

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Venue:** Training Room, 3rd Floor, **Date:** Monday, 1st June, 2009  
Bailey House,  
Rawmarsh Road,  
ROTHERHAM.

**Time: 10.30 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 Part I (as amended March 2006) of Schedule 12A to 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 Regeneration and Development Services held as follows:-
  - 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.
  - 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.

For signature by the Cabinet Member.
4. Minutes of a meeting of the Local Development Framework Members' Steering Group held on 24th April, 2009. (copy attached) (Pages 1 - 3)
  - to note progress and emerging issues.
5. Minutes of a meeting of the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel held on 24th April, 2009. (copy attached) (Pages 4 - 8)
  - to receive the minutes.
6. Minutes of a meeting of the Clifton Park Restoration Project Board held on 1st May, 2009. (copy attached) (Pages 9 - 12)
  - to note progress.
7. Minutes of a meeting of the Play Pathfinder Project Board held on 1st May, 2009. (copy attached) (Pages 13 - 15)
  - to note progress.
8. Conferences/Seminars. (report attached) (Page 16)

9. Representation on Outside Bodies/Memberships of Panels/Sub-groups etc Municipal Year 2009-2010. (report attached) (Pages 17 - 22)
  - to consider appointments and memberships.
  
10. Flood Risk Catchment wide working and MARE project. (report attached) (Pages 23 - 27)  
Greg Lindley, Partnership Implementation Officer, to report.
  - to present and update on the MARE project Don Catchment Action Alliance.
  
11. Proposed Accessibility Improvements - Flanderwell Lane, Sunnyside. (report attached) (Pages 28 - 35)  
Tom Finnegan-Smith, Senior Engineer, to report.
  - to consider proposed measures to improve accessibility and road safety on Flanderwell Lane, Sunnyside.
  
12. A633 Sandygate, Wath - Ward 19 - Proposed Footway Improvements. (report attached) (Pages 36 - 38)  
Nigel Davey, Engineer, to report.
  - to consider a proposal to widen the existing footway on Sandygate Wath, outside Wath Comprehensive School.

**ROTHERHAM LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK STEERING GROUP  
Friday, 24th April, 2009**

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Austen, Dodson, Jack, McNeely, Pickering, Sharman and Wyatt.

together with:-

Dave Edwards	Area and Environmental Planning Team Leader
Helen Sleight	Senior Planner
Ryan Shepherd	Senior Planner
Ken Macdonald	Solicitor, Legal Services
Hayley Armitage	Student, Rawmarsh Community School – work placement
Gordon Smith	Quality and Design Co-ordinator
Bronwen Peace	Planning Manager

**71. INTRODUCTIONS/APOLOGIES**

Ken Macdonald, Solicitor, introduced Hayley Armitage, student from Rawmarsh Community School on work placement.

Apologies were received from the following:-

Councillor S. Walker	
Councillor G. Whelbourn	
Neil Finney	Technical Assistant
Andrew McGarrigle	Project Officer
Steve Turnbull	Head of Public Health

**72. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 20TH MARCH, 2009**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.

Resolved:- That the minutes be agreed as a correct record.

**73. MATTERS ARISING**

Re: Minute No. 68 – Consultation Framework for the LDF Core Strategy Revised Options

Helen Sleight, Senior Planner, confirmed that the Ramblers' Association

was included on the data base.

#### 74. CORE STRATEGY REVISED OPTIONS CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Consideration was given to a report, presented by David Edwards, Area & Environmental Planning Team Leader, detailing the contents of the above Consultation Document.

Fuller explanation was given of the following:-

- the 3 revised core strategy options being put forward to be consulted upon:-
  - (i) Option 1 – Urban extensions and more principal towns
  - (ii) Option 2 – Development in public transport corridors
  - (iii) Option 3 – Dispersed development
- the changes and revisions made to the original proposals arising from increases in Rotherham's housing requirement in the Regional Spatial Strategy, the achievement of Growth Point Status, and changes to Planning Policy Guidance
- consultation arrangements and further preparation stages

It was pointed out that it was crucial that the preparation of LDF Documents takes account of Government Guidance in Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Development Frameworks and was in accordance with the 2008 Regulations. It was explained that such considerations, together with matters such as conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy, taking account of the Community Strategy and carrying out consultations in line with the principles of engagement set out in the Statement of Community Involvement, contribute to the tests of "soundness" applied by the Inspector during the later Public Examination stage.

It was also explained that the Sustainability Appraisal would be consulted upon at the same time. Reference to the Sustainability Appraisal document was highlighted throughout the Core Strategy Revised Options Consultation document. It was noted that this document would form part of the evidence base given its key influence on Core Strategy preparation to support the Local Development Framework.

Members present raised and discussed the following issues:-

- Consultation arrangements with the Area Assemblies, and with Ward Councillors
- The complex and technical nature of the content, noting that the Core Strategy is concerned with strategic policies
- language/jargon – noting that these are used by the Government

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- strategic vs. local relevance
- meaningfulness of the document to members of the public
- how the housing figures had been arrived at
- housing densities in relation to meeting the housing target/types of housing
- definition of a transport corridor
- cost and length of this process
- how useful would the consultation be?
- how real were the proposed Options?
- target audience and anticipated opposition
- value of small areas of urban greenspace to local communities
- expansion to the East of the Borough and impact on neighbouring local authority
- involvement of the Ward Councillors

The Solicitor stressed that this was the pre-submission consultation stage which required a 6 weeks period to consult the public (although 8 weeks is being proposed) and responses would inform what would become the Proposed Submission Document and subsequent Submission Document for examination in public. It was stressed that the public had to be informed that at this stage the consultation was about this strategic policy and would not be about allocating sites.

Resolved:- (1) That the Core Strategy Revised Options, as now presented, be approved insofar as the Local Development Framework Steering Group is concerned, and be used at the basis for consultation in line with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Amendment Regulations 2008.

(2) That the report be presented to the Cabinet on 29 April, 2009, for formal approval of the consultation.

**75. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Helen Sleight, Senior Planner, reported that Andy Duncan's wife had given birth to a daughter, Matilda.

**76. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Local Development Framework Members' Steering Group be held on FRIDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2009 at 10 a.m. – Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham.

**HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY PANEL  
 FRIDAY, 24TH APRIL, 2009**

Present:- Councillor R. S. Russell (in the Chair); Councillors Smith and Wootton. and Mrs. J. Adams (NUT), Mr. C. Booth (GMB); Mrs. S. D. Brook (NASUWT), Mr. J. W. Clay (ATL), Mr. K. Moore (UNITE) and Mr. P. Waterworth (UNISON)

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor B. Dodson	
Councillor Ann Russell	The Mayor
Councillor J. Swift	
Councillor S. Walker	
Councillor G. Whelbourn	
Mrs. C. Maleham	UNISON
Mr. M. Eyre	

**21. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 16TH JANUARY, 2009**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel, held on 16th January, 2009, be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

**22. MATTERS ARISING**

The following matters were raised:-

(1) Visits of Inspection

Concern was expressed by the Trades Unions about the lack of Councillors on the visits of inspection.

