

HARVEY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Report of the Director of Investment and Regeneration

1. SUMMARY

This report updates the Local Housing Board on the progress of the masterplan for environmental works to Harvey Road. There are a number of proposals for works in the masterplan. We are in the process of consulting with the local forums. A proposal will be brought to a future meeting of the Local Housing Board South.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Local Housing Board notes the update on the Harvey Road improvement scheme consultation process.
- 2.2 Final decision is subject to agreement by the Director of Investment and Regeneration in consultation with the Chair of the Local Housing Board South, taking into account any comments made by the Boulton Neighbourhood Forum.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 At the Local Housing Board stakeholder event held in early 2008, Harvey Road improvement works were highlighted as the main scheme for the Allenton and Alvaston areas. Many residents felt that the area lacked identity, had ongoing issues with parking on the green areas and needed updating. A preliminary budget of £500,000 was set aside for this.
- 3.2 In order to facilitate the work, Groundworks, Landscape Architects, were set on to carry out consultation over three months for the environmental improvement work.
- 3.3 Consultation involved all parts of the community, including elderly, families, local businesses, schools, residents of Alvaston, Boulton and Allenton, Arriva, Police, Highways and Planning Department, local Councillors, Youth Clubs, Community Centres, Emergency Services and Derby Homes. A questionnaire was sent out in October 2009 to 275 residents on Harvey Road, which asked for views and comments on ways in which Harvey Road could be improved. The results were collated and worked up into preliminary ideas, which would form the basis for a draft masterplan, to be consulted on in November 2009.

3.4 The masterplan outlines a range of options to form a menu of works which include:

- Shop front improvements
- Cycle lane
- Additional parking
- Bollards
- Street trees
- New pelican crossing

3.5 Not all of these works are affordable within the budget and a range of them, the pelican crossing and the cycle lane, are Highways led issues which would usually be funded by the mainstream Council General Fund budget. Estates Pride funds are from the Housing Revenue Account which is not supposed to be used in place of the General Fund.

4. CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

Further consultation has begun with attendance at the Alvaston Neighbourhood Forum on 7 June 2010 and planned attendance at the Boulton Neighbourhood Forum on 30 June 2010.

5. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The full range of suggestions would be in excess of the available funds and would require further approval of the Council for the increase in the budget for the Harvey Road project. There are some proposals which would seem to fall outside of the purpose of the Housing Revenue Account, such as cycle lanes and pelican crossings. Without these two items there will be sufficient funds available for the rest of the works.

The areas listed below have no implications directly arising from this report

- Legal and Confidentiality
- Personnel
- Environmental
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Health & Safety
- Risk
- Policy Review

If Board members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact the author, or the Chief Executive, phil.davies@derbyhomes.org - Tel 01332 711010

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