

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)

Date: 20th October 2011

Subject: Request for Scrutiny of the Route 5 Cycle Track

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Hyde Park and Woodhouse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 A request for scrutiny has been received from Mr Bill McKinnon, Chair, Friends of Woodhouse Moor concerning the Route 5 cycle track.
- 1.2 A report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development was presented to the Scrutiny Board (City Development) on the 5th of April 2011 for consideration. This referred to a request for Scrutiny from Mr Bill McKinnon, Chair of the Friends of Woodhouse Moor concerning the Route 5 Cycle Track. It was reported that Mr McKinnon was unable to attend the meeting and had requested that the item be deferred. The Scrutiny Board (City Development) resolved that the item be deferred to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Board. The matter is now brought before the Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture) for consideration of the request for scrutiny. Mr McKinnon was advised by e-mail on the 23rd of September 2011 that if he is unable to attend that his written request as detailed below will be presented to the Scrutiny Board for consideration.
- 1.3 The reasons stated for his request arises from a report outlining this scheme which was presented to Leeds City Council's Executive Board on 14 October 2009. The report gave no details of proposed routes and claimed at paragraph 3.2.1 that :
- "Initial consultation on the project proposals was undertaken during June 2009. Ward members and community groups were informed by letter which included the project leaflet and links to more detailed plans placed on the internet".*

He states that “there was no consultation with any of the community groups in the Hyde Park area. But on the strength of this report, Highways were given approval to proceed with the scheme and awarded £1.5 million. This is the second time in recent years that Highways have claimed there has been consultation when there has been none. In 2008, they wrongly claimed that they had consulted local community groups about their proposal to widen the A660 where it crosses Woodhouse Moor”.

- 1.4 A copy of the Executive Board report which was considered at its meeting on 14th October 2009 and the relevant minute is attached for members reference.

2.0 City Development Department

- 2.1 The Acting Head of Transport Policy has been invited to respond to this request and will be attending the meeting. Attached is a report which details information regarding Route 5 of the Leeds Core Cycle Network Project.

3.0 Options for Investigations and Inquiries

- 3.1 The decision whether or not to further investigate matters raised by a request for scrutiny is the sole responsibility of the Scrutiny Board. As such, any decision in this regard is final and there is no right of appeal.

- 3.2 When considering the request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture) may wish to consider:

- If further information is required before considering whether further scrutiny should be undertaken
- If a similar or related issue is already being examined by Scrutiny or has been considered by Scrutiny recently.
- If the matter raised is of sufficient significance and has the potential for scrutiny to produce realistic recommendations that could be implemented and lead to tangible improvements.
- The impact on the Board’s current workload
- The time available to undertake further scrutiny and
- The level of resources required to carry out further scrutiny.
- Whether an Inquiry should be undertaken
- How the proposed request meets the inquiry selection criteria

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to:

- (i) Consider the request for Scrutiny from the Chair of Friends of Woodhouse Moor.
- (ii) Consider the response of the Acting Head of Transport Policy to the issues raised.

- (iii) Determine if the Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture) wishes to undertake further scrutiny of this matter.

5.0 Background Papers

None