

Central Dudley Area Committee – 11th September 2007

Report of the Director of The Urban Environment

**Dudley Southern Bypass and Cinder Bank Traffic Island, Netherton
Traffic and Transportation Issues**

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Area Committee of investigations which are proposed for Cinder Bank Traffic Island.

Background

2. At your 12th June 2007 meeting, concern was expressed regarding the current operation of the Cinder Bank Traffic Island.
3. A site meeting subsequently took place between Ward Members and Officers on Tuesday 3rd July 2007.
4. Following the site meeting with members, consideration was given to obtaining specialist design services from consultants, to:-
 - Identify the nature and extent of traffic related issues.
 - Consider preliminary options for remediation of identified issues.

Finance

5. The proposed consultant's fee for undertaking the work outlined in paragraph 11 of this report would be approximately £10,000. This sum could be met from the existing Integrated Transport Block of the Local Transport Plan.

Law

6. It is the duty of the Council as Highway Authority, to maintain highways maintainable at the public expense under Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980.
7. The Council is under a duty to improve highways under Section 62 of the Highways Act 1980.

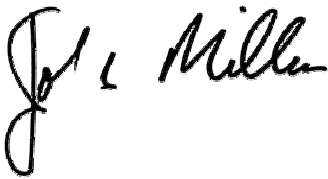
8. The Council has the power to provide new highways under Section 24 of the Highways Act 1980.
9. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the council to do anything calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of its functions.

Equality Impact

10. The recommendation contained within this report complies with the Council's equality and diversity policy.
11. Schemes to improve traffic movements can incorporate measures to assist children and other vulnerable users of the public highway.

Recommendation

12. That the Area Committee recommends to the Cabinet Member for Transportation the engagement of consultants as set out in the report.



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List of Background Papers

Minutes of Central Dudley Area Committee, 12th June 2007