and families who may not have either the ability or finances to receive support etc. The additional funding is requested to fund the Community Capacity Officer and continue and develop the work already undertaken.

The bid also includes a request for £5,000 to provide fencing around the Washfield Lane Playing Fields as a safety measure. The parish Council gained this piece of land as a result of a legal agreement attached to the Jones Homes housing development there was some old broken wooden fencing around part of the site which the parish council would like to replace. They have stated that that the work is essential to secure the playing fields and provide some protection from the road which runs parallel to the field.

£8,750 of Orgreave's allocation has already been released to the Parish Council for the funding of environmental improvement schemes. The current bid includes:

1. The funding of a Parish Handyman to deal with litter and graffiti problems (£1200)

2. The provision of skips and a skip supervisor for community clean up days (£3300)
3. Planting up and maintenance of winter and summer hanging baskets throughout the parish (£3600)
4. Provision of fencing for play area £14,000
5. Provision of seating for play area £5,000

At the time the original planning application for opencasting at Orgreave was being considered (in 1994) it was reasonable to presume that there would be some negative impacts from the development on the local community and/or local environment which included the Treeton and Orgreave areas. It was therefore determined that the Authority should enter into a planning obligation with the developer to ensure provision of a financial contribution to the Authority for some community provision to balance against any potential disamenity. Officers of Planning Service have examined these submissions from Treeton and Orgreave Parish Councils, in conjunction with officers of Legal Services and Corporate Finance, and consider that the provision of a community capacity officer and the scheme of environmental improvements would fall within the terms of the section 106 agreement which stipulates that monies be used:

“for social, educational, recreational, sporting and/or other local community provision the need for which arises directly or indirectly from the Development (Orgreave Opencast Coal and Reclamation Operations) or to redress the loss of any local amenity or natural resource”

8. Finance

Treeton Parish Council have already received £21,000 and have requested a further contribution of £15,000. Orgreave Parish Council have received £8750 and have requested a further contribution of £27,100 from their allocation.

On 21 February 2005 it was agreed by the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Economic and Development Services that £36,000 be allocated to Treeton, Catcliffe, Orgreave and Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Councils and an allocation of £18,000 made for Brinsworth Parish Council. Should the current bids be successful then all the funding allocated to the parish councils at this meeting will be complete.

The bids have been assessed and monies will only be released if the organisations submission is in compliance with the general requirements of the Councils Financial Regulation 6 : “Assistance to Outside Bodies”.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The Orgreave community fund was set up by planning gain monies contributed by British Coal at the commencement of the Orgreave opencast development. The fund was added to by UK Coal when they recently extended the time period of the

planning permission to allow the development to be completed. The monies are being held by RMBC for distribution within the terms of the legal agreement which accompanied the planning permission.

If funding was to be approved then the Parish Councils would have to provide particulars in accordance with Financial Regulation 6 (2) (d)–(e). Specifically;

- Contact details of organisation (information on two contacts within group/organisation);
 - The names of the persons responsible for accounting for income received and expended by the body;
 - Bank account details, with information on signatories;
 - Details of most recent accounts and copy of most recent bank statements;
 - The name and place of business of the bodies treasurer and auditor.
- before funding can be released

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The funding of projects which meet the criteria set out in the section 106 agreement will also meet the following policy and objective:

To facilitate the regeneration of Rotherham through delivering and facilitating key projects that will positively impact on the Borough and contribute to the delivery of the Community Strategy and Corporate Plan.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Head of Financial Services and Head of Legal Services have been consulted regarding the bid and agreed the recommendation.

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Economic Regeneration and Development Services
2.	Date:	22nd January 2007
3.	Title:	Swinton Gateway Improvement Works Ward 16 Swinton
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To report on the details proposed for 'Gateway' Improvements in Swinton for this financial year 2006/7 and so seek approval to proceed with the works subject to Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder (HMRP) funding being made available.

6. Recommendations

It be resolved that:

The works in Swinton (on or adjacent to the A6022 at Rookery Road, Broomville Street and New Station Road/Talbot Road) forming part of the 'Gateway' Improvement Plan for 2006/7 be implemented subject to HMRP funding being made available.

7. Proposals and Details

Cabinet Member may recall minute number 165 of the Regeneration and Asset Board on 17th May 2006 reviewing the Gateway Improvement Plan for 2005/6 and approving the proposals for 2006/7 plan. One of the principal components of the 2006/7 plan is the Swinton (Phase 1 and 2) project. All works will be on or adjacent to the 'gateway' route, namely the A6022, and this scheme consists of four small areas of footway improvement (one in phase 2 and three in phase 1) on the south side of the A6022.

The works in all four locations consist primarily of new tarmac surfacing and 'Tegular' block paved edge to the public footway, together with repair works to kerbs and any other miscellaneous repair type works required.

Two of the four locations are adjacent to public parks (at Rookery Road and Broomville Street) and the works will complement other works to the boundary walls and associated railings of the parks, subject to any necessary planning approvals being obtained. At these two sites, the block paving will be extended to the park entrances.

The other locations are Bridge Street car park and the footway on the south side of Bridge Street and Rowns Lane (both on the A6022) near to New Station Road and Talbot Road. These latter two schemes are adjacent to each other, and here the footway treatment will be the standard new tarmac and block paved edge.

The Gateway project team within RIDO have ensured that the local community have been consulted on the proposals and Local Members have been closely involved with the project through the Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder steering group (the anticipated funding source).

