



Report to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)

Date: 26 February 2019

Subject: Beckhill Estate Footpath and Step Improvements – Phases 3 and 4

Capital Scheme Number : 32874

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Chapel Allerton		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

1. One of the Council's Best City ambitions is to improve life and accessibility for the people of Leeds and make our city a better place.
2. The long term regeneration plan for the Beckhill Estate includes refurbishment of the high number of sub-standard steps and footpaths. It was anticipated this would take place over a six year period. Following the completion of Phase 1 in 2017 and Phase 2 programmed for completion in March 2019, a further £1m has been approved over the next two year period, for Phases 3 and 4.

Recommendations

3. The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:
 - i) note the contents of this report;
 - ii) note the highway works as outlined in Section 3 and indicated on Drawing Number 299743-LCC-HWT-PH3-DR-CH-MI_01_ shown as Appendix 1 of this report;
 - iii) give authority to complete the detailed design, and implement the works as set out in Section 3 using Highway Maintenance Seacroft Depot as Contractor; and
 - iv) give authority to incur expenditure of £900,000 works costs and £100,000 staff fees to be funded from LCC capital borrowing resources. Phase 3 to be

constructed between April 2019 to March 2020, and Phase 4 to be constructed between April 2020 to March 2021.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To note the principle of the implementation of highway works associated with Phases 3 and 4 of the Footpath and Step Improvements at Beckhill Estate, Meanwood.
- 1.2 To obtain authority to incur expenditure associated with the implementation of highway works associated with Phases 3 and 4 of the Footpath and Step Improvements at Beckhill Estate.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Following the successful completion of Phase 1 in 2017, at full Council meeting In February 2018 approval was granted to inject funds of £1.5m into the Highways Annual Capital Programme for the continuation of Beckhill Estate regeneration over the next three year period. At present, Phase 2 is under construction, work began in April 2018 and is due to be completed by March 2019. Phase 3 is due to be completed by March 2020 and Phase 4 is due to be completed by March 2021. The regeneration activities are highway works associated with the maintenance and repair of sub-standard footpaths and steps. The funds shall be allocated equally at £0.5m for each of the two years and referenced Phase 3 & 4.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The proposals within this report are concerned only with the delivery of Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the highway works, the principle of these works having been considered and accepted as part of the approved Highways Annual Capital Programme.
- 3.2 The proposed works comprise: Maintenance, repair and reconstruction of existing sub-standard footpaths and steps, to include provision of hazard warning paving, handrails and drainage to parts of Beckhill Approach, Chase, Fold, Gardens and Gate.
- 3.3 The Civil Engineering section will be responsible for the detailed design and delivery of the works.
- 3.4 Programme - It is envisaged Phase 3 detailed design will be completed in June 2019 and Phase 4 detailed design will be completed in June 2020 followed by construction works carried out using Leeds City Council's Highways Maintenance Seacroft Depot as Contractor, with Phase 3 completion by March 2020 and phase 4 completion by March 2021.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Ward members of Chapel Allerton Ward were consulted previously for Phases 1, 2 and 3, and have dealt with members of Team Beckhills (local resident group)

over several years, working together to reach this point understanding that works will be carried out over several years in a phased approach.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 An Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration screening form was completed for the proposed scheme, which found the proposals will generally make significant improvements for most people, allowing safer movement around the estate. Specifically the visually impaired, some ambulant disabled and people with weakness on one side will benefit most.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

- 4.3.1 The proposed improvements relate strongly to the Best City priorities and the Best Council Plan. In particular in Creating Safe Strong Communities, Improving Health & Wellbeing, Creating 21st Century Infrastructure and Improving Housing.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 The total estimated Phase 3 and Phase 4 costs are £900,000 for the works and £100,000 for staff fees, funded from LCC Capital borrowing.

4.5 Capital Funding and Cash Flow

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4.5.2 Phases 3 and 4 scheme costs of £1m are funded from LCC Capital borrowing resources, being part of the £1.5m originally allocated in February 2018 for three years referenced Phase 2, 3 and 4.

