

AGENDA 15, Enc x) Improvements To Woodhorn Lane

Background

The grassed area on Woodhorn Lane, adjacent to Ashington Community Football Club, has long been identified as an area in the town of needing improvement (photographs below).

Woodhorn Lane is on a main bus route and is a well-used thoroughfare to Wansbeck General Hospital and the Football Club and is a popular route for visitors to the town in visiting the Hospital and Football Club. Following the development of the Football Club near this area, in 2009, the area has been characterised by fly tipping, litter and overgrown shrubbery.



Northumberland County Council carried out some improvement works in this area, in 2022, at the request of the Town Council, following concerns raised by a number of residents, Ashington Community Football Club and the volunteer litter picking group who regularly tidy the area. Whilst the site has improved, Hirst Ward Councillors have requested further improvement works, under the ward improvement funding, to fully bring this area to an acceptable standard and under the direction of Town Council staff.

A site visit took place, in April, with relevant County Council officers, and a number of areas of improvement were identified and agreed as follows, to fundamentally improve the area;

- Cut back existing vegetation on site
- Address low lying manhole entrances to utilities to allow levelling of the site.
- Level area adjoining path and access road to Ashington Football Club (approximately 7m either side of road) and aesthetically place existing boulders and grass seed this area. Works will enable Northumberland County Council grass cutting machinery to access and maintain this area moving forward.
- Level 2m stretch on adjoining path from electric sub-station to junction of road to Wansbeck General Hospital, approximately 200m, and grass seed this area. This will enable Northumberland County Council grass cutting machinery to access and maintain this area moving forward.
- Trim and tidy of a number of existing trees on the site.
- Level of rest of site (possible consideration of wildflower planting for 2025).

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Two quotations have now been received, for the above works, from reputable suppliers.

Quotations

Quotation A – £8,269.80

Quotation B - £ 8,310.00

Recommendation

The recommendation would be to proceed with Quotation A.

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