8. Finance

These works will be funded from the Housing Market Renewal 'Pathfinder' funding stream subject to approval by the Transform South Yorkshire Board and their advisors. It is anticipated that each element will cost around £25,000 such that total expenditure could amount to £100,000. It is hoped that works will commence early in February 2007.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

None over and above those normally associated with small scale construction works.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The scheme will contribute to the 'Rotherham Proud' agenda by enhancing the main 'gateway' routes into the Borough with high quality public realm works. The scheme will also contribute to 'Rotherham Safe' in that the public highway will be free of defects.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Consultation has taken place as described above in section 7.

Council Minute 165 of the Regeneration and Asset Board (Wednesday 17th May) – Review of the Gateway Improvement Plan 2005/6 and the Annual Plan for 2006/7.

Gateway Improvement Plan 2005/6 Review and 2006/7 Annual Plan

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Economic Regeneration & Development Service
2.	Date:	22 January 2007
3.	Title:	Proposed changes to arrangements for sponsorship on roundabouts, boundary signs etc.
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To inform Members of a proposal to change the arrangements for procuring sponsorship on roundabouts etc.

6. Recommendations

That it be resolved that

- a) the report be noted and**
- b) the management and administration of sponsorship on roundabouts etc. be undertaken in house within Streetpride for a 12 month trial period.**

7. Proposals and Details

The current agreement for sponsorship signs on roundabouts, boundary signs etc. with Immediate Solutions ends on 31st January 2007. This arrangement allows for the equal sharing of income between the Council and Immediate Solutions and generated approximately £140,000 (£70,000 to the Council) during the past year.

The agreement makes Immediate Solutions responsible for generating the interest, signing up of clients and collecting payment. Streetpride provides, installs and maintains the signs.

It is felt that management of the whole operation in house would be more financially beneficial to the Council. During the present contract, a base of clients has been established and at vacant sites, signs informing potential clients that the site is available for sponsorship has generated most of the new business.

To undertake the full role, additional staff resource will be needed and it is proposed to advertise an additional temporary post at Sc6 (£20895 to £22293) for the 12 month trial period.

8. Finance

The additional post will be financed from the additional income received. It is also intended to explore additional opportunities for sponsorship in car parks, on lighting columns and on bridges etc.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There is a risk that sponsorship will not be maintained at current levels.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The income received from sponsorship helps to support the street lighting and signing revenue budgets which in turn supports the following Corporate Plan themes:

Achieving – by promoting and supporting local businesses

Alive – by providing a quality street environment and increasing after dark activity.

Safe – by ensuring the highway is safe for all users and crime and fear of crime is reduced.

Sustainable Development – by reducing energy and CO₂ emissions.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

RBT are pursuing a corporate initiative looking at all external advertising and consultations have taken place to ensure this proposal will not affect that strategy.

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Economic and Development Services Matters
2.	Date:	22 January 2007
3.	Title:	Manor Road, Kiveton Park Station / Cuckoo Way – Proposed pedestrian walkway; Ward 18 Wales
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To report the receipt of an objection relating to the proposed pedestrian walkway along Manor Road Bridge, Kiveton Park Station.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended Cabinet Member resolve that:

- i) The objection to the installation of a pedestrian walkway along Manor Road Bridge at Kiveton Park Station be not acceded to;**
- ii) Support for the scheme be reiterated, and the scheme be implemented.**

7. Proposals and Details

The proposed scheme, which received approval at the 4 September 2006 Delegated Powers Meeting for Economic, Regeneration and Development Service, minute number 82 refers, will aim to improve pedestrian facilities and safety along Manor Road Bridge at Kiveton Park Station.

The scheme will involve the installation of a strip of coloured carriageway surfacing of between 0.9 and 1.1 metres wide along the eastern side of the bridge, and will create an area that pedestrians can walk in when using the Cuckoo Way, which drivers will be discouraged from using by the introduction of associated road markings. However, should large vehicles require the full width of the bridge they will still be allowed to encroach into the area, when safe to do so.

8. Finance

The scheme is estimated to cost £2,500, with funding for the works identified being available from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Programme for 2006/07.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Not applicable in this instance.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The proposed scheme is in line with the Local Transport Plan objectives for improving road safety, particularly for vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

To improve facilities and safety for pedestrians using the Cuckoo Way, a number of schemes are proposed. In the case of Manor Road at Kiveton Park Station, the Cuckoo Way crosses from the southern side of the canal to the northern side. As a result, pedestrians are forced to walk across the bridge on Manor Road, which has no pedestrian facilities, such as a footway.

To assist pedestrians when walking in this location it is proposed to segregate the road surface to provide pedestrians with an area in which they can walk. As the existing bridge is not wide enough to accommodate both a footway and carriageway, it is proposed segregate the area through the use of coloured surfacing, similar to the scheme recently introduced on Reservoir Road at Ulley.

Following consultation with a number of interested parties during November 2006, an objection was received from Wales Parish Council, about the proposed scheme, stating that a walkway should be created on the outside of the bridge rather than impinging on the current road surface.

As this would require a new bridge to be constructed, involving significant costs, this is not considered a viable option at the present time, due to limited budgets for carrying out such works.

A plan showing the proposed scheme is attached, with a copy of the objection letter from Wales Parish Council being attached as Appendix A.

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30th November 2006

Your Reference: AL/KAC/126/9
For the attention of: Mr A Lee – Planning & Transportation Service

Economic & Development
Services

01 DEC 2006

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ATTN.

