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CABINET
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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND PLAY AREA
ADJOINING FORTESCUE LANE, BONNEY DRIVE AND EATON DRIVE,
RUGELEY

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek Members' approval to proceed with the proposed improvements to the Public Open Space as set out in the proposals attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 To seek approval for permission to spend S106 funds to deliver the proposed improvements.

2 Recommendations

That Cabinet:

- 2.1 Recommend to Council to include an additional £28,332 in the Capital Programme 2019-2022 to undertake the proposed improvements set out in this report and the plan attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Grant approval to add this additional amount to the £20k already included in the Capital Programme for Wolseley Road and grant permission to spend up to £48,332 to deliver the proposed improvements to the public open space as set out in this report and the proposals plan attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.3 Delegate authority to the Head of Environment and Healthy Lifestyles in consultation with the Culture and Sport Portfolio Leader to agree the project detail and to take such actions as may be necessary to progress the above recommendations within existing approved budgets.

3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 A sum of £20k identified for this scheme but referred to as Wolseley Road has been included in the Council's Capital Programme for number of years but has been insufficient to deliver the proposed improvements.
- 3.2 However, a subsequent housing development in Stafford Borough located on the Western Springs Road and close to the Wolseley Road has released some additional Section 106 funds amounting to £28,332; which, subject to Council approval, can be added to the initial £20k, making a total investment of £48,332 which is sufficient to deliver the improvements set out in this report and the plan attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.3 Councils have a major role in the provision of good quality parks, play areas and public open spaces that are both sustainable and meet the needs of the community.
- 3.4 Given the previous delays in delivering this scheme and for it to be delivered in 2020 it will be necessary to include the additional Section 106 funds amounting to £28,332 in the Capital Programme and to secure approval to spend the S106 funds to develop and deliver the scheme within the budget approved.
- 3.5 At this stage it is envisaged that any ongoing revenue costs associated with the improvements will be met from the existing budgets. Should this position change as the details of the scheme are clarified, then a further report to Cabinet may be necessary before any decision is made.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 The Council's Priorities are "Promoting Prosperity" and "Community Wellbeing" and these two priorities interlink and reinforce each other to improve the opportunities, wellbeing and quality of life for our communities.
- 4.2 The provision of safe, welcoming and clean spaces for people to use and visit and that offer opportunities to participate in physical activity and recreation contribute to both of the Council's priorities.

5 Report Detail**5.1 Background**

- 5.1.1 A sum of £20k identified for this scheme but referred to as Wolseley Road has been included in the Council's Capital Programme for number of years but has been insufficient to deliver the proposed improvements.
- 5.1.2 However, a subsequent housing development in Stafford Borough located on the Western Springs Road and close to the Wolseley Road has released some additional Section 106 funds amounting to £28,332; which, subject to Council approval, can be added to the initial £20k, making a total investment of £48,332

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5.2 Project Outline

- 5.2.1 This scheme will address a number of issues and problems currently being experienced on the open space adjoining Fortescue Lane, Bonney Drive and Eaton Drive.
- 5.2.2 A number of the existing stoned pathways which are well used have been heavily eroded making them extremely muddy in inclement weather and difficult to navigate.
- 5.2.3 Whilst there are several other good tarmac paths across the open space there are several key areas where paths are missing and as a result well used desire lines have been formed, again becoming very muddy and impractical for use for residents with pushchairs or with disability issues.
- 5.2.4 The open space is currently very accessible and there has been evidence of unauthorised vehicles crossing the site, making it potentially at risk from illegal encampments.
- 5.2.5 This scheme will include the provision of new linking tarmac pedestrian footpaths, the installation of new waste bins, permanent and removable bollards to deter vehicle access to the site, new gates and swings to the play area and general landscaping and planting.

5.3 Project Costs (Pre-Tender Estimate) and Funding

- 5.3.1 The estimated costs together with the funding identified for this scheme are as follows:

Pre-Tender Cost Estimate	£
Hard works Preparation	1,792.00
Hard works Construction	15,460.00
Grass Cell System	3,300.00
Recycled Plastic Bollards	5,430.00
Fencing and Gates	4,000.00
Play area equipment (Swings) and Surfacing	2,780.00
Bins (x3)	4,600.00
Tree Works and Planting	5,675.00
Contingency	5,295.00
Total	48,332.00
Funding	
Q100 Wolseley Road	20,000.00
Q100 Fortescue Lane / Bonney Drive Improvements	£5,000.00
Q273 Rugeley Bypass OSOS (SBC)	23,332.00
Total	48,332.00

5.3.2 It is envisaged that any ongoing revenue costs associated with the upgrading of the play site and improvements to the open space will be met from the existing budgets.

5.4 Project Management and Timeline

5.4.1 The project will be overseen and managed by the Council's Capital Projects Officer working in collaboration with the Parks and Open Spaces Team.