It was confirmed that the Elected Members each had substitutes if they could not attend.

Resolved:- That the Scrutiny Panels be reminded to appoint both a representative, and a substitute, to this Panel.

(2) EXPO – 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2009

The Principal Health and Safety Officer urged everyone to let him know who was going to the Expo so that an appropriately sized bus and pre-registration could be arranged.

(3) Wath Victoria Junior and Infant School

Reference was made to the lack of an access door and doors on each toilet cubicle.

It was reported that this had not yet been followed up but an audit had been carried out.

(4) Ravenfield Primary School

It was confirmed that all the checks had now been done and channels cleaned out. Staff had also been briefed.

(5) Fire exit signs

An explanation was given of the three types of signs, and it was confirmed that there was no requirement for the signs to be lit at all times.

**23. STATISTICS OF ACCIDENTS, INJURIES AND INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE TO EMPLOYEES**

The Principal Health and Safety Officer introduced the coloured graphs which illustrated the following:-

(i) Incident totals for RMBC Employees - January 2008 to March 2009 – including a breakdown for Children and Young Peoples' Services, Neighbourhood and Adult Services, Economic and Development Services, Corporate (including RBT) and Finance

(ii) Violence to RMBC staff January 2008 to March 2009

(iii) Incidents involving members of the public, pupils/work placements/schemes and other – January 2008 to March 2009

It was pointed out that overall the statistics were improving with a 10% reduction in total for 2008.

The key point for the Council was the number of manual handling, slips, trips and falls and the associated training issues.

Resolved:- That the statistical information be noted.

**24. HEALTH AND SAFETY BULLETIN**

Consideration was given to the Health and Safety Bulletin, containing recent articles and reports of legal cases relating to health and safety.

The following were highlighted:-

(i) Matters of Interest from the HSE

- New Law poster:- it was stressed that these would be available from the Council rather than from private companies, and that old posters must be replaced by 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.

It was confirmed that the Principal Health and Safety Office would email all schools.

- Gas testing on properties: this related to private landlords protection of the public
- Campaign targeting construction sites – HSE visits included Rotherham. There had not yet been any feedback
- HSE new website to prevent work-related stress:- noting the Council was visited 18 months ago, and a re-visit took place in March. The overall view was that the HSE was happy with the improvements made. It was noted that the HSE intended to also visit the Trades unions, with a possible return visit in 12 months time.
- HSE warns of the need for adequate supervision and planning on trips: it was emphasised that each trip required a specific risk assessment related to the specific activity.

Resolved:- (1) That the Principal Health and Safety Officer email all schools, and would check that the generic risk assessment is up to date.

(2) That the Principal Health and Safety Officer and the Senior Health and Safety Officer look at whether an e-learning package could be developed for teachers on risk assessment.

(ii) Myths of the Month

- Falls from height shatter lives: Bridgend company fined after worker seriously injured
- Company fined after serious accident at work
- King's Lynn company and director prosecuted for failing to protect employee
- Uxbridge construction company fined £15,000 for unlicensed removal of asbestos at Hackney site
- Sleaford garage prosecuted after work experience student suffers burns
- Council fined after man suffers severe burns
- Construction company fined by court and warned by HSE

(iii) Recent Court Cases

- Council fined following death of waste collector
- Rebuttal Letter from HSE to Daily Mail newspaper

Resolved:- That the Principal Health and Safety Officer distribute copies



of the bulletin throughout the Authority and also publish the bulletin on the Council's Intranet web site.

**25. HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY - OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND PROCEDURES**

Consideration was given to an overview of some of the incidents that occurred since the last meeting of the Panel.

The following incidents were noted:-

13<sup>th</sup> March – attendance of the Emergency and Safety Team at a fatal serious road traffic accident

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Winterhill Comprehensive School BMX incident

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Swinton Comprehensive School incident of vandalism

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

**26. REPORTS ON VISITS OF INSPECTION HELD ON 20TH MARCH, 2009**

Consideration was given to matters arising from the visits of inspection made by the Panel on Friday, 20th March, 2009.

The report included the responses provided by Service Areas to the various issues raised at the inspections.

Particular reference was made to:-

- (a) Thorpe Hesley Infants School – retaining wall with open joints. It was confirmed that the cheapest option was to put foam inserts into the holes
- (b) Clifton Park Museum – fire procedure: Concern was expressed that a fire door was being propped open and that staff had been told that this was acceptable. There was also concern that the staff did not know the whereabouts of the Fire Log Book. It was confirmed that the Building Manager would be asked to include these issues in the next monthly check, with a possible fire evacuation drill.
- (c) Street Cleansing Depot (adjacent Crinoline House):- the Senior Building Manager agreed to examine the situation and report back to the Panel. It was, however, reported that it was planned that within the next 12 months this facility would be relocated.
- (d) Aston Lodge Junior and Infant School:- concern was expressed that screw caps were missing causing a trap for food and possible injury to hands.
- (e) Aston Fence - the main purpose of this visit had been to see the

interaction of the school and the construction site – noting that this was being well managed.

- (f) Bramley Depot:- it was considered that this needed a thorough clean and tidy, so that walkways could be kept clear.

## 27. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following issues were raised:-

- (i) Visits of inspection to the new leisure facilities

The question was asked whether this Panel had any jurisdiction to visit the new premises.

It was thought that the same arrangement would apply as with the PFI schools.

Resolved:- That the Director of Culture and Leisure Services be asked to check this with DC Leisure.

- (ii) Car Parking issues at Reresby House:- It was reported that the HSE Inspector had highlighted the issue of double parking affecting access and that it had been discussed at the user group meeting. As a result car parking places had been allocated on the basis of the number of people working there.

- (iii) Provision of protective clothing:- the provision of kitchen whites and hats; hard hats and high viz jackets/vests etc was discussed.

Resolved:- That the Principal Health and Safety Officer would ensure an appropriate range of protective clothing was available on the visits of inspection.

- (iv) CRB checks:- the question was raised as to whether Members of the Panel needed these checks before visiting schools. It was confirmed that these were not necessary as Members of the Panel would not be dealing one to one with children in unsupervised areas.

Resolved:- That the Principal Health and Safety Officer would provide the relevant information to Members of the Panel.