FILE

Dear Andrew

Re: Proposed pedestrian walkway – Manor Road Bridge, Kiveton Park

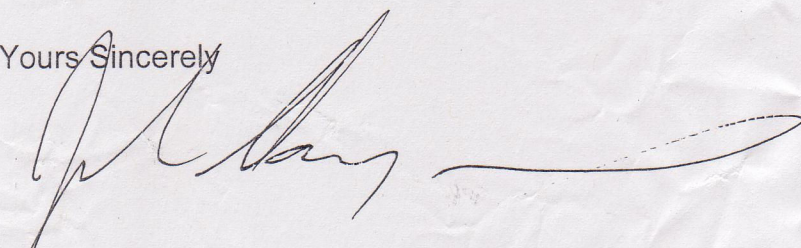
Thank you for your letter of the 9th ultimo, reference as above, which has now been debated by Members'.

At their Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday, against Minute reference 06/537E, Members' resolved that an objection be levied on the proposed scheme as it stands because of serious concerns regarding dangers through traffic and resulting issues on health and safety.

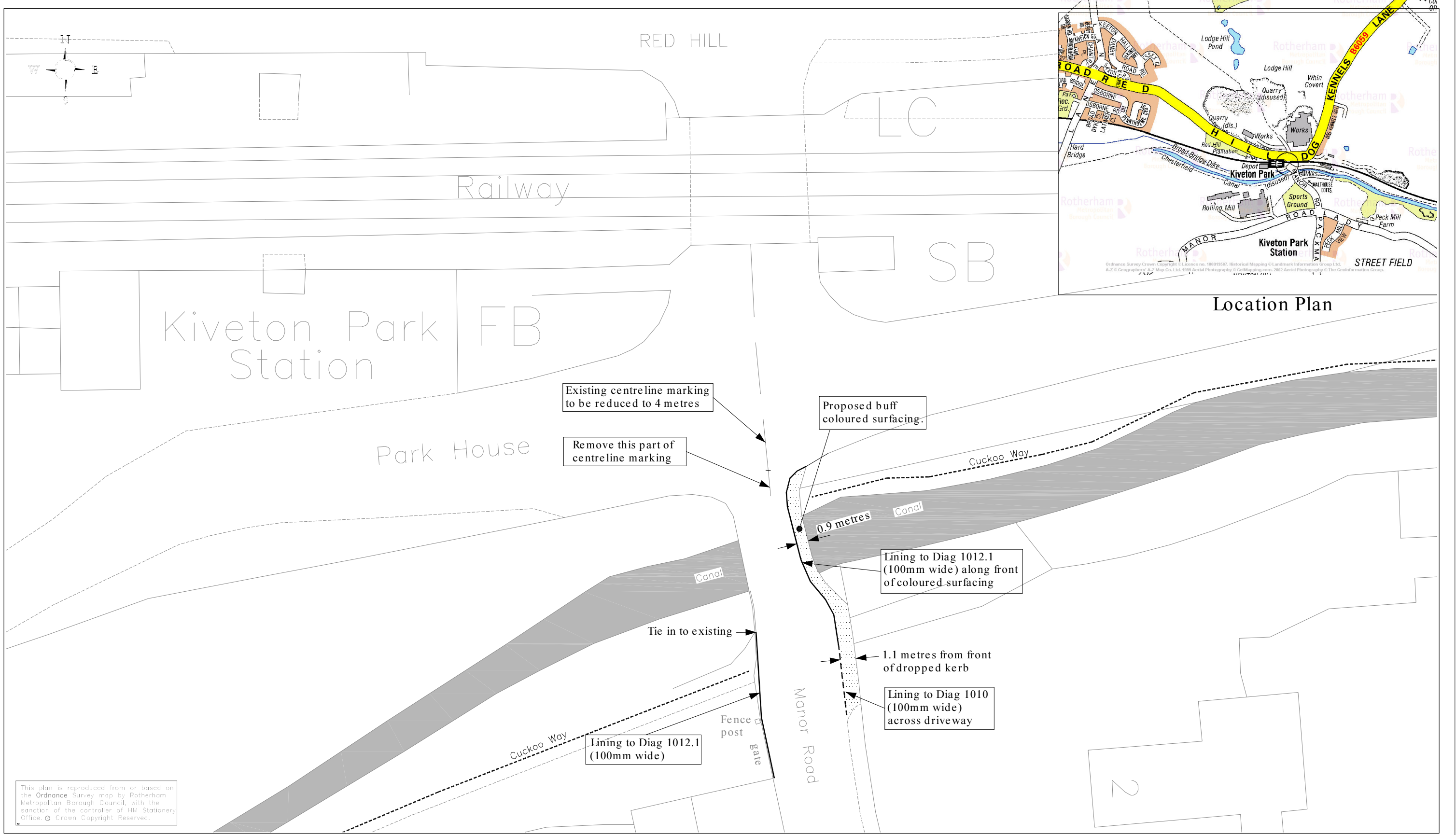
It is proposed that a walkway be created on the outside of the bridge rather than impinging on the current roadway as Members' believe that the presence of a 'coloured' surface will do nothing to alleviate the dangers being created by this scheme.

We await your further comments in due course.

Yours Sincerely


C John Haywood – Clerk

Wales Parish Council



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Rev.	Description	Date	Initial	Chd.

Project		Kiveton Park Station - Cuckoo Way		
Title		Surfacing / Lining Scheme		
Dwg. No. /	Rev		
Scale	1:200	Drawn	A.L.	Chd. by S.I.S.
Date	July 2006			

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Economic and Development Services Matters
2.	Date:	22nd January 2007
3.	Title:	RMBC – Provision of Flashing Amber Warning Lights at School Crossing Patrol Sites. All wards
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To inform members of a proposal to provide a number of flashing amber warning lights on the approach to school crossing patrol sites throughout the borough.

