

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

**A. Short project title:** Public Footpath 207 retaining wall. Byron Road to Keighley Road, Colne (Ref. 8829)

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

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

**D. Amount requested:** £2250 (total project cost is £2250)

**E. Brief details of project:** Footpath 207 is a narrow ginnel running from a point on Byron Road opposite the Favordale Home for the Elderly, running between the Cricket Club on the right and the garden of Swanfield Barn on left, continuing to a point on Keighley Road. The retaining wall between Swanfield Barn and the footpath, near the Byron Road end of the path has developed a large bulge which may cause a section of the retaining wall to collapse. Consequently, the footpath is currently closed by a temporary closure order and hoardings at either end. The owner of the wall is responsible for making repairs so that the footpath can be reopened. We have been in touch with the owner who has obtained a quotation of £2250 to repair the wall. The owners have asked if the Council can help towards these costs and as a result we are submitting this bid. If the Committee agree to the funding it will be made clear that this is a one-off payment made without prejudice to the responsibility of the owners to maintain the wall. In the event that the funding is not made available the owners will be required to carry out the necessary work at their own expense (a notice to formalise this requirement is currently being prepared to serve on the owners of the wall, this gives the Council the power to carry out the work itself and recover the costs if the work is not carried out in accordance with the notice).

**F. Main outcomes to be achieved:** That an unsafe section of retaining wall be taken down and re-built to allow for the safe re-opening of the footpath.

**G. When will project be implemented?** We want the works to be completed by 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 when the temporary closure is due to end. **H. Who will undertake the project works?** A contractor working on behalf of the owners of Swanfield Barn, Keighley Road.

**I. Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere?** No.

**If so, please give details:** We have already incurred costs to pay for the hoardings at either end of the footpath, and Lancashire County Council has incurred costs in advertising the temporary closure. We are not proposing to pay any other costs from public rights of way budgets.

**J. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?**  
No. The owners are responsible for the maintenance of the wall.

