

REPORT TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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PURPOSE:

1. To present the final draft of the Consultant's report for the Committee's consideration. (Appendix 1)
2. To inform the Committee of an additional option for this report, along with the associated costs.

BACKGROUND:

3. During the August Committee meeting, one Member questioned the usability of the mapping that has been included in the assessment. It was felt that it was unclear when viewing the map, whether the views are panoramic between two points, just single points and, indeed, if the views are two-way or just in a single direction.
4. These comments were fed back to the Consultant, and a few examples of an alternative form of mapping were sent via email. (Appendix 2)
5. The Consultant responded with two options:
 - a) Option 1 – Keep the map simple, as it is, and add a commentary to the report to explain the rationale behind the arrows – the map should be read in conjunction with the assessment which explains the type of view from each viewpoint.
 - b) Option 2 – Produce a series of maps to show the 'cone of view'. The scale will have to be increased for the 'cones' to be legible, so more maps will be needed to convey the same information. These maps will take additional time to prepare, over the agreed contract length.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

6. The Consultant has stated that a narrative can be provided to explain the current maps, within the existing costs agreed.
7. The mapping software used by the Consultant will allow production of images like the examples that were provided. A series of maps would need to be produced, possibly four or five, to

prevent them getting too complicated. Up to two days would be needed to produce the maps at a cost of £260 per day.

RECOMMENDATION:

8. If the Committee is happy with the existing maps, that the consultant is asked to add the narrative explaining the rationale behind the arrows to the report, and then send it through for final sign off.
9. If the Committee decides that the additional mapping will benefit the report, that authorisation is sought from the Finance, Employment & Services (FES) Committee for the additional expenditure.
10. Given that the additional cost is well within the agreed budget for the Neighbourhood Plan for 2021/22, and the Committee are working to a tight timeline, it is recommended that authorisation is obtained from the Chairman of the FES Committee via email.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

11. The Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee Terms of Reference state that the Committee must refer to the Finance, Employment & Services Committee when either budgeted or non-budgeted expenditure is anticipated.
12. It is essential that the Colne Neighbourhood Development Plan moves to Regulation 15 as soon as possible.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS:

13. The usability of the current mapping in the report was questioned at the last meeting.
14. There are two options available for the Landscape Assessment which will address the concerns raised, one of which will require additional expenditure.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

15. The recommendations are in line with the Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

16. Motmot Consulting, Foxley Architect.

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

- Appendix 1 – Landscape Assessment
- Appendix 2 – Mapping Examples

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