6. Recommendations

i) The necessary consultations be undertaken regarding the proposed scheme;

ii) Authority be given for the detailed design to be carried out and subject to no objections being received for the scheme to be implemented;

iii) The scheme be funded from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Programme for 2006/07.

7. Proposals and Details

It is proposed to provide a number of flashing amber warning lights on the approach to school crossing patrol sites that meet the Department for Transport guidelines as set out in the Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 4. These guidelines being that flashing amber lights are used to give emphasis to patrol warning signs where 85th percentile speeds exceed 35mph, or on a busy road where a drivers attention is likely to be fully occupied. These flashing amber warning lights will be situated immediately below existing patrol signs, thus providing motorists with improved warning that they are approaching a school crossing patrol location.

Investigations into all school crossing patrol sites around the borough are currently ongoing. It is expected that between 15 and 20 sites will meet the guidelines and benefit from amber warning signs.

8. Finance

The scheme is estimated to cost £40,000. Funding is available from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Programme for 2006/07.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The estimated cost is dependant upon the need to provide a power supply to the locations of the new signs.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The scheme is in line with the objectives set out in the second South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan, and the associated Road Safety strategy, for improving road safety, accessibility and social inclusion.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

A scheme to improve the advanced warning of crossing patrol sites was generated following a number of requests from Facilities Services to investigate the existing warning sign provision at school crossing patrol locations.

The provision of flashing amber lights at school crossing patrol locations that meet the criteria highlighted in Chapter 4 of the Traffic Signs Manual will help to highlight the possibility of children crossing to approaching drivers.

All locations where school crossing patrols currently operate are to be assessed using the DFT guidelines; all those meeting the criteria are to be provided with flashing amber warning lights.

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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	Meeting:	Economic and Development Services Matters
	Date:	22nd January 2007
	Title:	Broom Lane – Provision of a pedestrian refuge, Broom; Wards 2, 15 & 17
	Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To inform members of a proposal to provide a pedestrian refuge to assist pedestrians to cross Broom Lane, Broom.

6. Recommendations

- i) The necessary consultations be undertaken regarding the proposed scheme;**
- ii) Authority be given for the detailed design to be carried out and subject to no objections being received for the scheme to be implemented;**
- iii) The scheme be funded from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Programme for 2007/08.**

7. Proposals and Details

It is proposed to provide a pedestrian refuge within the existing central road hatchings as shown in drawing 126/5E1/A, attached as Appendix A. The proposed scheme will also incorporate pedestrian dropped kerbs to allow people who are mobility impaired to cross the road with greater ease. In keeping with the design of the other pedestrian refuges on Broom Lane it is proposed this refuge will also be constructed in stone effect material.

8. Finance

The scheme is estimated to cost £10,000. Funding is available from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Programme for 2007/08.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The estimated cost is dependant upon the need to divert Statutory Undertakers apparatus; this is expected to be minimal.

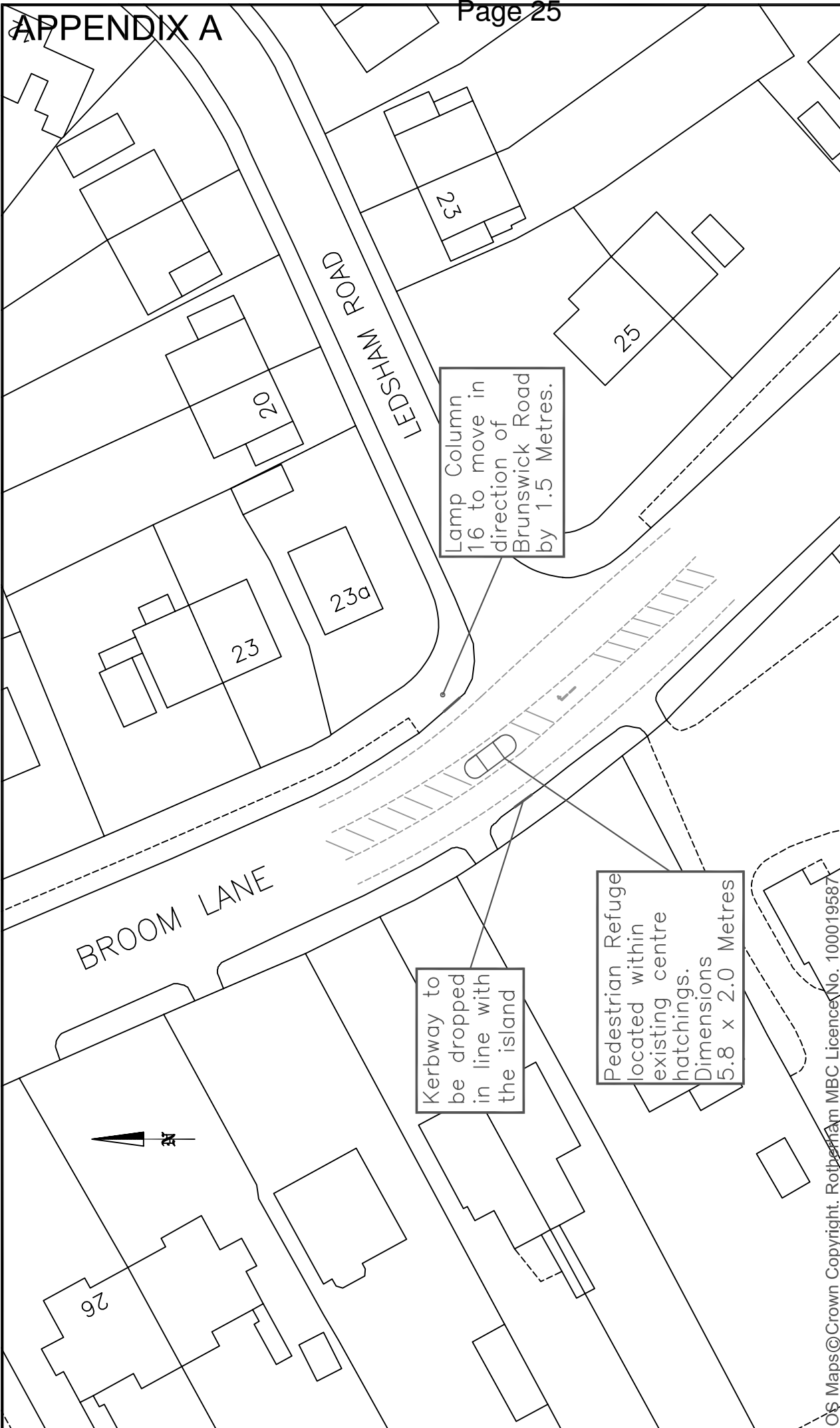
10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The scheme is in line with the objectives set out in the second South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan, and the associated Road Safety strategy, for improving road safety, accessibility and social inclusion.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Observations on Broom Lane found that groups of pedestrians are crossing the road near to Ledsham road. These pedestrians are using the existing centre hatchings as a half way point to cross Broom Lane. This occurrence is particularly prominent at school times. Providing a pedestrian refuge and dropped kerbs will improve the ease and safety with which pedestrians can cross the road. Consultation has been carried out with the Police, Local Ward Members and the Passenger Transport Executive with no objections received. Following approval, consultation with local residents will take place.

