

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES**

**FLY TIPPING AND CYCLE PATH INTERVENTIONS**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Washington Area Committee with information relating to research undertaken across Sunderland to enable investment to be made to address Fly Tipping and Improve Cycle paths.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Following Cabinet approval of the Strategic Investment Plan on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008. The twelve individual projects with a total value of £31.5million were allocated across Sunderland City Council Directorates.
- 2.2 Community and Cultural Services Directorate are responsible for the delivery five projects, two of which include Interventions to address Fly Tipping and Improvements to Cycle Paths.
- 2.3 Cycle Path Improvements - The scope of this project is to increase opportunities for take up of cycling, raise participation and increase perceptions and satisfaction by reviewing key cycle paths across the city to clean up, remove litter and prevent fly tipping.
- 2.4 Fly tipping Interventions – The scope of this project is to implement substantial fly tipping interventions across the city.

**3.0 AREA WORKING AND PROVISION IN EAST SUNDERLAND**

- 3.1 In-depth research has been undertaken utilising the recent Leader ward visit feedback, customer requests and complaints and also inspections undertaken by Environmental Services operatives, as part of their enriched roles to develop the proposed programme for the Washington area of Sunderland.
- 3.2 This in-depth research has been used to produce a city-wide proposed programme of works to address fly tipping and to raise participation and increase perceptions and satisfaction with cycle paths.

**3.3 Fly Tipping**

- 3.3.1 A variety of works are included within the proposed programme, including removal of fly tipping, tree and shrub removal, strim grassed areas and installation of columns to which CCTV equipment can be mounted as required, knee rail fencing, barriers, fencing and bollards.
- 3.3.2 At some of the identified sites it has been noted that the potential for the introduction of preventative measures is limited, therefore advisory notices/signage could be erected and additional patrols undertaken by Enforcement and Environmental Services staff, with the staff trained accordingly on how to gather and preserve any evidence that may/could lead to prosecution of offenders.

### **3.4 Cycle Paths**

- 3.4.1 The proposed programme has been completed in partnership with the Sunderland City Council's Cycle Network/Public Rights Of Way Officer.
- 3.4.2 A variety of works are included within the proposed programme, including pruning of vegetation, thinning of plantation, tree and shrub removal, graffiti removal, improved directional signage, repairs to access barriers and barrier installation, painting, hard surfacing repairs, litter and dog bin installation and installation of columns to which CCTV equipment can be mounted as required.
- 3.4.3 The Public Rights of Way Officer has secured agreement with ONE North East, Sustrans and English Partnerships in relation to route maintenance continuity on the sections of the city cycle network in their ownership. A similar agreement is already in place with Sustrans and ONE, for whom by works order, the Council currently carries out vegetation control and route cleansing.
- 3.5 In order to expedite the material outcomes of the proposed works, it would be beneficial for the cycle route vegetation clearance works to commence as soon as possible. This will enable completion of much of this element of the work before the start of the bird nesting season in early to mid March; after this, such works will need to cease to comply with wildlife protection legislation. Outstanding vegetation works would have to wait until September 2009, and access to the tipping/litter in these areas would be delayed until after this date.

### **4.0 FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 An overall budget allocation of £600,000 capital was agreed at Cabinet on 12 March 2008, for Fly Tipping and Cycle path Intervention works.

### **5.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 The Washington Area Committee are requested to note this report for information and provide Officers with feedback on the proposed programme of works.

### **6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 6.1 Sunderland City Council - Staff Reporting Line
- 6.2 Leader Ward Visit feedback
- 6.3 Customer Requests for Service and Complaints

## Washington Fly Tipping – Proposed Infrastructure Works 2009

LOCATION	REASON FOR IMPROVEMENT	WORK REQUIRED
Ayton Park Car Park	Persistent fly tipping in car park/plantations and near to allotments	Install camera post with camera
Follingsby Lane	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Install camera
James Steel Park - Mount Pleasant	Some fly tipping in car park area - litter around lake	Install additional litter bins x 2
James Steel Park Riverside and Asda Car Park	Regular fly tipping and litter problem	Provide barrier to block off car park. Remove shrubs around car park
Nissan Cul de sac	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Install camera
Northern Area Playing Fields	High incidents of fly tipping and litter. Also excessive damage by vehicles to sports pitches	Knee rail fence, with 2 access barriers and regular site visits to clear tipping
Princess Anne Park - side St. Roberts of Newminster	Access of vehicles and fly tipping - shrub/tree overhang	Install barrier past caretaker's house. Remove old fencing and remove willows and prune back trees away from lighting columns. Provide keys for electric board for access.

