

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING
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Section 106 Expenditure
Proposed Cycle Route through Brinton Park

OPEN	
COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME:	A Better Environment
CORPORATE PLAN THEME:	Enabling Community Wellbeing
KEY PRIORITY:	Transport Infrastructure
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APPENDICES:	Appendix 1: Plan of proposed cycle route through Brinton Park.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek the Cabinet's approval for the expenditure of Section 106 monies on cycle route proposals at Brinton Park during 2007/08.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to **DECIDE:**

- 2.1 To approve the expenditure of the identified Section 106 sustainable transportation monies for the proposed cycle route at Brinton Park for implementation in 2007/08 and that the capital programme be amended to include this.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Policy IMP.1 of the Adopted Wyre Forest District Local Plan sets the background for the use of planning obligations (both planning agreements and unilateral undertakings), to provide for related environmental works, infrastructure, community facilities and services. The transportation policies within the Local Plan set out the requirements for developer funding towards walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure in appropriate circumstances.
- 3.2 Members may recall the report taken to Cabinet in October 2005, which sought approval for a capital expenditure programme for those S106 monies retained for implementing sustainable transport infrastructure. The report identified a list of project proposals developed against the Worcestershire Local Transport Plan Policy context. The project proposals identified that further work on costings, match funding and engineering works would need to be undertaken in order to develop projects.

- 3.3 This report relates specifically to the following Section 106 funds which are currently being held by the Council for expenditure on sustainable transport projects:

App. No	Location	S106 Funding Area	Year received	Amount
WF760/01	Foley Business Park, Stourport Road	Upgrading Sustrans or alternative transport	2002/03	£10,000.00
WF1245/04	Foley Park Industrial Estates	Upgrading/enhancement of Sustrans network	2006/07	£10,000.00

The Cabinet approved the outline expenditure programme in October 2005. This included a proposal to spend WF 760/01 monies on lighting and footway/cycle path improvements at Brinton Park to enhance accessibility to the town centre and to promote local transport choice.

- 3.4 Following Cabinet's approval, a further £10,000 in respect of enhancement to the Sustrans network has been received from WF 1245/04 as specified above. It is therefore recommended that these further monies are also spent on proposals for Brinton Park.

4. Brinton Park – Environmental Improvements and Cycle Route Proposals

- 4.1 Miscellaneous Functions Committee on the 20th February, 2007 accepted a tender from B J Leisure Installations for hard landscaping and installation works in Brinton Parks. This additional £20,000 Section 106 funding can be used to procure additional works incorporated in the tender submitted to Miscellaneous Functions with the consent of the Chairman of the Miscellaneous Functions Committee. The funds will contribute to the creation of a cycle way, providing shared pedestrian/cycle access through the park from the main entrance gates off Sutton Road to Park Lane.
- 4.2 Worcestershire County Council (WCC) has prioritised the Sustrans National Cycle Route 49 Birchen Coppice to Weavers Wharf for delivery in 2007/08. This is a strategic cycle route which links Bewdley to Kidderminster town centre via Birchen Coppice and Brinton Park. The route will help to provide more transport choice for the residents of the Oldington and Foley Park Ward and improve accessibility by sustainable modes of transport to the town centre. District Council Officers have worked in partnership with WCC Officers to discuss the cycle route proposals for Brinton Park to ensure that it will make a major contribution to the implementation of this important route.
- 4.3 During 2006 WCC scoped the route feasibility options to include a new pedestrian/cyclist crossing point at Sutton Park Road adjacent to Brinton Park. However, after detailed consideration at site meetings it was concluded that the implementation of a new crossing point would not be a feasible option due to the close proximity of the junction with Stourport Road. The future cycle route (which is currently being costed), will now run down Greatfield Road to utilise the existing pedestrian crossing opposite Talbot Street. This route would enter Brinton Park at Talbot Street and run through the park to meet up with the cycle route outlined above at paragraph 4.1.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The proposed expenditure would be met from the S106 funds for sustainable transport projects currently being held by the Council, this requires approval of an amendment to the Capital Programme to include this expenditure and funding.

6. Risk Management

- 6.1 The failure to identify and approve projects for the expenditure of S106 monies will result in the lack of a clear strategy for the most resource effective use of the funding and will not bring benefits to local residents, businesses and visitors.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The proposed project for Brinton Park has been developed in accordance with the Local Transport Plan policy context and in consultation with Worcestershire County Council. It demonstrates effective and relevant usage of these Section 106 monies.

8. Consultees

- 8.1 CMT
8.2 Planning Property & Commercial Solicitor
8.3 Head of Financial Services
8.4 Head of Cultural Leisure & Commercial Services

9. Background Papers

- 9.1 Worcestershire Local Transport Plan 2: 2006-11
9.2 Planning Application Files as follows:
- WF/760/01 Plot 2a Foley Business Park.
- WF/1245/04 Foley Park Industrial Estates
9.3 Miscellaneous Functions Committee 20th February, 2007, Supply Contract to carry out Hard Landscaping and installation Works in Brinton Park, Kidderminster