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Lamp Column to move in 16 to move in direction of Brunswick Road by 1.5 Metres.

Kerbway to be dropped in line with the island


Pedestrian Refuge located within existing centre hatchings. Dimensions 5.8 x 2.0 Metres

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Title BROOM LANE – PROVISION OF A PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLAND	
Dwg. No. 126/5E1/A	Scales (if A4) 1:500
Drawn CA(H&T)	Date DEC 2006
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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

Meeting:	Economic Regeneration and Development Services
Date:	22 January 2007
Title:	The South Yorkshire Forest Partnership All wards affected apart from: Maltby, Dinnington, Anston and Woodsetts Ward.
Directorate:	Environment and Development Service

5. Summary

This report informs Members on the progress towards agreed work outputs of the South Yorkshire Forest Partnership so far this financial year

6. Recommendations

1 The content of the South Yorkshire Forest Partnership Service Delivery 2006/07 Progress Report is noted

7. Proposals and Details

A meeting of Delegated Powers on 3rd April 2006 resolved that the South Yorkshire Forest Partnership (SYFP) had given substantial benefits in return for its financial contribution and that any future financial contribution from RMBC should be linked to expected outputs. The proposed SYFP outputs for 2006-07 were given in a subsequent report presented to Cabinet Member for Economic and Regeneration Services on 16th October 2006. This report informs members on the progress made to these outputs.

The SYFP Service Delivery 2006/07 Progress Report is given in Appendix One. This gives details that outline the progress made against service delivery elements set out for the SYFP for 2006/07. This shows that the SYFP is delivering significant benefits to the Borough in line with corporate objectives in return for this year's financial contribution although a more detailed appraisal would be needed to identify the respective roles of SYF and other agencies, including the Council, in the achievement of the listed outcomes.

The SYFP is working more closely with Forward Planning than prior to these work targets being produced. It is contributing towards Local Development Framework production by progressing a number of identified work elements.

The corporate nature of the SYFP's work is shown through the activities contributing to urban regeneration, woodland planting, wood fuel, education and community involvement and engagement. A Member Seminar is being arranged to raise awareness of the partnership, and share with Members the benefits to Rotherham which have arisen through our involvement.

8. Finance

The payment for 2006/07 to the SYFP is already allocated within the Forward Planning Budget and is being made.

The Service Delivery Progress Report in Appendix One details progress on a wide cross section of projects and notes that a substantial return will be given (eg through grant aid obtained) as a result of the RMBC annual financial contribution.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Though funding has been approved for this year, to date there has been no agreement for the payment for next financial year's contribution to the SYFP from RMBC. RMBC may be charged a penalty fee for withdrawing its contribution unless sufficient notice is given to cover resultant SYFP costs. If a funding contribution from RMBC is not secured for next year this may lead to SYFP closure and a resultant loss of benefits and opportunities to the Borough.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The work of the SYFP is strongly linked to the Corporate Plan and the Community Strategy.

The SYFP Service Delivery outputs can be closely linked with the themes of the Community Strategy:

Learning – eg Production of educational and interpretive materials have been produced for all Rotherham's ancient woodlands.

Achievement – eg Funding is being sought to complete the training of Forest School leaders in Rotherham to level 3.

Alive – eg SYFP is currently collating information and liaising with RMBC tourism service to prepare walk materials as required for the Rotherham Walking Festival.

Safe –eg Grant offers made for projects in Rotherham valued at £282,838 to facilitate 64 hectares of woodland establishment.

Proud – eg Work has commenced on developing a robust landscape assessment criteria system for use in assessing LDF land allocations.

