

(FORM A: INTERNAL BID)

**BID FOR CAPITAL FUNDING FROM AREA COMMITTEES
PRO FORMA**

A. Short project title: Laneshaw Bridge to Wycoller Footpath Improvements

B. Bid submitted by: Tom Partridge, Countryside Access Officer

C. On behalf of (please include contact details): Neighbourhood Services, Fleet Street Depot, Fleet Street, Nelson

D. Amount requested: £2,500 (total project cost is £15,000)

E. Brief details of project: Part of footpath 211 near The Pump House at Wycoller Country Park has collapsed following a landslip. People can just about use the path but there is a steep cross-fall to one side. The ground conditions are very unstable and our previous project to improve the path, constructed with large posts driven into the ground, has given way. The Council's Engineering section has advised on an approach which would strengthen the land which supports the path with big boulders, but the work is likely to be costly. A photograph of the site and location map are included at the bottom of this report

F. Main outcomes to be achieved: The footpath is the most important access route on foot for people visiting Wycoller Country Park. It has important strategic importance being part of the Pendle Way (a 45 mile walking route around Pendle District), and part of the Ferndean Way (a promoted route from Colne to Wycoller which celebrates the local connection with the Brontë sisters). There have been numerous customer reports complaining about how the landslip is affecting public access. The project would have the effect of restoring this path as a high quality walking route

G. When will project be implemented? March to September 2019

H. Who will undertake the project works? Pendle Council's Engineering Services will be asked to appoint and supervise a suitable contractor

I. Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere? Yes

If so, please give details: £2,500 will come from the Council's rights of way budget. In addition, a bid has been submitted to the Lancashire Environment Fund for £10,000

J. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?

The structure will be designed so that future maintenance should be minimal. The strict legal responsibility is that the highway authority (LCC) is responsible for maintaining the right of way.

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Photograph of site

