

CANNOCK CHASE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
CULTURE AND SPORT SELECT COMMITTEE

29 NOVEMBER, 2006

REPORT OF THE ACTING HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CANNOCK PARK GATES – UPDATE OF SCHEME PROGRESS

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To update Members as requested of the status of the above project.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are requested to note the contents of the update report.

3. Key Issues – Cannock Park Gates

3.1 The gates at the Park Road Entrance to Cannock Park were replaced in September 2006.

3.2 The area to the left hand side of the gates is to be infilled with a new entrance sign, which will contain information about the Park. The existing sign will be removed after the new sign has been installed (Annex 1).

3.3 The area to the right hand side of the new gates is to remain as pedestrian access to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). The area currently restricts access for vehicles by a bollard between the shrub bed and new gate post (Annex 1).

3.4 This area will require some resurfacing works to re-level the proposed footpath area and will be demarcated for pedestrians with stencils on the ground.

3.5 The area behind the access to the public car park at the rear of the Tennis Courts will still be controlled by the existing pole barrier. The access does, however, require some modification to comply with DDA, which will include dropped kerbs. The existing concrete posts to the right hand side of the pole barrier are to be replaced with bollards matching the new gates.

3.6 Timescales on completion of the above works will be that it is undertaken as soon as possible, however, Council officers have also been in consultation with the "Friends of Cannock Park Group" to discuss scheme contents and progress of the works.

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Section 1

Background

The information for this project is included within the body of the report. The Trustees approved the installation of the gates on 9 August, 2006.

Section 2

Details of Matters to be Considered

The project update to be considered is outlined within the body of the report.

Section 3

Contribution to CHASE

The additional bollards and refurbished gates detailed in the report will further support the aim of the Council to develop safer access to its facilities for all of the community.

Section 4

Section 17 Implications

There are no identified implications in respect of Section 17.

Section 5

Human Rights Act Implications

There are no identified implications in respect of Human Rights Act.

Section 6

Data Protection Implications

There are no identified implications in respect of the Data Protection Act.

Section 7

Risk Management Implications

By demarcating the vehicular access from pedestrians access the Council is improving public access.

Section 8

Legal Implications

The Council must ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken to protect pedestrians and vehicular movement managed effectively so as to not expose pedestrians (and attendees using vehicles) to unnecessary risk. Appropriate remedial works should be undertaken to make the area safe. Whilst remedial works are undertaken appropriate safety measure should be taken so as to avoid personal injury to users of the park.

The Council must ensure that it complies with the DDA and undertakes all appropriate and necessary safety measures as failure to do so could expose the Council to liability.

**Section 9**

**Financial Implications**

The estimated cost of the work is as follows:

Description	£
New sign and installation	2,000
Surfacing works	1,000
DDA improvements	500
New Bollards	540
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,040</b>

These costs can be met from the 2006-07 Cannock Park revenue budgets.

**Section 10**

**Human Resource Implications**

This scheme will be clerked by Officers from Environmental Services and Property Services.

**Section 11**

**Conclusion**

The Council is improving access for the whole community to an existing public open space.

**Section 12**

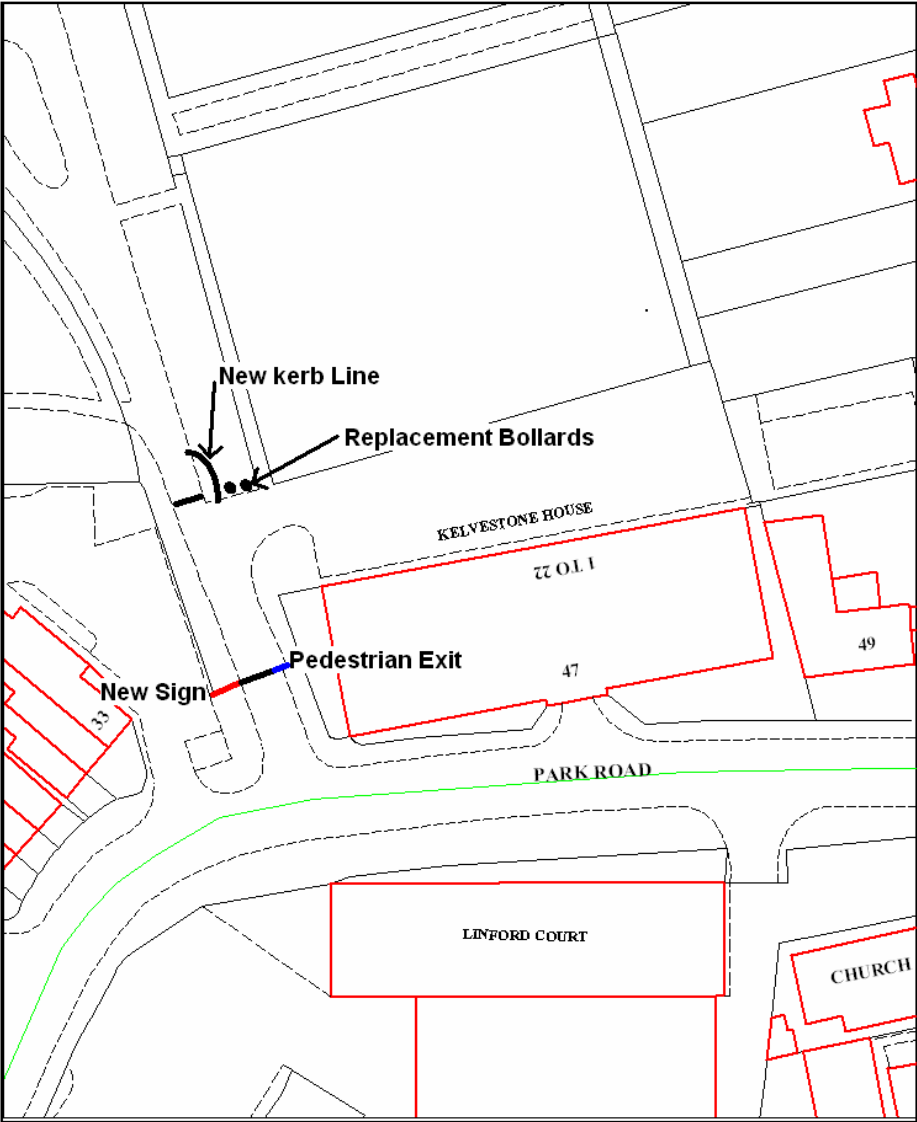
**Background Papers**

Cannock Public Recreation and Pleasure Ground Charity Trust

**Annexes**

1. Indicative Layout

 **Cannock Park  
Access improvements** **Annex 1** 



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