5.4.2 Subject to Cabinet's approval to progress this project the estimated timeline is as follows:

1	Finalise project brief, specification and procurement and contract documentation and confirm scheme with Stafford Borough Council	February 2020
2	Issue Tender	March 2020
3	Submit Tender	April 2020
4	Evaluate Tenders and contract award	April 2020
5	Start on Site	June 2020
6	Completion	July 2020

5.4.3 Although the Section 106 funds have been released to the Council by Stafford Borough, subject to Cabinet's approval to proceed with this project the final scheme will be confirmed with Stafford Borough Council before commencement.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial

The budget for the project is £48,332 which is to be funded from S106's as per table 5.3.1. It is expected that the project will be delivered within budget. Ongoing maintenance is to be funded from within existing revenue budgets. Should anticipated costs exceed the budget allocation as the project is progressed, a further report will be sent to Cabinet for sign off before the project is progressed.

6.2 Legal

The Council is obligated by the terms of the S106 Agreements with Staffordshire County Council and Stafford Borough Council to use the funding identified above to carry out physical improvements to enhance public open space. By carrying out the proposed scheme as described above the Council would be complying with its obligations.

6.3 Human Resources

Any implications will be met from the existing staff resources within the Parks and Open Spaces section.

6.4 Section 17 (Crime Prevention)

The proposals will be designed to meet the current 'Secure by Design' criteria

6.5 Human Rights Act

There are no direct implications in respect of the Human Rights Act 1998 arising from this report.

6.6 Data Protection

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

6.7 Risk Management

The many risks involved in such a project relate to the provider being unable to deliver the proposed improvements or not being able to deliver them to the right level of quality or within the allocated budget for the improvements. Risks associated with the programme being delayed, delivery resources being constrained, slippage and cost over runs will be controlled and mitigated via the Project Officer.

6.8 Equality & Diversity

The scheme will acknowledge diversity and design out any barriers to access and use. Consultation has already been undertaken with a number of access groups in the park and their comments taken into account in the design process where appropriate.

6.9 Best Value

Delivery of the scheme will be via an appointed contractor following a tender process in accordance with the Council financial regulations.

7 Appendices to the Report

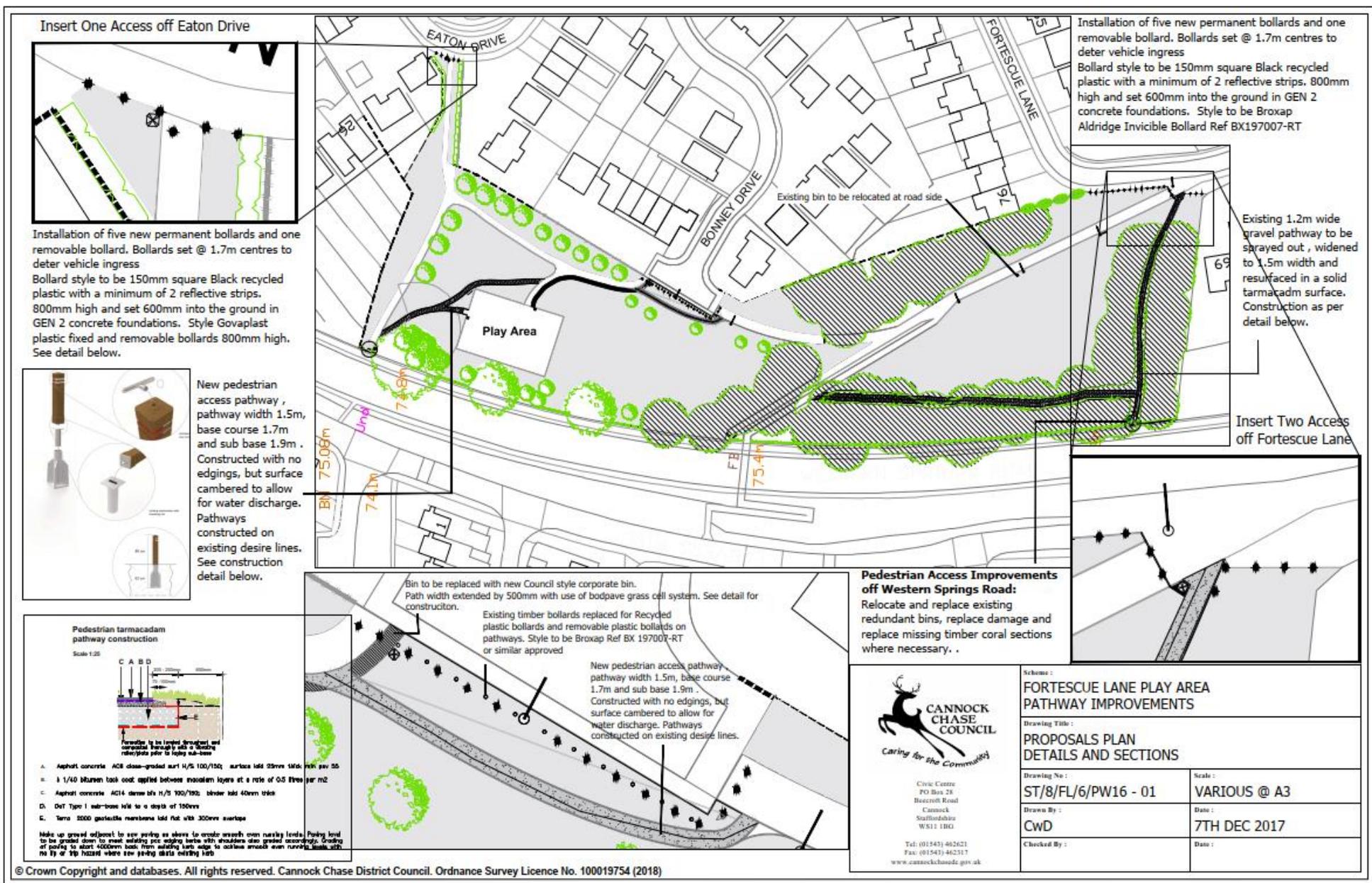
Appendix 1: Fortescue Lane, Bonney Drive and Eaton Drive Proposals