### Washington Fly Tipping - Maintenance Works 2009

LOCATION	REASON FOR IMPROVEMENT	WORK REQUIRED
Barmston Lane sub station	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove fly - tipping
Biddick Lane - Fatfield	Regular fly tipping and litter	Remove shrub beds to front of car park
Bonemill Lane slip road	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove fly - tipping
James Steel Park Riverside and Asda Car Park	Regular fly tipping and litter problem	Provide barrier to block off car park. Remove shrubs around car park
Princess Anne Park - Parkway Car Park	Fly tipping in car park area - vehicles hidden from view by shrubs	Level grass mound in car park and remove shrubs and trees obscuring view and thin out plantations
Princess Anne Park - side St. Roberts of Newminster	Access of vehicles and fly tipping - shrub/tree overhang	Install barrier past caretaker's house. Remove old fencing and remove willows and prune back trees away from lighting columns. Provide keys for electric board for access.
Staithes Road Sub Station	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove fly - tipping
Waterloo Road	Regular fly tipping along highway verge	

### Washington Fly Tipping – Proposed Clearance Works 2009

LOCATION	REASON FOR IMPROVEMENT	WORK REQUIRED
Barmston Lane sub station	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove fly - tipping
Bonemill Lane slip road	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove fly - tipping
Staithes Road Sub Station	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove fly - tipping

# **PROPOSED CYCLEWAY IMPROVEMENTS - WASHINGTON**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Map Ref</b>	<b>Reason for improvement</b>	<b>Initial Work Required MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Annual Maintenance required</b>
Washington A1231 – James Steel Park	56/34 57/34 56/33	Safe passage & visibility. Provide improved direction and information. Discourage antisocial behaviour Improve Public perception. Encourage more users to take part	Trim hedges.	Trim Hedges
Fatfield Biddick Rickleton Harraton Picktree  Sustrans own part site	55/32 54/31 54/30 54/29 54/28	Safe passage & visibility. Provide improved direction and information. Discourage antisocial behaviour Environmental issues and compliance with relevant legislation. Improve Public perception. Encourage more users to take part	Removal of selected trees & shrubs Open out areas for visibility and access for maintenance. Chemical control & removal of dead vegetation. Tree pruning to unblock lighting columns.	Pruning of plantations HS Chemical control Strim areas

Location	Map Ref	Reason for improvement	Initial Work Required <b>CLEANSING</b>	Annual Maintenance required
<p>Washington A1231 – James Steel Park</p> <p>Fatfield Biddick Rickleton Harraton Picktree</p>		<p>Safe passage &amp; visibility. Discourage antisocial behaviour Improve Public perception. Encourage more users to take part</p>	<p>Sweeping, cleaning &amp; Litter collection Removal of fly tipping.</p> <p>Sweeping, cleaning &amp; Litter collection Removal of fly tipping</p>	<p>Weekly Inspections inc sweeping &amp; litter collection, graffiti &amp; repairs</p>

Location	Map Ref	Reason for improvement	Initial Work Required INFRASTRUCTURE	Annual Maintenance required
<p>Washington A1231 – James Steel Park</p> <p>Fatfield Biddick Rickleton Harraton Picktree Sustrans own part site</p>		<p>Safe passage &amp; visibility. Discourage antisocial behaviour Improve Public perception. Encourage more users to take part</p>	<p>Provide information signage and countdown mileage. Sponsorship signage to be displayed and improved direction signs. Barrier access required for maintenance vehicles. Drop down kerbs required.</p> <p>Graffiti removal A182 Bridge repairs and restoration.</p>	