

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO EDEN VALE MINERAL LINE

1.0 Eden Vale Mineral Line – Eden House Road to Chester Road.

- 1.1 Long Standing anti-social behaviour (ASB) issues have been reported to residents groups, Police, LMAPS etc, concerning the length of mineral line that runs from Eden House Road to Chester Road, particularly at the Eden House Road access point. Several high cost options have previously been considered to address such issues environmentally.
- 1.2 Following discussions with Police, Engineering and Landscape and Reclamation colleagues, it is proposed that alterations could be undertaken to 'design out' the ASB to make the area more visually attractive, yet less attractive as a gathering point.
- 1.3 It is proposed that works be undertaken to remove those parts of the wall that currently act as seating which makes the area attractive as a gathering point. This would be undertaken by demolishing a section of the external wall against the Burnville Road back lane (to be taken down as far back as the Lamppost – see diagram, overleaf), and reshaping the footpath. The bank would be graded to achieve a footpath slope of 1 in 20 to comply with DDA requirements.
- 1.4 A section of the internal wall is also used for seating. It is proposed that the wall would be removed and the grass bank re-graded to match the mineral line. The attached drawing provides visual evidence of the scheme.
- 1.5 This would have the benefit of opening up the access to the mineral line to create a greener aspect to the entrance point, and making it visually more in keeping with the entrance to the Eden House Road to Ranson Street section of line. The entrance to this section does not experience the same problems of ASB so the proposed works will also have the benefit of making the site less attractive as a gathering point for ASB.
- 1.6 The works would also have the benefit of improving access for maintenance purposes. The grass presently has to be cut with a hand held machine which is labour intensive. The improved access would also allow access for a ride on machine to make grass cutting operations more efficient. It would also allow easier access for graffiti removal equipment and hedge trimming machinery.

2.0 Finance

- 2.1 A summary of estimated costs for the scheme have been provided by Landscape, Reclamation and Countryside Section:

Demolition and Earthworks	23,226
Roads and Pavings	8,625
Miscellaneous works	3,686
Works Sub Total	35,537
Contingencies at 10%	3,554
Works total	39,091

Fees at 10%	3,909
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Total	43,000
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- 2.2 At the West LMAPS meeting of 11th January 2012 a contribution of £1,000 was confirmed to support the scheme. This leaves a balance of £42,000 to be secured.
- 2.3 West Area Committee support of £42,000 is sought from SIP to enable the proposal to proceed.