

Decision Record – Addition of one Developer-funded Highway Scheme to the Capital Programme - A Southbound Bus Stop on Leicester Road (A426) opposite Elliott's Field Retail Park in Rugby. Approximate cost £80,000.

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Peter Butlin Deputy Leader (Finance & Property)
Date of Decision (not before 15 September 2017)	
	

Decision Taken

That the Deputy Leader (Finance and Property) gives approval to add the following scheme to the Capital Programme for 2017-18:

- A Southbound Bus Stop on Leicester Road (A426) opposite Elliott's Field Retail Park in Rugby. Approximate cost £80,000.

Reasons for Decisions

The Deputy Leader has authority to make additions to the Capital Programme up to the value of £2m.

Background Information

The provision of a southbound bus stop on Leicester Road opposite Elliott's Field Retail Park will be fully funded by applicable Section 106 developer contribution monies discharged to the County Council. The addition of this scheme to the capital programme will not affect the overall level of available capital resources available to the Council.

In order to support mass development along the A426 corridor in north Rugby, WCC Passenger Transport is utilising Section 106 developer contributions to enhance local bus service connectivity in the area. In October 2015, WCC Passenger Transport agreed to allocate £11k from this developer contribution towards developing the design of a key new southbound bus stop off Leicester Road (A426) dual carriageway opposite Elliott's Field Retail Park (and also situated adjacent to the Junction One Retail Park and Tesco Superstore), in acknowledgement that separate developer funding was being sought to secure delivery. The proposed bus stop is viewed as strategically important due to the range of retailers that are either opening new premises at major retail parks off the A426 corridor in north Rugby, or alternatively, relocating from the town centre to these retail parks. The delivery of the bus stop is also supported by local bus service operators, Stagecoach Midlands and Arriva Midlands.

A planning application was submitted to Rugby Borough Council in regard to demolition and comprehensive redevelopment comprising retail units, restaurant/café and associated works on the former Tribune Trading Estate site. Planning permission was granted on 20 January 2017 (Planning Application Ref No. R16/1387) and this requires the Developer to make a financial contribution of £69k to the County Council (through a Section 106 Agreement) for the purpose of securing the provision of a bus stop off Leicester Road (A426), in the form of a layby with associated infrastructure.

The initial detailed design of the bus stop and associated infrastructure is provided in Drawing No. 9.2-A426--059-002 at Appendix A of the published report. However, this may be subject to change as the detailed design is further developed to completion. It is anticipated that the bus stop provision works will be completed within the 2017-18 financial year.

Financial Implications

None direct to the Council as scheme fully funded

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt?	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered

Link to published proposed decision report:

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/4119/Committee/586/Default.aspx>

List of Background Papers - please include a contact for access to background papers

Members and officers consulted or informed – please include any comments

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