

Planning Committee

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Title	Rowhedge Trail		
Wards affected	Old Heath and the Hythe		

This report concerns funding for the Rowhedge Trail

1. Decision Required

1.1 The Planning Committee is required to agree to amend the wording of a section 106 agreement to allow a financial contribution to be used to fund improvements to the whole of the Rowhedge Trail not just the part along Footpath 27.

2. Reasons for Decision(s)

2.1 There are sufficient funds for the required improvements to Footpath 27 to be implemented but funding to allow a scheme of improvements to other footpaths making up the Rowhedge Trail is required.

3. Alternative Options

3.1 Members could decide to not amend the wording of the agreement in which case the outstanding balance would be returned to Bloor Homes and some improvements to the Rowhedge Trail would not be carried out.

4. Supporting Information

4.1 Application 144693 submitted on behalf of Bloor Homes proposed the redevelopment of part of Rowhedge Wharf to provide 170 Dwellings and other facilities. Planning permission was granted on 3 August 2015 and included a section 106 agreement. The agreement includes a contribution of £50,000 for the upgrade, improvement and extension of the Rowhedge Trail with the Rowhedge Trail being defined in the agreement as Footpath 27.

4.2 The Council's Transport and Sustainability Officer and ECC Public Rights of Way Officer have investigated the work needed to Footpath 27 and have agreed a quote for £39,806. This work will be funded by the Bloor Homes contribution and a balance of £10,194 will remain.

5. Proposal

- 5.1 Bloor Homes have agreed the outstanding balance of £10,194 can be spent on Rowhedge Trail Footpath 139. A scheme of improvements to Footpath 139 will be funded in part by this contribution and in part from a contribution of £26,000 from Hills who are currently building out part of the former wharf site.

6. Strategic Plan References

- 6.1 The Strategic Plan sets out four themes under the acronym of 'Grow'.
Growth, Responsibility, Opportunity, Wellbeing

Opportunity- promoting and improving Colchester and its environment
Promote initiatives to help residents live healthier lives

Wellbeing- help residents adopt healthier life styles by enabling provision of excellent leisure facilities and beautiful green spaces countryside and beaches.

7. Consultation

- 7.1 N/A

8. Publicity Considerations

- 8.1 N/A

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1 There are no financial implications

10. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Implications

- 10.1 There are no equality, diversity and human rights implications

11. Community Safety Implications

- 11.1 There are no community safety implications

12. Health and Safety Implications

- 12.1 There are no health and safety implications

13. Risk Management Implications

- 13.1 There are no risk management implications

Background Papers

Planning application 144693
Section 106 agreement dated 3 August 2013
Email from Bloor Homes dated 25 June 2019