

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee

Date of Committee 31st January 2007

Report Title Area Committee Proposal for Lighting on Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton

Summary The report provides details of the costs of providing lighting on Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

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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 J Tandy – “I am disappointed that (With brief comments, if appropriate) this initiative will prove as costly as has been suggested and that it may not fill the necessary criteria in relation to accident rates etc.”

Other Elected Members

Cabinet Member (Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)

Chief Executive

Legal I Marriott - agreed

Finance

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

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 Strategic Director for Environment and Economy

Recommendation

That the provision of lighting on Gipsy Lane is not pursued at this time.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At the Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee meeting on the 25th January 2006 a report was presented which discussed the potential for the provision of pedestrian/cycle facilities on Gipsy Lane. Members expressed the view that Gipsy Lane was a very dark and dangerous stretch of road and would be improved by the provision of street lights. The Area Committee agreed that the provision of facilities for pedestrians and cyclists should not be pursued at this time, but lighting be looked at in the short term. At the meeting on the 29th November 2006 Members requested a report on the provision of street lighting on Gipsy Lane.

2. Scope of Project

- 2.1 Gipsy Lane is a rural road which runs from the roundabout at the bottom of Marston Lane through to Coventry Road, just south of Griff Roundabout. The unlit part of Gipsy Lane is approximately 1,600 metres long (approximately one imperial mile) and is, in parts, flanked by trees on either side of the road. There are no low voltage 230 volts electricity supplies in the area which would be necessary for supplying the street lights, though there are high voltage electricity supplies nearby (11,000 volts and 33,000 volts respectively) which could be transformed into low voltage 230 volts electricity supplies. In order to provide lighting which is compliant with BS5489 (British Standard for Road Lighting) it would be necessary to install approximately 55 lighting columns with associated electricity supplies.

3. Installation and Running Costs

- 3.1 It is estimated that the costs for installing the proposed lighting would be as follows:-

Supply & installation of lighting columns/lanterns	£45,000
Traffic management	£10,000
Energy Services trenching & cabling	£100,000
Energy Services transformers*	£20,000
TOTAL for Project	£175,000

*Estimated costs for Energy Services (old Electricity Board) installing transformers to supply low voltage electricity supplies. No allowance has been made for any tree trimming work that would be needed.

- 3.2 If the project were to proceed the annual maintenance costs would be in the order £500 per annum and the annual electricity costs in the order of £5,000 per annum.

4. Accident and Crime Statistics

- 4.1 Accident statistics show that from the 7th April 2002 to 17th January 2007 there have been two reported injury accidents on the unlit stretch of Gypsy Lane during the hours of darkness. One of the accidents is indicated as being due to excessive speed and the second accident involved a vehicle which failed to stop after driving into the rear of another car which had slowed down due to a parked car on the highway.
- 4.2 The Crime Statistics show that the only incident on record is of a break-in at Griff Quarry in 2003 which is located a significant distance from Gypsy Lane.

5. Funding Sources

- 5.1 There is presently no funding provision for this project and it is difficult to identify where funding might be available.
- 5.2 The maintenance funds are occasionally used for installing new light columns but this is generally only when upgrading existing systems when columns have reached the end of their life. The amount of this funding is very limited.
- 5.3 Lighting is occasionally installed as part of improvement schemes such as the installation of new rural roundabouts or by bypasses. In this instance the lighting does not form part of a larger scheme.
- 5.4 Other sources of funding are available for reducing casualties and for crime reduction. Neither of these appear to apply in this instance.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The extent of the work and the lack of existing electricity cables makes this an expensive project.
- 6.2 The potential benefits of new lighting appear to be limited which makes it very difficult to identify a source of funding for the work to be carried out.

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