

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

22 January 2013

Report of the Director of Environmental Services

**ADDITION TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13 -
PROPOSED FOOTWAY – BATHAM GATE, BUXTON
(HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT)**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To seek approval to the inclusion of a footway scheme at Batham Gate, Buxton, in the 2012/13 Capital Programme.

(2) **Information and Analysis** A resident of Batham Gate, Buxton contacted the Authority to request the construction of a section of footway on one side of Batham Gate between the end of Waterswallows Lane and the A6 to aid pedestrians of the settlement to get to the bus stops on the A6 at Tomthorn. This section of Batham Gate is particularly busy with heavy goods vehicles travelling between the A6 and Waterswallows Lane.

Whilst this was considered to be a worthwhile scheme in terms of improving pedestrian safety and encouraging bus usage, the resident was informed that it would have to be subject to a future capital scheme bid and would have to compete with other potential schemes. The resident then approached some local businesses to enquire if they would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of such a scheme. This has resulted in four local businesses agreeing to contribute to the works. Nestlé has constructed a new water bottling plant nearby and has agreed to contribute £3,000. Tarmac has a large quarry nearby and has agreed to contribute £3,000. Lomas Distribution is based near Batham Gate and has offered £500 plus 26 tonnes of hardcore. Barry Woods is a local haulage firm who has also offered to donate 40 tonnes of hardcore.

The financial contributions, as well as the offer of construction materials, mean that Derbyshire County Council only needs to fund £6,900 from a total cost of £13,400. This can be met from the Revenue budget as a revenue contribution to Capital expenditure.

Officer Comment

It is considered that a new section of footway at Batham Gate would be a valuable contribution to road safety and will help to promote the use of more

sustainable modes of transport. This is also on the pedestrian route from the bus stops on the A6 to the new Nestlé water bottling plant.

The design work has been carried out for this scheme and the proposal is shown on the attached drawing NTA/SM/125/12. Should approval be given, work can start on site early in the new year.

Local Member Comments

Councillor Pam Reddy has stated that *“The addition of a footpath at this location is very much needed and would be very welcome and without doubt it would improve the safety of pedestrians using these bus stops. I fully support this improvement and the financial commitment by Derbyshire County Council.”*

(3) **Financial Considerations** The cost of the scheme, estimated at £13,400, is to be partly funded by local businesses as detailed in the report. Derbyshire County Council's contribution of £6,900 will be in the form of a Departmental Revenue contribution to Capital expenditure.

(4) **Property Consideration** There are no property considerations associated with this report.

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 Traffic and Safety Section of the Environmental Services Department. Officer contact details – Steve Alcock, extension 38176.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That Cabinet:

8.1 Approves the inclusion of the scheme to install a footway at Batham Gate, Buxton in the 2012/13 Capital Programme.

8.2 Welcomed the contributions from local businesses towards the cost of the scheme.

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