

Newmarket Approach Highway Improvements

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Report to: Chief Officer, Highways & Transportation

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the detailed design and delivery of a package of highway works associated with the planning approval granted for the proposed Waste Management depot on Newmarket Approach, as outlined and shown on the attached drawing TM-07-744-GA-01.
- The highway works facilitate access into and out of the new waste management site and are conditioned under the planning consent. The developer is responsible for funding all of these works which are detailed in this report.
- The Best Council Plan 2020-2025 outlines how Leeds City Council will achieve the vision to become the best city in the UK. The plan highlights the aim to improve the safety of transport connections. The proposals contained in this report contribute to the Leeds vision, particularly introducing Sustainable Infrastructure, promoting Health and Wellbeing. Minimising some of the negative effects of traffic associated with this new site through these works ensures that residents of Leeds can 'Move easily around a well-planned, sustainable city that's working towards carbon neutral', promoting sustainable transport and improving access to local facilities and developments.

Recommendations

The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:

- a) Note the contents of the report;
- b) Approve the detailed design and implementation of a package of highway works associated with the Newmarket Approach Highways Improvements, as shown on the attached drawing no. TM/07/744/GA/01, at a total cost of £50,000;
- c) Note and give authority to proceed with the required expenditure of £50,000, comprising £40,000 works costs, and £10,000 staff fees, to be fully funded from within the existing Waste Management Service budget (previously approved planning application 20/00303/FU);

Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 Planning approval (Planning reference no. 20/00303/FU) was granted in November 2020 for a new waste management site at Newmarket Approach which included conditions for highway works to facilitate operations at the waste management site and as part of the Newmarket Approach highway improvement scheme.
- 2 Newmarket Approach is an industrial access road that has a central reservation to manage traffic movements. This central reservation currently prevents large vehicles turning into the proposed waste site. The planning conditions requires that the existing central reservation is modified to allow large vehicles to turn into the site.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards Affected: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 3 The amendments proposed to the existing central reservation will enable a right turn for large vehicles into the new site access on the eastern side of Newmarket Approach.
- 4 The scheme will introduce a new traffic island to the north of the access of Leeds Waste Management depot to protect this turning movement.
- 5 The scheme also looks to provide a new footway to the south of Newmarket Approach where an old access is no longer in use by introducing new kerbs across the access.
- 6 An EDCI was conducted which noted the following points;
Positive Impacts:
 - Road Safety
 - Pedestrian Safety where new footway works are taking placeNegative Impacts:
 - Slight reduction in air quality due to displaced traffic

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 7 Burmantofts and Richmond Hill ward members, Emergency Services and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority were all consulted by email on the 11th June 2021. No adverse comments regarding the proposals of the scheme were made.
- 8 The works as proposed were included within the Planning Application 20/00303/FU which included appropriate consultation with affected stakeholders.
- 9 Local businesses will be notified of the works and advised of potential disruption prior to delivery.

What are the resource implications?

- 10 The estimated total cost to implement this scheme is £50,000, comprising £40,000 works costs and £10,000 staff fees all being funded from within the existing Waste Management Service budget under the condition forming part of the planning consent 20/00303/FU.

What are the legal implications?

11 There are no implications relating to these works and the scheme is not eligible for call in.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

12 There are no direct risk issues generated by the proposals contained within this report, over and above those expected when working in the public highway,. As previously noted, the total cost of the highway works and staff fees are fully developer-funded.

Does this proposal support the council's 3 Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth Health and Wellbeing Climate Emergency

13 Inclusive Growth: Carrying out the necessary highway works supports the city's economic recovery from COVID-19 and building longer-term economic resilience. It also supports growth and investment, helping everyone benefit from the economy to their full potential.

14 Works facilitate safe movements in and out of the new site supporting the Health and Wellbeing requirement.

15 The proposals support the delivery of the new waste management site designed to improve how Leeds manages its waste and as part of the ongoing measures being implemented to aid the City's response to the Climate Emergency – as already considered as part of the planning consent process.

Options, timescales and measuring success

a) What other options were considered?

16 Works are conditioned as part of the planning application. No other practical alternatives are available.

b) How will success be measured?

17 Completion of works to the approved planning conditions.

c) What is the timetable for implementation?

18 Works will be completed by September 2021.

Appendices

19 Drawing No. TM-07-744-12-01

20 EDCI Screening

Background papers

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