

## **REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **GOOSEMOOR LANE, ORDSALL, RETFORD – LAND ACQUISITION**

1. To seek approval for the acquisition of land adjacent to Goosemoor Bridge to allow improvement to pedestrian facilities over the bridge.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. The land adjacent to Goosemoor Bridge (as identified on the attached plan), is required to allow the proposed improved pedestrian facilities to be constructed.
3. The proposals were approved as part of the 2017/18 Integrated Transport Report and Programme at the Transport and Highways Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The bridge is a busy road with an existing narrow footpath. The proposed improved facilities include a cantilevered footpath on the external wall of the bridge over the River separating the pedestrians from the traffic moving across the river. The proposal will make the footpath much safer for pedestrians using the bridge.
4. The parcel of land in question is currently under the freehold ownership of the Ranmoor Piscatorial Society. They are also the riparian owners to the centre point of the River Idle.
5. In order for the proposed works to be done, the freehold parcel of land equating to 64.4m<sup>2</sup> (0.016 acres) is required along with a licence to occupy an additional area of 80.30 m<sup>2</sup> (0.020 acres) during the construction stage.
6. In order to compensate the Ranmoor Piscatorial Society the negotiations include a value to purchase the freehold parcel, a fee for the licence to occupy a parcel during construction and a value for the loss of income to the club for the ongoing impact once the new footway is in place.
7. The cantilever design for the new footpath will incur a loss of earnings for the club as it will restrict the location they can stand in the River Idle when casting. The members have to pay an additional fee to fish using this technique throughout the autumn, winter and early spring.
8. The value of compensation is based on the club losing two fishing positions once this footway is constructed.
9. Without acquiring this parcel of land, the proposed works cannot be delivered.
10. The project will commence March 2018 and be complete by May 2018 and be project managed by Via EM.

## **Terms of Agreement**

11. Property: Land adjacent to the River Idle at Goosemoor Lane Bridge, Ordsall, Retford

12. Vendor: Ranmoor Piscatorial Society

13. Purchase Price: £6,320.00 (Six Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds)

14. Conditions of Sale:

The County Council shall make a contribution to the Vendor's reasonable legal costs associated with the proposed transaction - the exact level to be determined upon receipt of an estimate of costs.

The Vendor shall grant the County Council a licence to occupy the additional parcel during the construction work.

## **Other Options Considered**

15. Other options were considered such as traffic signals, a separate footbridge or widening of the existing bridge. The decision for this method was based on an optimum scheme which is both affordable and deliverable. There are no alternative solutions for delivering this method of improved footpath without acquiring third party land.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

16. The purchase of this small freehold parcel will allow the improved pedestrian facilities to be delivered reducing the safety risks for pedestrians when crossing the River Idle on foot.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

17. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

1) That approval is given to the acquisition of land adjacent to Goosemoor Bridge, Ordsall, Retford to facilitate the proposed improved pedestrian facilities on terms set out in the report.

**Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts**  
**Leader of the County Council**

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### **Constitutional Comments (EP 19.10.2017)**

18. The recommendation falls within the remit of the Policy Committee by virtue of its terms of reference

### **Financial Comments (GB 17.10.17)**

19. The cost of this land acquisition is to be funded from the 2017/18 Highways Infrastructure programme.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

20. None.

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

21. Ward(s): Retford East  
Member(s): Councillor Steve Vickers

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