Fairness – eg The “City Woods- Green Exercise and Promoting Diversity” bid which will give particular encouragement to sectors of the community who are under represented in their use of the countryside. Path upgrading works at Canklow Wood have been carried out to provide wheelchair access.

Sustainable Development

The SYFP work contributes strongly to sustainability objectives eg through its role in leading and coordinating the South Yorkshire Biomass Group.

Equalities and Diversity

Work areas given include schemes that promote equalities and Diversity such as the “City Woods- Green Exercise and Promoting Diversity” bid which will give particular encouragement to sectors of the community who are under represented in their use of the countryside. Other examples include path improvements at Canklow Wood to provide wheelchair access.

Regeneration

The SYFP will make a significant contribution to the regeneration priorities of the Council

- It works to help transform the image of Rotherham and address the negative views both within and outside of the Borough (eg grant funded woodland establishment schemes in Rotherham completed during 2006 are valued at £150,3722. Sites include Kiveton Park Colliery, Kiveton Landfill, Annes Wood, and Corus embankment).
- SYFP works to provide an excellent and sustainable environment for businesses by seeking to improve the environment that should help to attract business start-ups and foster continued long-term business

growth (eg woodland establishment includes 40 hectares of woodland at Brookfield Park).

- It will help provide sustainable neighbourhoods by working to produce a good environment.

Health

The SYFP can influence a major cause of premature death through helping reduce death rates from coronary heart disease by promoting accessible green space on people's doorsteps.

Protecting vulnerable people:

Improving the life chances of vulnerable children and young people - 33 Rotherham events were included in the Forest Fever Programme such as "Sure Start Gala", and "Pick and Mix Family Fun Days".

11. Background Papers and Consultation

South Yorkshire Forest Plan (2002) South Yorkshire Forest Partnership, Estate Office, Thorncliffe Park, Chapeltown, Sheffield S35 2PH.

South Yorkshire Forest Partnership report to EDS Delegated Powers dated 3rd April 2006.

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Appendix 1 South Yorkshire Forest Partnership Service Delivery 2006/07 Progress Report

Work Area	Output	Progress (to October 2006)
<u>Contribution towards the preparation of the Local Development Framework (LDF).</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="475 383 850 562">• Attend and contribute to LDF front loaders participation meetings. <li data-bbox="475 595 850 741">• Attend and contribute to Sustainability Appraisal Panel. <li data-bbox="475 775 850 920">• Advise Forward Planning on renewable energy policies. <li data-bbox="475 954 850 1323">• Prepare paper guiding and making recommendations for translation of Green Infrastructure, Forestry & South Yorkshire Forest related policies from RSS into draft LDF. <li data-bbox="475 1357 850 1592">• Develop a robust landscape assessment criteria system (tool) for use in assessing LDF land allocations. <li data-bbox="475 1626 850 1995">• Provide training to RMBC staff to ensure consistent use of land allocation landscape assessment tool, and to ensure consistency with emerging RSS policies 	<p data-bbox="874 383 1340 450">Attended and contributed as required. Ongoing</p> <p data-bbox="874 629 1340 696">Attended and contributed as required. Ongoing</p> <p data-bbox="874 775 1340 808">To be completed.</p> <p data-bbox="874 954 1340 1099">To be completed – aim to prepare paper and seek introductory meeting by February 2007.</p> <p data-bbox="874 1402 1340 1547">Preparatory meetings held. LDF land allocation assessment criteria being prepared (November 2006).</p> <p data-bbox="874 1659 1340 1771">Training to be arranged (winter 2006/07) once the landscape analysis tool is completed</p>

<p><u>LDF Performance Indicators</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist where appropriate in the preparation of a full Landscape Character Assessment of the Borough for use in planning (for the ongoing LDF production and determination of planning applications), and by other relevant Council Services. 	<p>Brief will be written and agreed outlining process for full landscape assessment, potentially for 2007/08, with proposals to manage and deliver the assessment process.</p>
<p><u>LDF evidence base and biodiversity policy development</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply Forward Planning with the Performance Indicator on the percentage woodland cover present in the borough for the LDF Annual Monitoring Report 	<p>Received</p>
<p><u>Regional Spatial Strategy</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research & prepare paper to outline opportunities (including new funding) for delivering the conservation and promotion of geological interests in line with national planning policy. Respond to RSS consultations. Prepare further written statements for Examination in Public (EiP) 	<p>To be researched and completed by February 2007</p> <p>Completed. Initial response sent to GOYH 11th April 2006.</p> <p>Completed. Written statement submitted for matters 1B, 2B & 5D of the Examination in Public</p>