**CLIFTON PARK RESTORATION PROJECT BOARD**  
**Friday, 1st May, 2009**

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Ali, McNeely and Wootton.

Also in attendance:-

together with:-

Elaine Humphries	Friends of Clifton Park
Joyce Miller	Friends of Clifton Park
Nick Barnes	Principal Project Officer
Peter Cunningham	Development Officer Play
Andy Lee	Operations Manager
Alistair Farr	Clifton Park Manager
David Burton	Consultant Project Manager
Phil Rogers	Director of Culture & Leisure Services
Councillor J. Swift	Chair, Rother Valley West Area Assembly

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor J. Falvey	
Councillor S. Walker	
Councillor S. Wright	
Phil Gill	Greenspaces Manager
Dawn Roebuck	Senior Accountant

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 28TH JANUARY, 2009**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 were noted.

**3. PROJECT UPDATE**

David Burton, Consultant Project Manager, presented a briefing note in respect of the following issues relating to the Clifton Park Restoration Project:-

(a) Clifton Park

Contract Progress

It was reported that the contract was currently slightly behind programme.

Completion of the Activity Area had now been confirmed as 5<sup>th</sup> June. The main contract completion date remained 14<sup>th</sup> August noting that this timescale was very tight and weather dependent.

Features now being constructed included base concrete and retaining walls for water play areas; kiosk and changing rooms and the canopy roof.

Phil Rogers added that there could be no further slippage as this would impact on the summer holiday play and the Service Area needed to look at activities during half term week.

Members expressed the view that the opportunity should be taken to explain to the public that this year's Rotherham Show would be held in Rosehill Victoria Park, Rawmarsh.

#### Procurement

It was confirmed that everything was now in place.

#### Contract Costs

It was reported that generally the costs were on target. Money was currently being moved from contingencies to actual works and as part of the funding requirement these actions would continue to be reported to the HLF.

The current projected breakdown of costs was detailed in the submitted briefing note. Particular reference was made to the transfer of a sum over to the Play Pathfinder for the Skatepark.

Reference was made to the provision of facilities in the Garden Building for Emergency Planning for which funding had been received via Economic and Development Services.

#### Interpretation

Copies of proposed interpretive panels were circulated at the meeting and each Member of the Project Board would also receive these by email. Similarly proposals for park welcome signs would be completed shortly – these would also be emailed to Members.

#### Management

It was reported that interviews for the post of Horticultural Officer had been scheduled on 15<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May for which 5 excellent candidates had been short-listed.

In addition it was reported that Green Spaces had been awarded funding by the DCLG to assist in the establishment of a horticultural apprenticeship scheme within the park. This scheme would commence in the Autumn. Members present stressed the importance of involving people with learning difficulties in the scheme. It was confirmed that the

scheme would be discussed with the College

#### Amusement Area

Wheatley's had now commenced work to extend their amusement area in line with their new lease and to fit with the development of the surrounding play park.

#### Walled Garden

It was reported that further proposals for using sections of the walled garden were being considered with the ultimate aim of trying to supply the house and museum café.

#### Management

In accordance with the requirements of the HLF grant the Ten Year Management was being revised.

#### (b) Play Park Contract

#### Contract progress

It was reported that UCS Civils Ltd had started on site on 30<sup>th</sup> March, with a revised completion date of 3<sup>rd</sup> July – noting this was a delay of 3 weeks.

#### Procurement

The briefing note set out details of the specialist contractors who had been appointed to deliver the specialist areas, and these would be managed by the principal contractor UCS Civils Ltd.

#### Contract Costs Funding

Reference was made to the DCSF funding and contributory HLF funding.

Re: the Skate Park – Members requested that the involvement of the young people should be acknowledged in some way e.g. a plaque/feature and that they would be involved in the opening ceremony.

#### Management

It was reported that a final meeting had taken place with the specialist sub-contractor dealing with CCTV and all the locations of the cameras had agreed. It was noted that the proposed system would allow remote control by the Police using an internet link.

In addition the Leisure Service Manager was seeking extra funding for the first summer of operation for extra staffing. It was noted that the job

descriptions of the play attendants had been altered to include patrols of the dry and wet areas.

Reference was made to the use of some metal rather than timber in the Dalben tower, and officers were seeking advice on security from other local authorities.

It was agreed:- That the current position be noted.

#### **4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(i) The Chairman, Councillor Smith, announced that this would be the last meeting he would Chair. Due to new Council arrangements a new Cabinet Member portfolio for Culture and Sport would be appointed. However, he confirmed his continued commitment to the Project Board.

Councillor Smith expressed his gratitude to the staff of Culture and Leisure Services for their style of working and dedication to this Project.

Councillor Wootton, on behalf of Ward No. 2 Boston thanked the Chairman for his support for this Project.

##### **(ii) facilities for recycling**

The representatives from the Friends of Clifton Park asked whether there would be recycling facilities to encourage children to recycle cans, bottles etc.

It was agreed: That the Development Play Officer research this suggestion.

##### **(iii) Project Board – composition 2009-2010**

It was noted that both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor elect would continue as members of this Project Board. Councillor Smith also expressed a wish to remain as a member.

##### **(iv) Walkabout**

At the conclusion of the meeting Members of the Project Board went on a walkabout to view the on-going works.

#### **5. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed: That, subject to confirmation, the next meeting of the Project Board, including a walkabout, be held on TUESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2009, at 2.00 p.m. at Clifton Park Museum.

**PLAY PATHFINDER PROJECT BOARD**  
**Friday, 1st May, 2009**

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors  
 The Mayor (Councillor G. A. Russell), Swift, Parker and Whysall.

together with:-

Peter Cunningham	Development Officer Play
Andy Lee	Operations Manager
David Burton	Consultant Project Manager
Phil Rogers	Director of Culture and Leisure Services
Nick Barnes	Principal Project Development Officer

**15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Phil Gill	Greenspaces Manager
Dawn Roebuck	Senior Accountant

**16. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 28TH JANUARY, 2009**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.

**17. MATTERS ARISING**

The following issues were raised:-

- (i) Skipton Road:- a question was asked about the consultation regarding this site.
- (ii) Poynton Road:- the excellent provision at this site was noted.
- (iii) Sites in Rother Valley West Area Assembly:- request for a walkabout  
  
 It was agreed: That Nick Barnes arrange with the Chair of the Area Assembly to do a walkabout.
- (iv) Flanderwell – Fleming Way site: inspection, sign-off and hand-over

Concern was expressed about the unsatisfactory state of this particular site. The specific issues at this site and action take to date were discussed. It was confirmed that cost effective solutions were being sought in discussion with Groundwork Creswell. Reference was

made to the DCSF guidance re: fencing. In relation to the BMX problems it was suggested that external funding could be sought e.g. from Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder. It was suggested that some of the areas could be low fenced with a small gate.