Previous Consideration

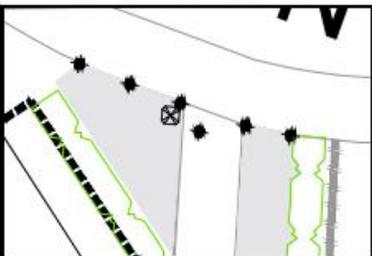
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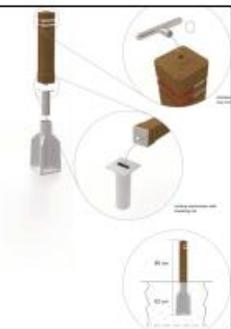
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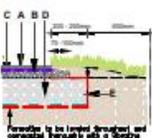
Installation of five new permanent bollards and one removable bollard. Bollards set @ 1.7m centres to deter vehicle ingress
 Bollard style to be 150mm square Black recycled plastic with a minimum of 2 reflective strips. 800mm high and set 600mm into the ground in GEN 2 concrete foundations. Style Govaplast plastic fixed and removable bollards 800mm high. See detail below.



New pedestrian access pathway, pathway width 1.5m, base course 1.7m and sub base 1.9m. Constructed with no edgings, but surface cambered to allow for water discharge. Pathways constructed on existing desire lines. See construction detail below.

Pedestrian tarmacadam pathway construction

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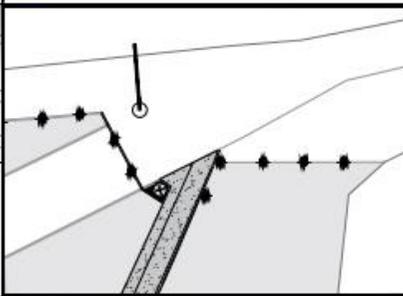
- A. Asphalt concrete AC6 close-graded surf H/S 100/150, surface laid 25mm thick with 55
- B. 1/40 bitumen tack coat applied between macadam layers at a rate of 0.5 litres per m²
- C. Asphalt concrete AC14 dense mix H/S 100/150, binder laid 40mm thick
- D. DfT Type 1 sub-base laid to a depth of 100mm
- E. Terra 2000 geotextile membrane laid flat with 300mm overlaps

Make up ground adjacent to new paving as above to create smooth even parking levels. Paving level to be graded down to meet existing pre-existing kerbs with shoulders also graded accordingly. Grading of paving to start 400mm back from existing kerb edge to continue around even parking areas with no 1% of slip hazard where new paving abuts existing kerb

Installation of five new permanent bollards and one removable bollard. Bollards set @ 1.7m centres to deter vehicle ingress
 Bollard style to be 150mm square Black recycled plastic with a minimum of 2 reflective strips. 800mm high and set 600mm into the ground in GEN 2 concrete foundations. Style to be Broxap Aldridge Invicible Bollard Ref BX197007-RT

Existing 1.2m wide gravel pathway to be sprayed out, widened to 1.5m width and resurfaced in a solid tarmacadam surface. Construction as per detail below.

Insert Two Access off Fortescue Lane



Bin to be replaced with new Council style corporate bin. Path width extended by 500mm with use of bodpave grass cell system. See detail for construction.
 Existing timber bollards replaced for Recycled plastic bollards and removable plastic bollards on pathways. Style to be Broxap Ref BX 197007-RT or similar approved
 New pedestrian access pathway width 1.5m, base course 1.7m and sub base 1.9m. Constructed with no edgings, but surface cambered to allow for water discharge. Pathways constructed on existing desire lines.

Pedestrian Access Improvements off Western Springs Road:
 Relocate and replace existing redundant bins, replace damage and replace missing timber coral sections where necessary.

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