

Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal
Outer West Area Committee

Project Name:

Calverley Cutting Footpath Improvements

Lead Organisation:

Groundwork Leeds

Project Delivery - How will the project be delivered? (list any partners involved in the project):

The project will be delivered by Groundwork Leeds in conjunction with Leonard Cheshire Home (Champion House), The Friends of Calverley Woods, Calverley in Bloom, Calverley Rotary Club and LCC Public Rights of Way section. The scheme may attract new volunteers for bulb planting and dry stone walling and maintenance.

Project Summary (include a brief description of the main activities, why the project is needed and links to key priorities):

Calverley Cutting is a By-way Open to All Traffic (BOAT), limited by a Traffic Regulation Order to non-motorised users, which connects the village of Calverley to Apperley Bridge. The route passes under Clara Drive. There is also a non-definitive footpath between the Cutting and Clara Drive which forms a direct link between the residential area of Clara Drive and the main part of Calverley. The path also links into a circular route through Calverley Woods and back onto Carr Road which is very popular with the local community.

The scheme involves improving the quality and accessibility of the route between Clara Drive and Calverley. By re-surfacing the footpath, re-grading the slope to Clara Drive, and by installing seating and interesting features along the route, the project will create a proper circular route to and from the village of Calverley around Calverley Woods.

The scheme includes the building of two natural stone raised planters by the Friends of Calverley Woods which will be maintained by Calverley in Bloom. An interpretation board, including Braille, will inform people about the Cutting, native bulbs will enhance the environment and seats will be installed throughout the cutting, a slope with a maximum gradient of 1:12 with a handrail and tapping edge will be installed to provide access for all and appropriate access controls will be installed. Crushed sandstone will be used to re-surface the path. Letters of support and maintenance agreements from the landowners have been received.

The project will particularly benefit those who struggle to walk on uneven ground and those with wheelchairs or pushchairs.

The scheme will also hopefully provide a link to the proposed Apperley Bridge rail station

in the longer term.

Outcomes (summarise the main outcome/output/benefit the project will achieve):

To provide improved access for all and environmental improvements along Calverley Cutting.

Project Cost. Please indicate

How much the project will cost? (List all partners and their contributions)

The total cost of the scheme is £54,000 (capital).

£6,000 is requested from the Outer West Area Committee. The remainder is to be provided by Veolia Trust (£18,000) and Local Transport Plan (£28,000) and Calverley & Farsley ward Members (£2,000).

Identify which geographic areas will benefit:

The project is primarily for the residents of Champion House. However, it will have a positive impact for many local residents and visitors and possibly in the future, commuters to Leeds and Bradford.