4.6 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.6.1 The scheme is eligible for Call-In.

4.7 Risk Management

4.7.1 There is a risk that if the proposed Phases 3 and 4 works are not implemented during the next two year period, then the future phases and funding of the Beckhill Estate works could be put in jeopardy, and therefore the improvements to the lives of residents, visitors, and other stakeholders would fail to be realised.

5 Conclusions

5.1 This report seeks authority to complete the detailed design and construct the works for Phases 3 and 4. Such works as detailed in Section 3, at an estimated cost of £900,000 (excluding design fees).

6 Recommendations

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7 Background documents¹

7.1 None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening



As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provides a record of both the **process** and **decision**. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions. Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
- whether or not equality, diversity, cohesion and integration is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

Directorate: City Development	Service area: Civil Engineering (Highway Schemes)
Lead person: Richard Stewart	Contact number: 37 87386

1. Title: Beckhill Estate Footpath and Step Improvements – Phases 3 & 4
Is this a: <input type="checkbox"/> Strategy / Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service / Function <input type="checkbox"/> Other
If other, please specify

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
The screening focuses on a report to Highways and Transportation Board requesting authority to implement Phases 3 and 4 of the ongoing refurbishment of substandard footpaths and steps at the Beckhill Estate.

3. Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration All the council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration. The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are. When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant
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characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).

Questions	Yes	No
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics?	✓	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?		✓
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		✓
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		✓
Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment • Advancing equality of opportunity • Fostering good relations 	✓	

If you have answered **no** to the questions above please complete **sections 6 and 7**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above and;

- Believe you have already considered the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 4**.
- Are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 5**.

4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration

If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).

- **How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration?**

(think about the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected)

Ward members of Chapel Allerton Ward were consulted previously for Phase 1 works and have dealt with members of Team Beckhills (local resident group) over several years working together to reach this point, understanding that works will be carried out over several years in a phased approach. They were contacted again informing them of the specific areas to be included in Phase 2. The Phase 2 locations were again agreed by consulting with Team Beckhills including a joint site visit to discuss their preferences with the understanding that the adjacent areas would form Phases 3 and 4. Public evening meetings were carried out previously and are planned for the upcoming phases.

- **Key findings**

(think about any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups,

potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another)

Generally the scheme makes significant improvements for most people, removing trip hazards associated with sub standard footpaths and steps allowing safer movement around the estate. Specifically the visually impaired, some ambulant disabled and people with weakness on one side will benefit most.

Wheel chair users will receive minimal benefit, due to the nature of the site, on a steep hill side with a high number of steps to every property and throughout the estate. Removing the need for steps is not possible.

The works will have the negative impact of disrupting access to properties during the works.

- **Actions**

(think about how you will promote positive impact and remove/ reduce negative impact)

Having worked for several years to reach this point, the local residents group along with Leeds Citizens Community organisers, Councillors and our Communities & Environment area officers all continue to promote this scheme as part of a multi phased approach to the estate.

Negative impacts will be reduced by always maintaining access from at least one side of the properties during the works and for emergencies at all times. Advanced notice will be given to the properties of works in front of their access.

5. If you are **not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you **will need to carry out an impact assessment**.**

Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:	N/A
Date to complete your impact assessment	N/A
Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	N/A

6. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

Name	Job title	Date
Richard Arnold	Principal Engineer, Civil Engineering (Highway Schemes)	25 th January 2019

7. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If you are not carrying out an independent impact assessment the screening document will need to be published.

If this screening relates to a **Key Delegated Decision**, **Executive Board**, **full Council** or a **Significant Operational Decision** a copy should be emailed to Corporate Governance and will be published along with the relevant report.

A copy of **all other** screening's should be sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk. For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file (but not published).

Date screening completed	25 th January 2019
If relates to a Key Decision - date sent to Corporate Governance	N/A
Any other decision – date sent to Equality Team (equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk)	6 th February 2019