

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee

Date of Committee 15th June 2005

Report Title Hilary Road Footbridge Replacement

Summary This report recommends the replacement of Hilary Road Footbridge with a new bridge structure. The replacement is necessary owing to the very poor condition of the current bridge.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? Yes/No

Background Papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- *Details to be specified*

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Councillor Mrs P Henry
(With brief comments, if appropriate) Councillor R D Hicks
Councillor M J Jones
Councillor B J Longden – comments noted
Councillor S R Tooth – comments noted
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member Councillor M Heatley - for information
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)
- Chief Executive
- Legal I Marriott – comments incorporated
- Finance C Holden – comments incorporated

- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals Network Rail

FINAL DECISION **YES/NO** *(If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)*

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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**Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and
Economic Strategy**

Recommendation

That Area Committee approves the arrangements for the replacement of Hilary Road Footbridge with a new steel truss bridge structure.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Hilary Road Footbridge carries a footway over a railway cutting near Camp Hill in Nuneaton. The footbridge is situated along side a masonry arch bridge which carries the D1068 carriageway (Hilary Road) over the same railway cutting. The exact location of the footbridge is circled on the plan attached as **Appendix A**.
- 1.2 The bridge was constructed in c.1957 by the Borough of Nuneaton and is now maintained by Warwickshire County Council.
- 1.3 The bridge was inspected by a team of bridge inspectors during an overnight closure of the railway in February 2005.

2. Bridge Condition

- 2.1 Following the inspection the bridge was found to be in very poor condition, with extensive corrosion of structural elements. The condition of the bridge is such that repair of the existing structure will be prohibitively expensive and time consuming. It is clear that the bridge is nearing the end of its serviceable life.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 Due to the extent of corrosion to the bridge the most economic solution is to replace the footbridge with a new steel truss footbridge as soon as possible. The new structure will be a simple steel truss of similar dimensions to the existing footbridge. The new structure will be fabricated off-site and delivered to site ready for installation.
- 3.2 It is envisaged that the works would be carried out during weekend possessions of the railway, and should take an estimated four weekends to complete, with a

week each side to install traffic management and make good the approaches to the footbridge.

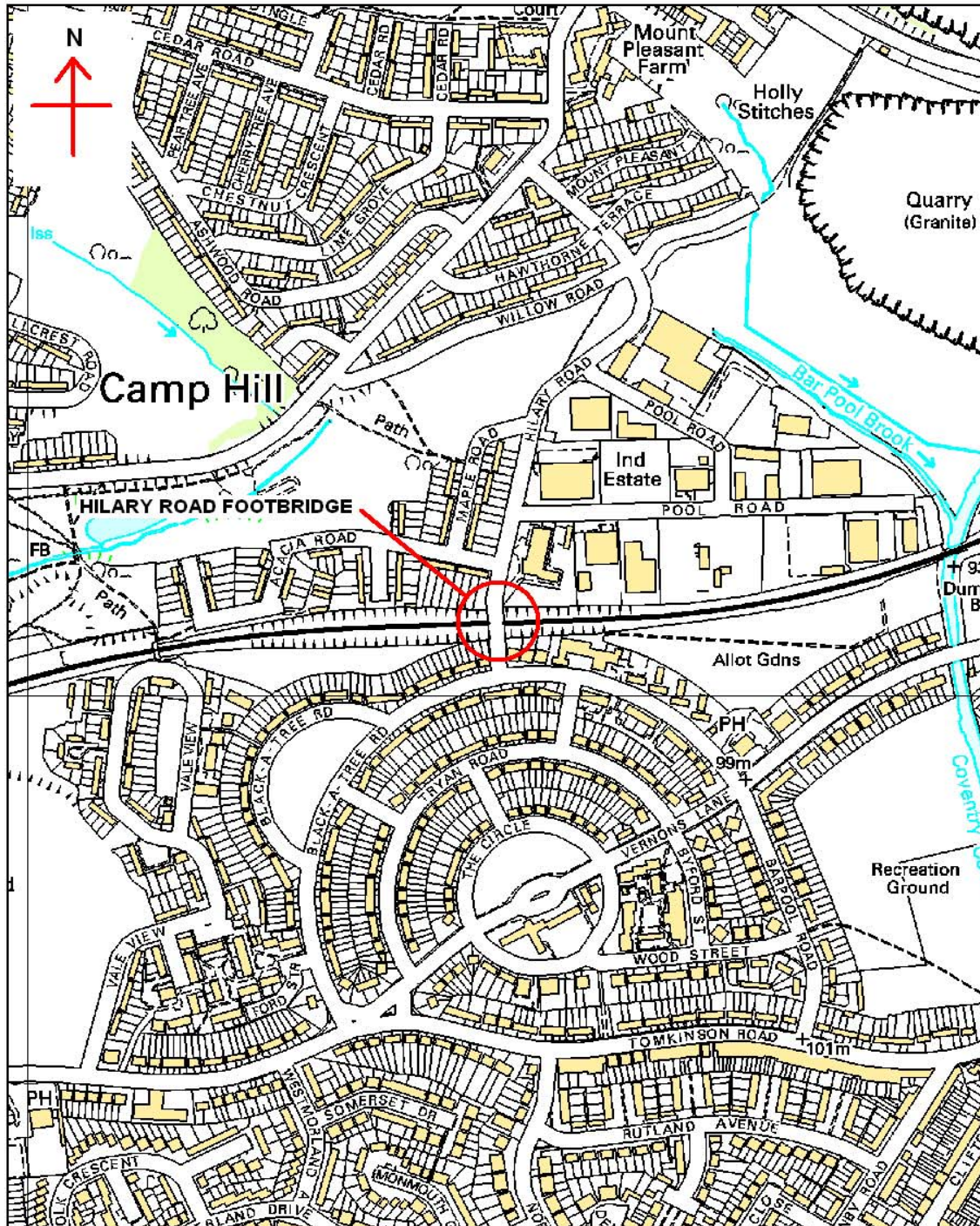
- 3.3 During the estimated six week construction program, the adjacent road bridge would be closed to vehicular traffic because it is too narrow to accommodate vehicles and pedestrians. However, the road bridge would be utilised to give pedestrian access over the railway, otherwise pedestrians would face a diversion to the nearest footbridge which is 300m to the west of Hilary Road footbridge.
- 3.4 This would translate to a 900m diversion to get from one side of the Hilary Road cutting to the other, which is an unacceptable distance for a pedestrian diversion.
- 3.5 The estimated cost of the works is £220,000 funded from the 2005/2006 Bridge Maintenance Capital Programme.


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27th May 2005

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