AREA 8 COMMITTEE - 10TH FEBRUARY 2016

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Leisure and Culture					
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration					
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Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):					
This report outlines proposals for and seeks views on a scheme to light the section of the Victoria					
Embankment road that is currently unlit from the suspension bridge to the Toll Bridge.					
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Recommendation(s):					
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	Victoria Embankment road.				

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The road running along the Victoria Embankment is a private, unadopted road owned by the City Council and managed by the Parks & Open Spaces Service.
- 1.2 At present the road is lit by lamp columns on both sides from the entrance gates at the Trent Bridge end to the suspension bridge.
- 1.3 From the suspension bridge to the Toll Bridge gates, the road and riverside paths are unlit.
- 1.4 The road and riverside paths are a popular route for commuters in cars, on cycles and on foot and for leisure and recreational use linked to the wider park.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 As part of the Cycle City Ambition programme, funding is available to light the rest of this important cycle corridor - see enclosed plan at Appendix A. This will therefore also benefit other users who wish to travel along or through this part of the site after dark. The lights will also benefit people travelling to the cricket pavilion and during events.
- 2.2 After consultation with electrical engineers, the Thorn Legend design at Appendix B has been chosen for the site as it is felt that this combines a heritage feel with modern design.
- 2.3 42 lights will be needed to cover the currently unlit section of the road. They will be located on columns in the grass verge between the road and the path on the south (river) side of the road. This design aims to light both the road and the path, but leaving the path nearest the river as an unlit route if people wish to use it.
- 2.4 Using modern light fittings will ensure that unnecessary light spill is avoided, such as upwards into the tree canopy and therefore disturbance to bats and birds is minimised. Where necessary, the lamp columns and cabling will be installed using hand-digging to avoid damage to tree roots. The City Council's Biodiversity Officer and Tree Officer will be consulted on the final column locations.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 To not light the remainder of the route will mean that it remains a dark and unwelcoming area of the site.

4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 Approximate costs of the scheme are as follows:
 - Light fittings and columns, £60,000
 - Installation & cabling, £60,000
 - New sub-station, £80,000
 - Specialists to install cable ducting to work around existing tree roots, £20,000 Approximate total £220,000.

5 <u>LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)</u>

- 5.1 Procurement of this scheme will be led by the NCC Highways team.
- 6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)
- 6.1 N/A.

7 **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

- 8 <u>LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION</u>
- 8.1 None
- 9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT
- 9.1 None

Appendix B: Thorn Legend Light Fitting