- (v) Woodhall Lane, Harthill:- the seeded area was either mud or dust. Reference was made to further DCSF requirement to have the Phase 1 play area open by 1<sup>st</sup> April which had meant fences being taken down.
- (vi) Treeton: it was reported that the Parish Council had designated their Handyman to check the seeded areas and water if necessary. Also they had liaise with the Police who now locked the area at night.

Those present acknowledged that there were specific issues related to specific sites. The Project Board also acknowledged the involvement of the community in specific sites.

The issue of management and maintenance would be discussed by the Departmental Management Team.

It was pointed out that there were 16 play areas in Phase 2 to be delivered by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. However, the Council was in a much better position and hoped to complete these sites by the end of December 2009 giving a 3 months lee-way period.

## **18. END OF YEAR 1**

Nick Barnes, Principal Project Development Officer, spoke to the submitted report and drew Members' attention to the requirements of the DCSF. It was pointed out that the target of 12 delivered and ready for use was met as well as the target spend.

In addition the DCSF invited a number of local authorities to bid for funding for an additional play area and this was targeted at Greasbrough.

It was noted that there had been a range of minor issues since the play areas were completed e.g. establishment of the grassed areas; some limited vandalism. Actions were underway to address these issues.

Reference was made to the funding sources:- DCSF, Big Lottery Fund Children's Play programme, the Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder and a contribution from Harthill Parish Council.

It was agreed:- That the good news now reported be noted, together with the proposed remedial actions.

## **19. YEAR 2 PROPOSALS**



Nick Barnes, Principal Project Development Officer, spoke to the submitted report which detailed the delivery arrangements for the Year 2 Play Pathfinder programme.

It was pointed out that capital spend had to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010. The Project Board was advised that it was proposed to deliver all area play facilities by December, 2009.

The 16 area play facilities were listed together with the Clifton Play Park and Rotherham Adventure Playground.

It was explained that there had been a change to the sites listed with No. 5 now being Todwick and not Henley Rise. The reasons for the change were explained.

It was reported that Clifton Play Park was scheduled for completion 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

It was explained that the Adventure Playground would be a staffed facility and job descriptions were currently being drafted. In terms of the sustainability of this project it was pointed out that it was important to have "buy-in" from the local community. In the short term Culture and Leisure Services would manage the site. In the longer term a working group would be set up to take this forward.

Reference was made to the funding sources:- DCSF – Play Pathfinder, and the Big Lottery Fund Children's Play programmes.

It was also pointed out that No. 8 in the list – Rosehill Park, Rawmarsh – would be important this year due to Rotherham Show being held in that park.

It was agreed:- That the contents of the report be noted.

**20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no other items raised at the meeting.

**21. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed: That the next meeting of the Play Pathfinder Project Board be held on TUESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2009 at 1 p.m. at Clifton Park Museum.

<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER</b>
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**1. MEETING:- CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION – DELEGATED POWERS**

**2. MEETING DATE:- 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, 2009**

**3. CONFERENCES**

The Cabinet Member is asked to consider attendance at the following:-

Conference – Climate Change and the Environment – Sheffield – 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

To confirm the attendance of Councillor Boyes, the Council's Heritage Champion.

**4. RECOMMENDATION**

**That the attendance at the above be approved.**

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>1st JUNE, 2009</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES/MEMBERSHIP OF PANELS/SUB-GROUPS etc. 2009/2010</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>

**5. Summary**

The Cabinet Member is requested to review the nominations to Outside Bodies and memberships on Panels/Sub-groups for the 2009/2010 Municipal Year.

**6. Recommendation:-**

That the Cabinet Member considers nominations/memberships for 2009/2010.

## **7. Proposals and Details**

A list of outside organisations, and the Council's Sub-groups/Panels etc is attached.

## **8. Finance**

Costs associated with attendance, travel and subsistence.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

Continuation of Council business.

Representation of Rotherham Council on outside bodies.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Appendix A – proposed list of nominations to Outside Bodies & list of memberships of Sub-groups/Panels etc

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**REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE BODIES –  
MUNICIPAL YEAR 2009-2010**

**For determination by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development,  
Planning and Transportation - Councillor Smith**

**CHESTERFIELD CANAL PARTNERSHIP**  
- Councillor Whysall

**CYCLING ENGLAND – CYCLING CHAMPION**  
Councillor Barron

**DEARNE AND DOVE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD**  
Councillor Hodgkiss

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MARKET AUTHORITIES -**  
Councillor Smith

**PLANNING AID COMMUNITY CHAMPION**  
Vice-Chair, Planning Board - Councillor Dodson

**ROTHERHAM ENVIRONMENT FORUM**  
Councillor Smith

**SOUTH YORKSHIRE RURAL PARTNERSHIP**  
Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and  
Transportation

**TRANS-PENNINE TRAIL**  
Councillor Pickering, Chair, Planning Board (Substitute: Councillor Walker)

**YORKSHIRE TOURISM COUNCIL (YTB) WELCOME TO YORKSHIRE**  
Councillor Walker and Joanne Edley, Tourism Manager

**MEMBERSHIP OF PANELS/SUB-GROUPS ETC – 2009-2010 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

**HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY PANEL:-**

Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Transportation -  
Councillor Smith,  
Senior Adviser, Economic Development, Planning and Transportation -  
Councillor Walker  
Cabinet Member for Streetpride, Councillor R. S. Russell (Chair)  
Substitute: Councillor Ali (Senior Adviser)  
Deputy Leader, Councillor Sharman

together with one Member (and a substitute) from each of the Scrutiny Panels as follows:-

Councillor Swift, from Regeneration Scrutiny Panel  
Substitute:- Councillor Gosling

Councillor Dodson, from Democratic Renewal Scrutiny Panel  
Substitute:- to be advised

Councillor G. A. Russell, from Children & Young People's Scrutiny Panel  
Substitute:- to be confirmed

Councillor Wootton, from Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel  
Substitute:- to be confirmed

Councillor P. A. Russell, from Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel  
Substitute:- Councillor Nightingale

and Councillor Whelbourn, Chair of Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee

together with:-

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Hussain  
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Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel - Councillors McNeely and Walker  
Democratic Renewal Scrutiny Panel - Councillor Austen  
Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Panel –to be confirmed  
Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel – to be confirmed

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McNeely and Wootton (Ward 2 Boston Castle)

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Deputy Leader, Councillor Sharman

Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Transportation &

SYITA Representative, (Chair), Councillor Smith

SYITA Representative, Councillor R. S. Russell

And one member from each Ward as follows:-

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Ward 2 –

Wootton/McNeeley

Ward 3 – Littleboy

Ward 4 – Falvey

Ward 5 – Turner

Ward 6 – Austen

Ward 7 – Hodgkiss

Ward 8 – Barron

Ward 9 – Rushforth

Ward 10 – Whelbourn

Ward 11 – Swift

Ward 12 – Dodson

Ward 13 – Sims

Ward 14 – Stone

Ward 15 – Clarke

Ward 16 – Doyle

Ward 17 – Pickering

Ward 18 – Whysall

Ward 19 – Atkin

Ward 20 – McMahon

Ward 21 – Goulty



<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development Services</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>1st June 2009</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Flood Risk Catchment wide working and MARE project</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

### **5. Summary**

This report seeks to update the Cabinet Member on progress and action for the first year. Interreg approved the project in December 2008. An approval letter from the lead partner Dordrecht has been received with the actual Interreg contract expected imminently. Action in this year is covered under the Dordrecht approval letter.