<p><u>Urban regeneration</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make direct representation at the EiP. • Develop and disseminate interim research findings from the 'Creating a Setting for Investment', - Europe-wide research and demonstration programme into the role that high-quality environments play in delivering successful land regeneration. Run a major international conference and a region-wide seminar to promote the programme. • Prepare contracts to award funding (to RMBC) from the Creating a Setting for Investment project (to contribute toward the cost of regeneration and site establishment at Brookfields park (£150,000) and for the "Rotherham Gateways" /Town 	<p>Completed. Appeared at the EiP on 16th September & 11th October 2006.</p> <p>SYFP hosted the successful international conference 'making places profitable' on 19-20 September 2006 as part of the creating a setting for investment (CSI) project. Many delegates attended the event, with keynote speeches being provided by experts from UK, Europe and beyond, including Sir Bob Kerslake (Sheffield CC), Richard Simmons (CABE), Anne Power (LSE) and Gideon Amos (TCPA). The partners in the CSI project took this opportunity to publicise and promote the environmental improvements being achieved throughout our region and including in the Rotherham area. Several Rotherham MBC officers took advantage of free places to attend the conference. Following from a regional seminar held during February 2006, which attracted more than 50 representatives in the economic and environmental regeneration a further seminar is planned for February 2007. Feedback about both events was excellent.</p> <p>Brookfield Park – draft contacts prepared – final version ready to go on confirmation of other funding (from Yorkshire Forward, which still has not been received by RMBC). A revised time schedule of works to take the delays into account. Rotherham Gateways – contracts likely to be prepared December/January on completion of the detailed design for Meadowbank Road.</p>
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<p><u>Woodland Planting</u></p>	<p>centre Renaissance at Meadowbank Road (£85,000)).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit Big Lottery application for Living Landmarks programme for Housing Market Renewal/Neighborhood regeneration/street scene improvement project and work with the Big Lottery assessors during the long listing stage of submission. • Prepare an outline action plan to continue the work delivered by the Objective 1 Forestry Resources Grant (FRG) so as to extend its work in Rotherham beyond 2008. Employ/second project officer to develop opportunities and actively explore the potential for a RMBC staff secondment. • Deliver £150,000 from SYFP managed FRG woodland establishment schemes in Rotherham. 	<p>Completed – Application submitted including substantial potential benefits for Rotherham. Housing market renewal areas, Rotherham Corridors & Gateways & Street Force programmes incorporated, in addition to the potential of significant work on gateway sites being delivered by RMBC Open Spaces. Submission long listed and subject to 2 day review in June 2006. SYFP led the review process. Unfortunately the submission was not short listed for further development.</p> <p>Secondment opportunity extended to RMBC staff in summer 2006. No individual or department within RMBC expressed substantive interest in benefiting from the opportunity. A contractor/seconded from elsewhere is likely to begin work in November/December 2006. Interim action plan to be prepared by end march 2007, with development work during 2007/08.</p> <p>FRG funded woodland establishment schemes in Rotherham completed during 2006 to date are valued at £153,722.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiveton Park colliery • Kiveton landfill • Annes wood • Corus embankment <p>These have delivered 12.25</p>
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<p><u>Data collection</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare contracts to award £280,000 towards 76 hectares of land restoration and woodland establishment in Rotherham from the FRG programme. • Administer & promote the 'gift that grows' scheme including a planting site in Rotherham. Aim to plant 150 dedicated trees and run one community-planting event. • Supply data from the woodlands database and brown field database to RMBC as needed/requested. 	<p>hectares of new woodland and during the financial year have actually received £57,413.</p> <p>Further SYFP funded woodland establishment schemes will be delivered during winter 2006/07, including parts of those listed in the next section (contract preparation). This is likely to amount to at least a further 41.1 ha at Silverwood & Thurcroft collieries.</p> <p>With additional actual expenditure of at least £171,800 during the reporting year.</p> <p>FRG contracts have been prepared and grant offers made for projects in Rotherham valued at £282,838 to facilitate 64 hectares of woodland establishment. This includes a £180,000 grant award to establish 40 hectares of woodland at Brookfield Park complimenting an additional £150,000 from the Creating a setting for investment project (mentioned above) bringing the total SYFP resources brought into Brookfield park to £330,000.</p> <p>A 'gift that grows' personally dedicated tree planting site is being planned into the Silverwood Colliery restoration. Currently in receipt of donations sufficient to plant 66 trees.</p> <p>SYFP Officer will investigate in what form the data would be most useful.</p>
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<p><u>Sustainability</u> <u>– wood fuel</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-ordinate the South Yorkshire biomass group and provide support and services and access to information on grant funding opportunities to council staff and others in Rotherham. Promote and support biomass projects within area. 	<p>SYFP leads & co-ordinates the South Yorkshire biomass group that provides a forum to disseminate and discuss important woodfuel related information and to which Rotherham MBC has taken and continues to take, an active part. SYFP's Wood Energy co-ordinator has been working with Energy and Property managers for over 4 years looking at a variety of sites & locations for biomass boilers. Presentations have been given to the councils Sustainability Committee as well as the District Heating Group. Recently (29/09/06) RMBC officers & Cabinet member met with SYFP team members to identify RMBC's first biomass project, which it is hoped will progress in 2007. Additional funding from Yorkshire Forward to support wood fuel developments in Rotherham has been sought and continues to be sought by the Wood Energy Co-ordinator in conjunction with RMBC officers.</p> <p>Consultations were held with RMBC energy services officers and Magna Center management regarding the adoption of large scale biomass boilers to heat the visitor attraction which have had to be postponed due to current state aid rules.</p> <p>A location for a large-scale wood pellet manufacturing facility is being investigated, with a Rotherham site as a preference due to its central location. Recent discussions have been taking place with, amongst others, Ron Hull Ltd of Rawmarsh & Future Energy Yorkshire.</p>
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<p><u>Education</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate the establishment of a wood fuel storage depot in Rotherham. Provide funding for capital equipment at that location from the South Yorkshire woodfuel pathfinder 2 programme. • Support the continuing education and interpretation work around Canklow Wood, running events in Oakwood secondary school. Deliver funding, via the 'Fuelling a revolution' programme, to establish a major interpretative trail at Canklow Wood. • Update and add to dedicated educational materials for 10 woodlands in Rotherham, including uploading new accessible curriculum based information making them electronically available via the internet. • Secure and make available funding and co-ordinate a joint educational promotional programme (with RMBC & Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust to promote 	<p>Locations near Thorpe Hesley and Treeton have been investigated regarding suitability for a wood fuel storage depot which will secure local woodchip supply for any future Rotherham based wood fuel boiler installations in the area.</p> <p>Heritage trail interpretive markers now in place in Canklow Wood and the paths upgraded to provide wheelchair access. Completed series of interpretive leaflets (16 in all) on Rotherham's ancient woodlands now complete. Series of talks to schools e.g. assemblies at Oakwood and to staff.</p> <p>Educational and interpretive materials have been produced for all of Rotherham's ancient woodlands. All of these, together with a huge collection of specially produced teachers resources and the leaflets produced by Rotherham, are now available on the website www.heritagewoodsonline.co.uk</p> <p>This project to support a group of schools in using the specially produced resources to deliver environmental education has been delivered in partnership with the Wildlife Trust. A report and evaluation is available. Funding is currently being sought to complete the training of Forest</p>
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	<p>and disseminate educational materials to (6) schools in Rotherham and to support Forest Schools Leaders at Clifton Comprehensive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put together and submit a funding bid to prepare interpretation and education packs, in conjunction with RMBC & Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust. 	<p>School leaders in Rotherham to level 3.</p> <p>This project is in support of the Friends of Herringthorpe Valley Park and is currently in the planning stages. We hope to put in a lottery bid to support the educational and interpretive elements of their work.</p>
<p><u>Green exercise</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit bid for 'City Woods - Green Exercise and Promoting Diversity' to form part of a national Forestry Commission Big Lottery Well Being submission. The project will aim to promote the health outcomes of outdoor exercise in woodlands, targeting people from ethnic minority communities in Rotherham and Sheffield (If successful the value of the proposal in Rotherham will be £75,000) 	<p>'City Woods' bid formulated and due for submission to the Big Lottery's Well being programme in November 2006 (as part of a larger national 'active woods' programme, through Natural England).</p>
<p><u>Community involvement & engagement (events & activities)</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include 32 events in Rotherham in the Forest Fever promotional programme & attend local shows 	<p>Completed – 33 Rotherham events were included in the Forest Fever programme, including the "Kilnhurst Ings Amble" organized by Rotherham Green Spaces (07/09/06), "Sure</p>

