



**CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**
16 February 2012

ITEM 9

Report of the Strategic Director of
Neighbourhoods

Proposed Footway Improvements – North Parade/Darley Grove

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Derby City Greenway project is a capital project funded by Growth Points/6C's as part of their Green Infrastructure Strategy with the primary objective of improving access to the River corridor.
- 1.2 The project focuses on the north section of the corridor that runs from Bass's Recreation Ground in the city centre to Darley Park in the north. The project aims to complete a continuous, accessible and safe pedestrian and cycle route that links residential, employment and recreational areas together within a high quality landscape. The current phase of the project lies within the Strutt's Park and Chester Green Conservation Areas.
- 1.3 The section of highway from the end of North Parade leading to Darley Park is designated as an 'ancient highway' and as such has never been maintained to highway standards by Derby City Council. The poor quality road, non existent footway and haphazard car parking detracts from the area which lies within the Strutt's Park conservation area and borders the World Heritage site and provides a poor entrance to one of Derby's foremost and most well-loved parks . The absence of a footway in this location forces pedestrians into the road and makes access difficult to the rowing club and Darley park.
- 1.4 As part of the contract for footpath widening and surfacing and street lighting works undertaken as part of the Greenway works and nearing completion, it is proposed to construct a new footway from the end of North Parade towards the rowing club and park entrance. This will be a minimum width of 2 metres and surfaced with tarmac. The use of new conservation grade road kerbs will define the edge of the footway and help prevent cars parking up to the open space boundary, which will be defined with new conservation grade edgings. The existing timber bollards defining the boundary of the open space will be replaced and the existing cast iron post, thought to have historic interest will be re-painted.
- 1.5 Funding for the proposed improvements will be from Growth Points/6 C's with a contribution from the Darley Neighbourhood Board.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the contents of the report, comment on the approach and give advice on materials if appropriate.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that Conservation Area Advisory Committee are kept informed of the project and have the opportunity to make comments.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Drawing P27.37.1 showing the proposals is attached.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Funding for the improvements is from;
Growth Points/6C's, Darley Neighbourhood Forum.

Legal

- 2.1 There are no Legal implications as a result of this report.

Personnel

- 3.1 There are no Personnel implications as a result of this report.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 The construction of a new footway in this location will improve access for disabled users to both Darley Park and the Rowing Club by providing a defined and safe access route.
People with mobility issues at present have to walk in the road and negotiate parked cars.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 The proposed layout will define the area for car parking and the raised kerb edge will help to prevent car parking on the footway, leaving a clear and safe route for pedestrians.

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 The proposals use robust and high quality materials which can easily be maintained.

Asset Management

- 7.1 All assets once installed will be the responsibility of Derby City Council.

Risk Management

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 The Derby Plan by;

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