Under the MARE project a Don Catchment Action alliance has been set up and an international review meeting will take place at the end of June 2009 for the Rotherham Renaissance Flood Alleviation Scheme.

### **6. Recommendations**

**That Cabinet Member**

- (1) Note the progress on the first year MARE project plan**
- (2) Approve the appointment of Jacobs for options and risk review work on the MARE project**
- (3) Note the Demonstration review meeting in June 2009 and authorise involvement by Members**

## 7. Proposals and Details

To update the Cabinet Member of the project basis from the last report on 5 January 2009 this is an Interreg (ERDF) supported project focussed on Managing Adaptive Responses to changing water and flood risk. It has joint working in South Yorkshire between Rotherham MBC, Sheffield City Council and Sheffield University (The Pennine Water Group.) The lead European partner is Dordrecht, Holland, with Hanover, Germany and Bergen, Norway (plus a linkage to Seattle in America but not as a project partner.) It covers a range of disciplines and institutions, including high level research into climate change, partnership working and technical groups including climate change work package.

Actions to date include:

- September submission date and eligible start date.
- December approval by Interreg Committee.
- Initiation and partnership building both in UK and with European partners.
- Interreg launch event in March in Holland attended by Steve Smith from RMBC.

Work programmes and agreed ways forward have been set out including the Rotherham and Sheffield Demonstration projects that are both raising the policy dilemma between town centre brownfield regeneration and flood risk. The development of Learning and Action Alliances at local and, particularly, at trans-national level are also key project elements

Two of the major strands of the project aspects are:-

### **(i) Don Catchment Action Alliance (DCAA)**

This is seen as the local part of a series of nested Learning and Action Alliances both in the UK and across the European elements of the project, with an intention to build in trans-national learning and best practice sharing at all discipline levels.

For Rotherham and other local authorities the appropriate level to assess the water management and flood risk issues, and any potential actions that can make the areas more resistant or resilient to flood risk particularly, is to look at a Catchment-wide level. What this means is starting at the headwaters of the Don, Rother and Dearne Rivers and their tributaries and following them to an agreed point where this passes to the next catchment management cell. For us this means the four SY local authorities, Derbyshire County, Peak District, Chesterfield District, NE Derbyshire, Bolsover plus Yorkshire Water, EA and YF and any other organisations with an interest or role in this.

The catchment to the south east of the borough that drains to the Trent basin currently has no similar formal engagement point and so informal contact will continue for this area at present.

A first meeting of the DCAA was held on 31 March and the next meeting is planned for June.

The need to work in partnership was highlighted in the Pitt Review and response and is reflected in the current consultation draft of the Floods and Water Bill. (Note that a separate report is being prepared on this consultation that will be reported to Members shortly.) Rotherham and these other organisations are pursuing this objective in advance of the expressed requirements in the draft bill. A report to the Sustainability Partnership will be prepared in more detail to set out what is being seen as the Objectives and vision of the Don Catchment Action Alliance and Sheffield University are to undertake stakeholder analysis with partners to assist engagement and development/ ownership of the Alliance and its Actions.

Rotherham are currently acting as Chairman and facilitator of the DCAA with a clear intent for this to be an open democratic structure that should build its strength from active involvement of all the partners that are part of its structure and for shared involvement.

A similar grouping already has also met twice at the Yorkshire and Humber level with a focus more on the Learning aspects and best practice and knowledge sharing between agencies.

Already for both these groupings there are quick wins being identified that will demonstrate linkages to corporate objectives and the reality of risks on the ground.

There is a significant amount of work needed to influence and involve the outside organisations (e.g. South Yorkshire and Derbyshire authorities, Yorkshire Water, Environment Agency and Yorkshire Forward) with senior level reporting undertaken to seek sign up to this joint working.

### **(ii) Demonstration projects**

This fits directly with the Rotherham Renaissance Flood Alleviation Scheme project and demonstrates the need to balance between brownfield riverside regeneration aspirations for the town centre and the fact that the main sites lie within the "1 in 100 flood zone 3." This connection to the Rotherham Renaissance aspirations are mirrored in the Sheffield City Centre Nursery Street area and the two projects are viewed together as a Don demonstration.

The connection between Rotherham and Sheffield has developed our joint thinking and Sheffield are also looking at opportunities for the creation of flood compensation areas that can help the City centre regeneration plans. The MARE project is funding a joint review with Sheffield City and Sheffield University. This will inform an international review workshop with our European partners in the last week of June 2009, covering testing and review of the strategic level of decision made as well as the detailed technical solution / options that have been developed.

It is planned that this will be used to test the Rotherham Renaissance Flood Alleviation project as well as strengthen the technical delivery plans for the Phase 2 work. It is planned for Jacobs consultants to be involved in the technical aspects of this review including scheme risk review and options assessment under the existing engagement that was subject to OJEU procurement process already.

The commitment of time resource from Jacobs consultants will be essential to this review process. This will add technical knowledge and expertise to the review task and ensure consistency with previous design solutions and feed in knowledge from the review to the existing technical work.

Around £60,000 of resource is currently to be committed to this and was within the existing contract we have with Jacobs that was subject to OJEU advert and selection process.

Senior Officer/ Member involvement by Sheffield City in the international review event to be held at Kelham Industrial Museum in Sheffield City is planned and an agreement that Rotherham senior Member / Officers should likewise engage in the International review meeting, at a level to be agreed, is sought.

Further international exchange of knowledge and best practice solutions will be seen over the project period. In future years the similar Demonstration review of the other 3 main partner Cities flood risk schemes will be undertaken. The Don UK schemes are the first of these.

It is intended to work in Rotherham Council across all disciplines and Directorates and the first meeting of a Rotherham Living With Water Group held in March 2009 will be expanded over the coming year. This will include a link into the Sustainability Partnership of the LSP.

