



AGENDA ITEM 6

GREATER BRISLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

16 September 2013

Report of: Richard Gwyn, Area Environment Officer

Title: **Alternative location of Arnos Court Park BMX & mountain bike track and need for additional Section 106 funding.**

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Committee is asked to make a decision on the alternative location of the BMX & mountain bike track for Arnos Court Park.
2. If the Committee agrees the alternative location, £15,537.91 additional funding will be required. The Committee is asked to make a decision on using the remaining £15,537.91 from the Birchwood Road Prefab site Section 106 allocation (08/01798). This has to be spent or committed by 10th September 2015 and fulfils the criteria set down under planning gain through the provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of the Birchwood Road Prefab Site

Background

At a public meeting held at Arnos Manor Hotel on 4th February 2013, some residents voiced their concerns about the proposed location of the BMX pump track by Kings Road. As a result, an alternative location has been put forward for a BMX & mountain bike track near the Arnos Manor Hotel boundary wall – see map in appendices.

Context

The alternative location will require a tarmac path, in order to access the BMX & mountain bike track - this can be seen on the map. Temporary surfacing will be required during the construction phase to protect the ground from vehicles and machinery accessing the site. Some additional earthworks will be required on the alternative location. Architrail will require additional design

fees for the new location. The work is estimated to cost £60,537.91 in total.

Consultation

Internal

Meeting with Councillors Peter Main & Jackie Norman, Sue Lutkenhouse (Project Team Manager), Rob Stephen (Project Officer) and Richard Gwyn (Area Environment Officer) on 21st January 2013.

Site visit took place on 18th February 2013 with Councillor Jackie Norman, Councillor Mike Langley, Ariaaf Hussain (Neighbourhood Partnership Area Coordinator), April Richmond (Neighbourhood Development Officer), Jonathan Coombes (Planning Officer), Rob Stephen (Project Officer) & Richard Gwyn (Area Environment Officer).

Pre-planning application submitted on 4th March 2013.

Telephone conversation with Jim Cliffe (BCC Planning Obligations Manager) on 29th August 2013.

External

Public meetings held at Arnos Manor Hotel on 2nd September 2010 (over 100 attendees), 22nd September 2011 (18 attendees), 10th July 2012 (9 attendees) & 4th February 2013 (42 attendees).

Architrail public consultation event at Arnos Vale Cemetery on 20th September 2012.

Bristol City Council's Detached Youth Service team consulted with 45 young people in Arnos Court Park during May 2012.

Letters sent to properties surrounding Arnos Court Park on 17th May & 13th December 2012 and 20th February & 29th August 2013.

Updates given at Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership meetings held on 19th March, 12th June & 15th October 2012 and 18th March 2013.

Equalities Impact Assessment

Equalities impact assessment carried out as part of the Greater Brislington Parks & Green Space Investment Plan. A specific equalities impact assessment will be carried out in due course by the Project Officer.

Legal and Resource Implications

Financial

Birchwood Road Prefab site Section 106 allocation of £15,537.91 (08/01798) has to be spent or committed by 10th September 2015.

Legal Implications

"Any decision by the Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership Committee (GBNPC) on agreeing an alternative location for the BMX and

mountain bike track for Arnos Court Park will be subject to obtaining any relevant planning consents. Secondly any decision of the GBNPC to use the remaining £15,537.91 from the Birchwood Road Prefab site s106 allocation (08/01798) as set out in this report will need to comply with the relevant criteria set down for using such s106 monies”.

As stated by Penny Wilford, Team Leader, Legal Services on an email dated 03/09/2013.

Personnel N/A

Appendices:

Arnos Court Park BMX track alternative location map



Arnos Court Park - Revised BMX Track Option