	<p>(to raise awareness of environmental regeneration).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on at least three walks of different interest / location for the Walking Festival in July 2007. Walk leaders, route information and risk assessment will be provided. Information to be agreed with the Tourism Service by November 2006 	<p>Start Gala”, Coronation Park organized by Sure Start & Rotherham Green Spaces (22/07/06), “Pick & Mix Family Fun Days” at Thrybergh Country Park organized by Rotherham Green Spaces (25/07/06 – 29/08/06) and “Who’s Pulling the Strings?” Kite making in Thrybergh Country Park organized by Rotherham Green Spaces (23/07/06)</p> <p>Currently collating information and liaising with RMBC tourism service to prepare walk materials as required.</p>
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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Economic Regeneration and Development Services Matters
2.	Date:	22nd January 2007
3.	Title:	Proposed provision of a designated disabled parking place on Brook Hill, Thorpe Hesley – Further consultation (WARD 8)
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

Result of the further consultation requested by Members following a deferred decision on the report presented on 18th December 2006: “objections to proposed provision of a designated disabled parking place on Brook Hill, Thorpe Hesley”.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member resolves that:

- a) **The objections are not acceded to**
- b) **The lead petitioner be informed of the decision**
- c) **The Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order, and that the Order be implemented**

7. Proposals and Details

The Council has proposed to provide a designated Disabled Person's Parking Place on Brook Hill, Thorpe Hesley for the resident of Number 38. The advertisement of the proposal resulted in the receipt of objections from some of the residents in the local vicinity (No 26-32). No objection was received from either of the properties that are most likely to be affected, Number 34 and the shop. Following a report to Members on 18th December 2006, a decision on the proposal was deferred pending a site visit. As a result of the visit Members requested confirmation that the occupants of the shop (Number 36) and Number 34 understand the proposal and do not object to it and report this to the next Economic Regeneration and Development Services Matters meeting.

Consultation with the tenants of the shop has confirmed that they do not object to the proposal. The resident of number 34 has indicated that she did write and object to this proposal during the consultation period. However, Legal Services have confirmed that there is no record of receiving this. After discussing the proposal with her she understood the reasons for providing the parking place but expressed concerns about the knock-on effect of the reduction in on-street parking. She indicated that there is already insufficient space to accommodate residents' and visitor's vehicles which, as was explained, is one of the reasons why a designated parking place is required.

Therefore, it is recommended that the objections are not acceded to on the grounds laid out in the previous report and that the provision of the parking place be implemented.

8. Finance

The proposed changes will be funded from revenue budgets.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

A delay or failure to provide the designated parking place will continue to impede the disabled driver's accessibility to his home.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The proposals are in line with the Council's priorities, particularly the Rotherham Safe agenda.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

-**January 2007** – Site visit and consultation with shop and number 34

-**18th December 2006** – Members Report – deferred pending site visit

-**October/November 2006** - Consulted Local Ward Members (Cllrs Barron, Kaye & Walker) for comments on petition. (No comments received)

-September/October 2006 – Public consultation (1 objection and 6 signature petition received)

-July 2006 - Statutory consultation with Local Ward Members (Ward 8) and PE12(emergency services etc).

-June 2006 - Consultation with South Yorkshire Police

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