### **8. Finance**

This has previously been reported in January.

Resources for Rotherham are 500,000 Euros.

This is covered from allocation of RMBC staff resources to the project in kind that then is matched by spend on activity from ERDF on a 50-50 basis.

### **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The nature and scale of the urban renaissance flood defence overall project risks has been presented in previous reports. This piece of work will review the risks.

### **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The risk research and the Flood Alleviation Scheme project supports the aims of:

- Rotherham Community Strategy
- the vision for Rotherham Town Centre (as contained in the 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.

In terms of sustainability, the research into development of resilient solutions to the flood risk of our riverside areas is essential in the light of climate uncertainty.

The Government Office for London, Local and Regional Adaptation Partnership Board have selected the Rotherham scheme for inclusion in a best practice note on climate change adaptations.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Previous report to Cabinet Member 5 January 2009.

Ursula Research papers and MARE bid document – Sheffield University.

Consultation has been undertaken within EDS, in particular with drainage section, and with partners from Sheffield University, Sheffield City Council and Jacobs (RMBC design contractor.)

This supports wider project work on the Urban Renaissance Flood Scheme that continues to be developed through direct consultation with scheme partners and wider consultation with stakeholders, statutory bodies and landowners.

Reports to members will continue as the delivery of the research work progresses.

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**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Regeneration and Development Services Matters</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>1 June 2009</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Proposed Accessibility Improvements. Flanderwell Lane, Sunnyside.</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

**5. Summary**

To inform Cabinet Member of proposed measures to improve accessibility and road safety on Flanderwell Lane, Sunnyside.

**6. Recommendations**

It is recommended Cabinet Member resolve that:

- i) detailed design is undertaken and that the scheme be implemented in the 2009/10 financial year.

## **7. Proposals and Details**

Flanderwell Lane has been identified as a road which segregates local residents, and creates difficulties for the local community when walking to and from local facilities such as shops and local schools.

In order to improve access to facilities and services, introduce a degree of traffic calming and improve road safety it is proposed to introduce measures to give pedestrians and public transport users more priority.

Drawing number 126/17/TT17 displays details of the proposed scheme and a copy of this is attached as Appendix A.

A summary of the scheme is outlined below.

A new zebra crossing on a raised plateau is proposed between Sycamore Avenue and Rosedale Way to assist local residents and students walking to Bramley Sunnyside Infant School and Wickersley Comprehensive School to cross the road. A pedestrian and vehicle survey has been undertaken; this confirmed that the council's criteria for consideration of a controlled crossing has been met.

A crossing point consisting of dropped kerbs and tactile paving is proposed near The Crescent West/ Flanderwell Lane junction.

A new refuge is proposed at the south eastern end of Flanderwell Lane. Another refuge is proposed near the Sunnyside Club and play area towards the north western end of Flanderwell Lane to assist pedestrians crossing.

The corner of the St Johns Avenue junction is to be tightened on the north western side to provide improved crossing opportunities and enable the provision of a refuge on Flanderwell Lane near this junction. The current island located in the junction mouth of St Johns Avenue will be widened by 2m in an easterly direction to improve crossing opportunities.

It is proposed to remove two sub standard refuges near the junctions of Mekyll Close and Sorrell Road and replace these with refuges that meet current standards.

All bus stops within the scheme will be upgraded with the introduction of higher kerbs to improve bus access, bus stop clearway markings will also be painted on the carriageway. It is proposed to replace the existing brick bus shelter on the south side of Flanderwell Lane near Sycamore Avenue with a modern glass shelter. It is also proposed to renew the existing school and hump warning signs located to the east of Bramley Sunnyside Infant and Junior School.

## **8. Finance**

This scheme is estimated to cost £80 000 and the scheme has been included in the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Capital Programme 2009/10.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

Upon implementation, consultees who have raised concerns regarding the scheme may continue to raise their concerns.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

This scheme will improve sustainable access for local residents to facilities and services along Flanderwell Lane, such as shops and local schools. It will also improve access to bus stops for public transport users and assist in reducing traffic speed. This is in line with the Accessibility Planning shared priority within the Local Transport Plan. The scheme will also encourage students to walk to school which is in line with Bramley Sunnyside Infant and Junior School and Wickersley Comprehensive School travel plans.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Statutory Consultations with South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, South Yorkshire Metropolitan Ambulance and Paramedic Service, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, Local Ward Members, Bramley Parish Council, and Dalton Parish Council was initially undertaken. Public consultation was then undertaken with local residents, schools and businesses fronting the scheme.

During the statutory consultation process we received support from South Yorkshire Police. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue had no objections to the proposed scheme. No comments were received from South Yorkshire Metropolitan Ambulance and Paramedic Service, Local Ward Members or Dalton Parish Council. Bramley Parish Council expressed concerns about the consultation process.

We received a number of concerns from First Group, regarding the narrowing of the St Johns Avenue/ Flanderwell Lane junction, stating that this will cause difficulties for buses undertaking the left turn into St Johns Avenue. We also received an objection to the scheme from Powells Bus Company. Powells have objected to the raised zebra crossing, stating that humps are not effective at slowing vehicles and cause a number complaints regarding discomfort, from bus drivers and passengers. They also object to the narrowing of the St Johns Avenue/ Flanderwell Lane junction for the same reasons as First Group and object to the introduction of pedestrian refuges. Powells state that this feature will create a hazard for pedestrians waiting to cross as buses will travel close to the kerb.

Our responses to these concerns are attached as Appendix B.

