

REPORT FROM: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
MANAGER

TO: NELSON, BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE

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ACCESSIBLE NELSON UPDATE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide an update to Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee on the Accessible Nelson Scheme. There has been an item on the outstanding items list - *Junction of Scotland Road/Sagar Street/Broadway, Nelson (05.07.2021)* – which this report will address.

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That the Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee note the progress being made on the Accessible Nelson Scheme.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- (1) The report will inform Members on the progress of the Accessible Nelson Scheme and how the scheme will address the issues of concern.

ISSUE

- The junctions of New Scotland Road / Leeds Road / Holme Street and Holme Street / Sagar Street and Broadway have been highlighted by Members as having issues with congestion.
- The congestion is related to peak time traffic flow and is simply due to the volume of traffic and the efficiency of how the traffic is conveyed along the highway.
- The main congestion issues are related to the signal controlled junction at New Scotland Road / Leeds Road / Holme which backs traffic up and this has a knock on effect to the junction at Holme Street / Sagar Street / Broadway.
- The Accessible Nelson looks to improve the infrastructure for cycling and walking around the town centre whilst looking to slow vehicular traffic down but improving its flow.

- The Accessible Nelson Scheme design includes the full length of Scotland Road, New Scotland Road, Leeds Road (from Wavelengths to New Scotland Road), Holme Street, Sagar Street, Broadway, Manchester Road.
- The funding required for the full scheme is approx. £12M compared with the funding allocated of approx. £3.5M
- The two areas prioritised to be delivered with the funding available are the New Scotland Road / Leeds Road / Holme Street and Broadway / Railway Street – see attached plans.
- Further funding will be pursued to deliver further areas identified within the Accessible Nelson Scheme. The Scotland Road / New Scotland Road Area has been included in Lancashire County Council’s Levelling Up Funding bid.
- The Accessible Nelson scheme will commence on site in April 2023 and will be completed in 2025-26

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None.

Financial: The funding for the Accessible Nelson scheme is from the Town Deals Fund.

Legal: None.

Risk Management: None.

Health and Safety: Works will comply with all relevant Health & Safety Legislation.

Sustainability: None.

Community Safety: None.

Equality and Diversity: None.

APPENDICES

Appendix A – New Scotland Road / Leeds Road / Holme Street Scheme

Appendix B – Broadway / Railway Street Scheme

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.