

Agenda Item No. 4 (a)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**

26 May 2015

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**PROPOSED VERGE ENHANCEMENT WORKS – A6015 NEW MILLS
ROAD, HAYFIELD**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek approval of the Cabinet Member for a verge enhancement scheme on the A6015 New Mills Road, Hayfield, to be funded by a third party and to be included in the 2015-16 Capital Programme.

(2) **Information and Analysis** The grass highway verge adjacent to the A6015 on the entry to Hayfield has become a regular parking place due to the lack of any nearby alternatives. Residents and visitors to the cemetery use the verge to park due to the limited width of the road. This means that the verge becomes damaged and unsightly, particularly during the winter months when the verge is soft. However, a scheme to harden the verges to be suitable for parking is not a high enough priority to be funded through the Local Transport Plan.

The local County Member, Councillor Beth Atkins, has approached the Greenbank Trust to seek funding for such a project. Therefore, a scheme proposal has been drawn up involving lowering the kerbs to facilitate vehicular access and installing verge protection treatment to harden the verge to stop it rutting but still maintain its green appearance. The scheme has been costed at £39,150 and the Greenbank Trust has accepted this estimate and has committed to providing the funding for the works up to this value. One of the conditions of receiving this grant is that a 10% contribution is required, and Hayfield Parish Council has agreed to provide this.

Officer Comment

It is considered that a scheme of this nature would help to improve the visual amenity on this entrance to Hayfield village. It would also provide much needed parking provision for the area and reduce Derbyshire County Council's on-going costs to manage the damage to the verge and kerbs. The proposal is shown on the attached plan HMT/JRB/14/15.

Local Member Comment

Councillor Atkin's made the following comment: *"I have been trying to get something done to improve the visual aspects of the verges in the area opposite the Cemetery in Hayfield for a number of years. I have had complaint from residents and also New Mills residents driving past and later asking why the area is left in such an untidy state."*

The village of Hayfield itself is a tourist and conservation area and has been used for filming, most notably for the recent 'Village' series."

(3) **Financial Considerations** The cost of the scheme, estimated at £39,150, is being met by the Greenbank Trust, with 10% of the value being contributed by Hayfield Parish Council.

(4) **Legal Consideration** As the works within the highway are to be funded by a third party, a legal agreement under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 between the County Council and the third party will be required.

Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

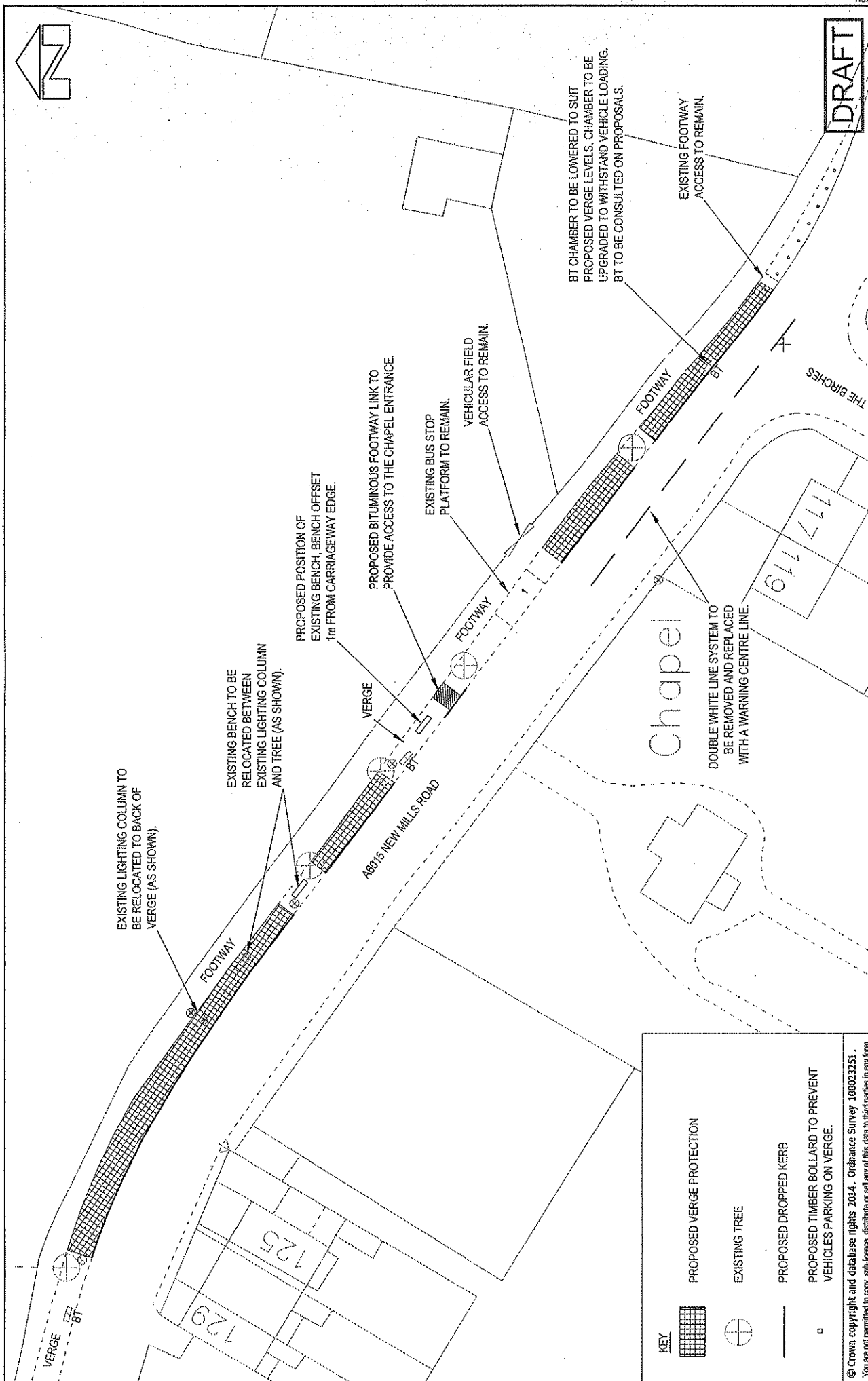
(7) **Background Papers** Held on file in the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details – Steve Alcock, extension 38176.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That the Cabinet Member approves:

8.1 The proposal to enhance the verge on the entry to Hayfield village.

8.2 The inclusion of the scheme in the 2015-16 Capital Programme with the funding of £39,150 being provided by the Greenbank Trust with 10% of the value being contributed by Hayfield Parish Council.

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