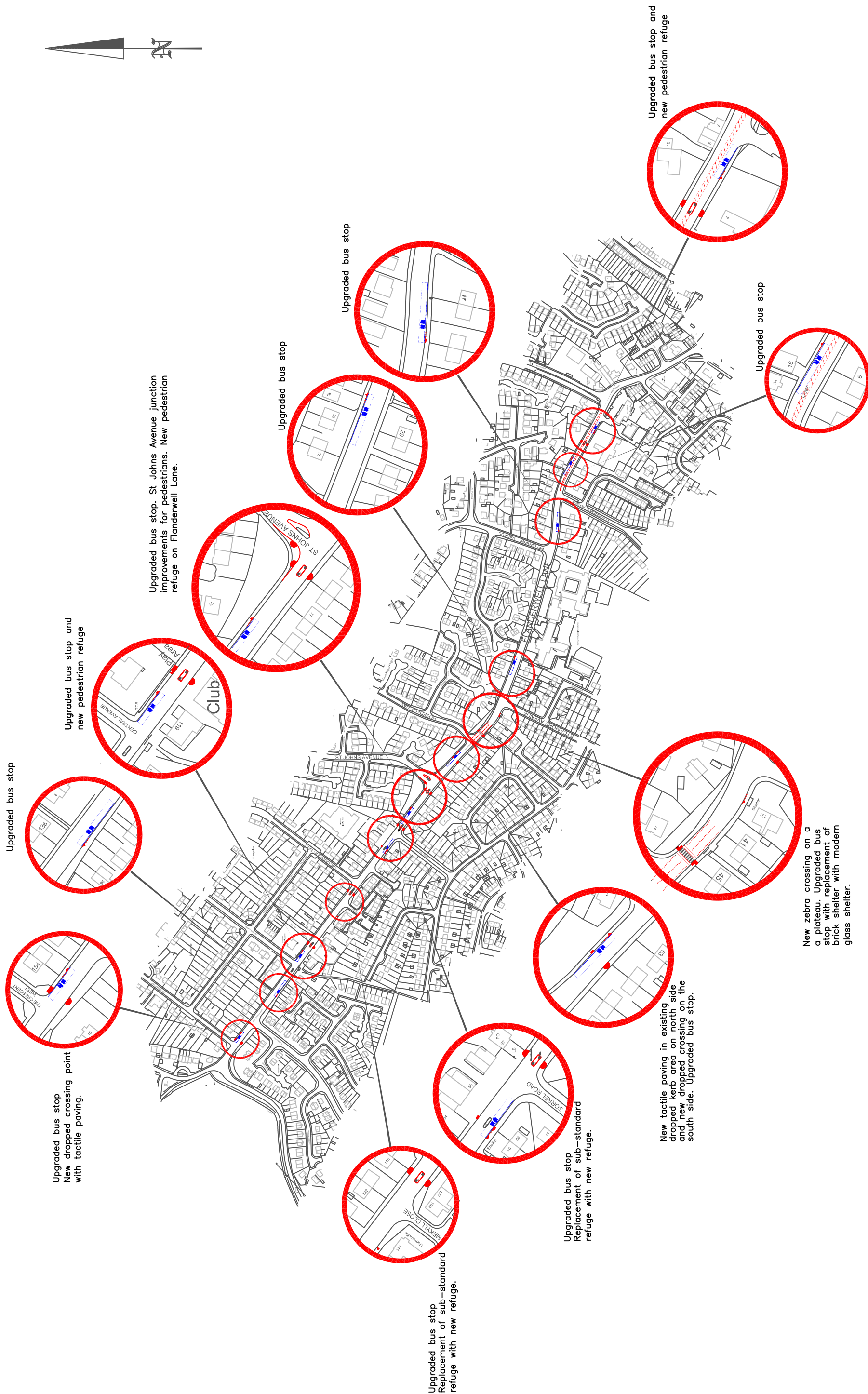
During the public consultation process all frontages along Flanderwell Lane including local residents, businesses and schools were consulted. Seven responses were received. Three respondents raised concerns about certain aspects of the scheme, one respondent objected to the introduction of a zebra





crossing, two respondents have requested some additions to the proposed scheme, one respondent commended the scheme.

Our responses to these comments are attached as Appendix C

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Appendix B

Regarding the narrowing of the St Johns Avenue junction, bus movements have been tracked to ensure these vehicles can undertake manoeuvres. However before any of the proposed works in the highway are undertaken it is recommended that the new kerb line should be marked, or coned out on the carriageway, and bus operators invited to test that they can undertake this turn. This is currently a wide junction and narrowing the mouth of this junction aims to improve crossing opportunities for pedestrians, particularly less able individuals.

It is proposed that the humped zebra crossing would be a 'bus friendly' hump in order to minimise any discomfort to bus drivers or passengers, whilst also improving crossing opportunities for pedestrians. The refuges proposed on Flanderwell Lane would improve crossing opportunities for pedestrians and public transport users to access facilities and services, by providing a two stage crossing opportunity. For the reasons mentioned above it is proposed that these features should be retained.

During statutory consultation we also received strong concerns from Bramley Parish Council about the statutory consultation process, particularly with regards to the timescale to reply to consultation. In line with other statutory consultees Bramley Parish Council were given one month to respond. They felt that the deadline for responding to the consultation letter was unrealistic, and that this was not a sufficient time period to undertake their own consultation and respond. We responded to Bramley Parish Councils concerns; however they were not satisfied with the response, and requested that the Transportation Unit provide feedback received from the consultation process so they can evaluate the findings. As Bramley Parish Council have raised no concerns regarding the proposed scheme and in line with other requests it is recommended that feedback from the consultation process is provided to Bramley Parish Council after the Cabinet Member has made a decision on how the scheme should proceed.

Appendix C

A resident raised concerns about the close proximity of tactile paving to their driveway, stating that this would be overrun. We informed the resident that we would ensure the tactile paving was located in an appropriate position. It is recommended that this informal crossing point should remain.

One respondent raised concerns about the proposed replacement of the old brick shelter near the Sycamore Avenue/ Flanderwell Lane junction with a modern glass shelter, stating that this would be smashed by vandals. It is proposed that the current shelter is upgraded to a glass shelter, in order to provide a safer, well lit shelter for waiting passengers from which buses can be seen. Such shelters are a common feature across South Yorkshire and vandalism is rare although it is accepted that, with intent, the glass can be broken. If this takes place frequently the structure could be replaced with one with polycarbonate panels although these are less aesthetically pleasing.

A resident raised his concerns about speeding on Flanderwell Lane and requested that traffic calming is introduced. Speed surveys have been undertaken on Flanderwell Lane in recent years, and traffic speeds are commensurate with the 30mph limit. The proposed introduction of refuges on Flanderwell Lane, and the introduction of a raised Zebra Crossing will have a traffic calming effect. It is therefore proposed that no further traffic calming features are necessary.

One respondent objected to the proposed zebra crossing for the following reasons:

- the location of the crossing in relation to the junctions of Sycamore Avenue and Rosedale Way is a safety issue.
- the zig-zag markings for the crossing will run across the front of their property, preventing parking outside their dwelling.

The respondent also suggested a more sensible location for a pelican crossing would be nearer the shops or outside the infant school.

The objector stated that should a decision be made to place the crossing where proposed on the plan that they request the removal of the street light outside their property to enable them to widen their drive, and would also be requesting a grant towards providing off road parking, or a reduction in Council Tax as they would be unable to park on the public highway outside their house.

The proposed location of the zebra crossing meets current criteria and would be located on the desire line for residents crossing and students attending Bramley Sunnyside Infant/Junior School and Wickersley Comprehensive School. The introduction of zig-zag markings on the carriageway is required to ensure adequate visibility. However this does mean that on street parking will be removed to the front of five households.

