

**Wollaton and Lenton Abbey Area Committee November 7th
2010**

Title of paper:	Installation of Access points to Pavements in Lenton Abbey and Wollaton East	
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		x
Safer Nottingham		x
Neighbourhood Nottingham		x
Family Nottingham		x
Healthy Nottingham		x
Serving Nottingham Better		x
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
<p>This report seeks the sum of £9800 to install access points to pavements in Lenton Abbey and the Wollaton Park estate.</p> <p>The recommended works will improve public safety for pedestrians and drivers by improving access routes within the neighbourhood and increase independent mobility and social inclusion.</p>		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the committee meet the cost of the required work detailed in this report in order to provide equal access to pavements and communal spaces.	

1 BACKGROUND

1.1 Lenton Abbey

Residents have reported that the following pavements on Bosley Square, Meriden Avenue and Wensor Avenue are inaccessible to pushchair, wheelchair and mobility

scooter users due to the lack of dropped curb crossing points therefore local people are having to use the public highway thus putting themselves and others at risk.

The roads identified are used by residents regularly as they form part of the key route linking the estate to the nearest Health centre which is located on Central Avenue.

Wollaton Park estate

The current lack of a pavement access point to link the pavement of the Farndon Green shopping area with the Farndon Green public amenity space is preventing residents from having equal access to the Green.

The Green is scheduled for improvements as a community space during the next 6 months via the Nottingham City Homes environmental improvements budget and will become an important community hub to reduce isolation and build community spirit. Providing access would enable residents with mobility difficulties to be involved in future Community initiatives on the Green such as Neighbourhoods in Bloom.

- 1.2 There are insufficient funds available with the Area capital fund 2010/11 to implement the identified works

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The issues informing this report have been raised by residents and discussed with local Members and Neighbourhood Management via Members surgeries, meetings and ward walks undertaken in August 2010.
- 2.2 Acknowledging and resolving the identified access difficulties will improve public safety and access routes in the neighbourhood and demonstrate to local residents that they can influence decisions regarding improvements to their neighbourhood.
- 2.3 This work will improve social cohesion by creating equal access to public facilities.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 NONE

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

- 4.1 The work identified will cost £9,800 which is available from unallocated area committee funds
- 4.2 The rates used to calculate costs are taken from the Highways Framework Agreement which was tendered in December 2008

5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 Improving access will reduce the risk to public safety and demonstrate commitment to

implementing the Disability Discrimination Act.

6 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

6.1 NONE

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

7.1 NONE