Due to the anticipated safety and accessibility benefits for pedestrians at this location it is recommended that the zebra crossing and zig-zag markings should remain. The request for the removal of street lighting and a grant towards widening the drive or a reduction in council tax, due to the loss of parking on the highway outside their dwelling cannot be acceded to.

Two respondents requested additions to the proposed scheme. The first respondent suggested the current road humps outside Bramley/ Sunnyside Infant and Junior School are ineffective and do not slow vehicles down and requested that the height of the humps should be increased. The respondent also suggested there was speeding traffic on Flanderwell Lane and asked if humps could be provided to the east and west of the current humps on Flanderwell Lane.

As mentioned above the speed of traffic along Flanderwell Lane is commensurate with the 30mph speed limit, the proposals will have a further traffic calming effect, and no further traffic calming features are deemed necessary.

The second respondent requested that the refuge situated between 121 and 123 be relocated, because they cannot turn left out of their drive when towing a trailer tent and have to turn right and find a convenient place to turn around. It is proposed that this refuge remains in line with our policies to improve crossing opportunities and accessibility to facilities and services for pedestrians.

<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Economic Development, Planning and Transportation Matters</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> June 2009</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>A633 Sandygate Wath; Ward 19 Wath Proposed Footway Improvements</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

**5. Summary**

To inform Cabinet Member of a proposal to widen the existing footway on Sandygate Wath, outside Wath Comprehensive School.

**6. Recommendations**

**Cabinet Member is asked to**

- 1. Note the results of the consultation exercise for the proposed scheme be noted.**
- 2. Give authority for the detailed design to be carried out and for the scheme to be implemented.**
- 3. Resolve that the scheme be funded from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Programme for 2009/2010.**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

Following a number of requests to improve the environment and road safety for pedestrians walking along the A633 Sandygate, an investigation of the existing situation demonstrated that some pedestrians were walking in the carriageway down Sandygate. This occurred particularly at school finish times due to the large number of school pupils exiting onto Sandygate from the adjacent comprehensive school. The footway outside the school (adjacent to the bus stop) narrows to a width of approximately 1200mm. This width is restricted by an existing stone wall belonging to Children and Young Peoples Services. Consultation with this Service Area has resulted in the stone wall and a further 1200mm of land to the rear of the stone wall being dedicated to become adopted highway and as such will form part of the proposed widened footway. The scheme is shown on drawing 122/A633.055/1, attached as appendix A.

## **8. Finance**

It is estimated that the works will cost approximately £30,000 and funding is anticipated to be available from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Capital Programme for 2009/10.

## **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 proposed scheme is in line with the Councils' main themes of Alive, Safe and Achieving and also accords with the Equalities Policy.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Consultation with the South Yorkshire Police and Ward Members has been undertaken with regard to the proposal. No objections to the scheme have been received as a result of any of these consultations.

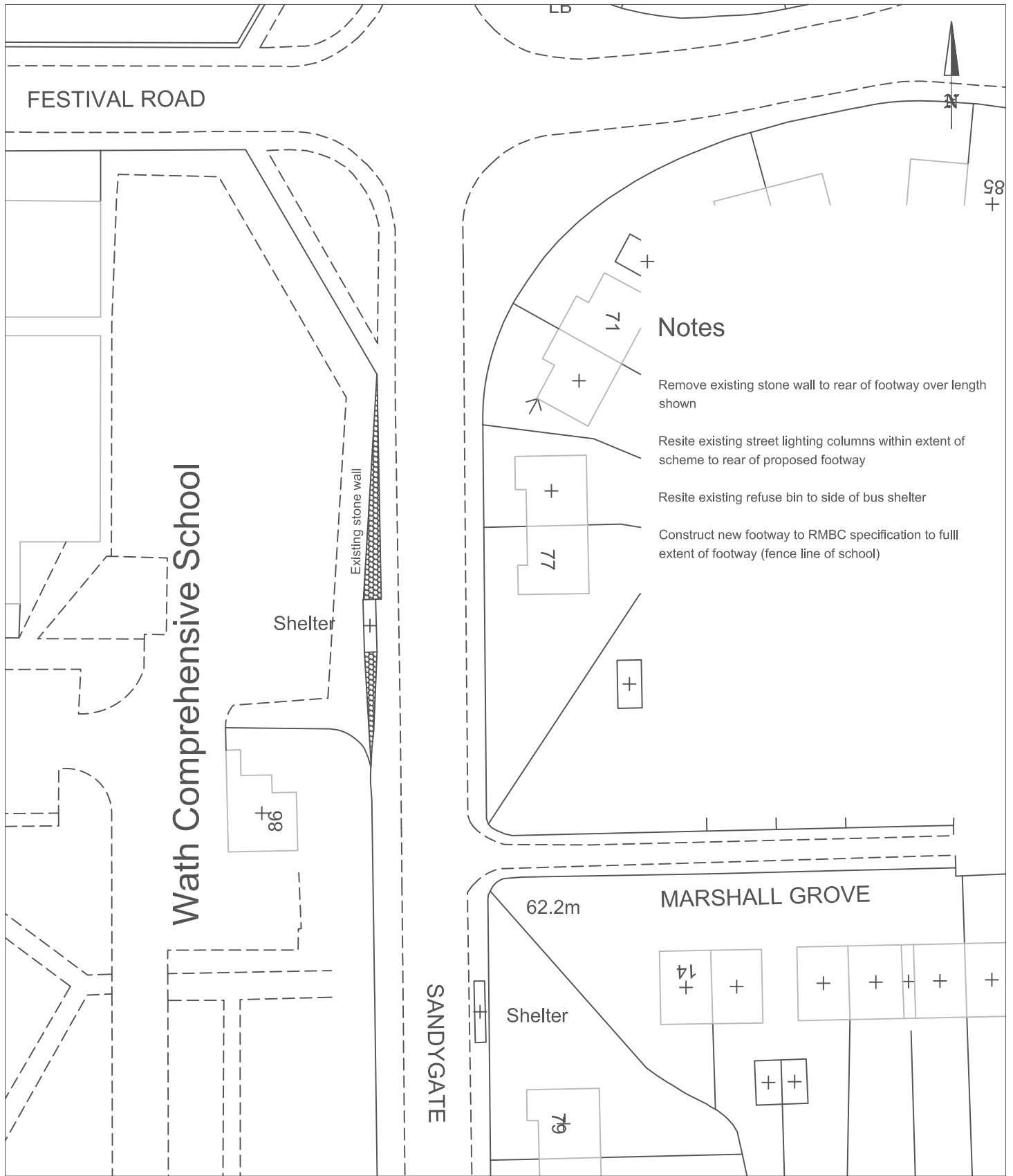
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