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REPORT TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 3 March 2015
AGENDA ITEM:	7
SUBJECT:	Results of Consultation for Heritage (Victorian Style) Street Lighting in the Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village, Norwood Grove (Copgate Path only) & The Waldrons Conservation Areas
LEAD OFFICER:	Steve Iles Head of Highways and Parking Services
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor Kathy Bee, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
WARDS:	Norbury, Purley, Coulsdon West & Waddon
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:	
<p>This report is in line with objectives to improve safety and minimise accidents (whilst complying with the Councils Conservation Policy) on the Borough’s roads as detailed in the Croydon Corporate Plan 2013 – 15</p> <p>Improving street lighting supports Croydon Council’s corporate priorities of improving the environment and reducing crime.</p>	
AMBITIOUS FOR CROYDON & WHY ARE WE DOING THIS:	
<p><i>Consultation with residents for agreement of selection of Heritage (Victorian Style) Street Lighting in the Webb Estate, Upper Woodcote Village, Norwood Grove (Copgate path only) & The Waldrons Street Lighting Conservation areas so that an agreed and correct pallet of materials installed.</i></p>	
FINANCIAL IMPACT: These proposals can be contained within available budget.	
KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: This is not a Key Decision.	

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| <p>1. RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>1.1 That the Traffic Management Advisory Committee recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment to consider the results of the resident consultation exercise carried out between 27th October 2014 and 23rd December 2014 and consider whether to agree the chosen style of heritage street lighting equipment (Type A, Windsor Street Lantern with Cardiff Column) to be used in the Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village (Oak Columns to be retained around Woodcote Village Green), Norwood Grove (Copgate Path only) and The Waldrons Conservation Areas.</p> |
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2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1** This report seeks agreement to implement the street lighting replacement using the Type A, Windsor Street Lantern with Cardiff Column, in the Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village, Norwood Grove (Copgate Path only) and The Waldrons Conservation Areas, based on the results of the consultation exercise carried out between 27th October and 23rd December 2014.
- 2.2** It's worth noting that it is the wish of the Spatial Planning Team to retain the existing Oak Columns, located around Woodcote Village Green.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1** In August 2011, the Council, in conjunction with Skanska UK PLC commenced a 5 year Core Investment Programme to replace the life expired street lighting stock in Croydon.
- 3.2** The council adopts a strategic approach to the protection of its heritage assets in line with current legislation, guidance from English Heritage and best practice. The council also adopts a pro-active approach through its Local Plan in assessing borough character and interpreting local distinctiveness that underlies the 16 places of Croydon. The 16 Places of Croydon were developed as a part of the Core Strategy (Croydon Local Plan) and based on a detailed analysis of local and residential character of the borough, this underwent extensive statutory public consultation during the period 2009-2012. With regard to local character and historic assets, the council carried out a Conservation Area review in 2007-8 which underwent an extensive consultation process involving local residents associations leading to the designation of nine new conservation areas.
- 3.3** The council is applying a consistent approach to functional lighting which delivers value for money across the borough. The street lighting Private Finance Initiative (PFI) is primarily a project that seeks to provide improvement in technical performance of both light distribution and energy performance of the council's street lighting stock. The government funding criteria is solely concerned with lighting performance as designated by EU standards. Providing for the aesthetic aspects of street lighting columns and luminaires is not a primary objective of the PFI. It does not seek to replicate the infinite variety of styles, ages and performance that is exhibited by its current street lighting provision across the borough and there is no mechanism whereby individuals may formally request that the replacement of existing lighting fixtures does not take place. It is important to understand that the existing street lighting stock is old and in the majority of cases is approaching the end of its life, this is the main reason the council embarked on a borough wide replacement programme.
- 3.4** Some limited scope does exist within the street lighting PFI to accommodate variation in response to local character, if and where it has been identified as either an historic asset or an area where an uplift in specification is considered appropriate and necessary. To this end the council has identified areas where

a permitted variation from the street lighting PFI standard specification is to be accommodated. These are within Croydon Metropolitan Centre designated district centres and statutory conservation areas (adjusted to preclude anomalous situations arising such as different street lights on each side of the road and isolated areas).

3.5 In Croydon, the Street Lighting Conservation Areas are split into 4 distinct categories:

- Village
- Heritage Croydon Old Town
- Heritage Victorian
- Urban/Suburban

The Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village, Norwood Grove (Copgate Path only) and The Waldrons Conservation Areas, fall within the Heritage Victorian category and as such residents were given three possible choices of equipment as can be seen in Appendix 1. Based on responses received the residents preference is the Type A, Windsor Street Lantern with Cardiff Column.

3.6 For details of the streets within the Street Lighting Conservation Areas please see Appendix 2.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 Between the 27th October and 23rd December 2014, a consultation process was carried out by Skanska, whereby 564 letters were sent out to residents within the Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village, Norwood Grove (Copgate Path only) and The Waldrons Conservation Areas, detailing the three choices of lighting equipment available to them:

- Type A Windsor Street Lantern with Cardiff Column
- Type B Lancaster Lantern with Cardiff Column
- Type C Phosco Lantern with Boulevard Column

Residents were offered the chance to take part in an online survey to determine their preferred choice of equipment. The letter also gave the residents the chance to register their choice via e-mail or by phone, for those residents without internet resources.

4.2 Of the 564 number of leaflets sent out, Skanska received 116 replies which are as detailed in Appendix 3

4.3 Based on responses as laid out in Appendix 3 it is recommended that the preferred equipment (Type A Windsor Street Lantern with Cardiff Column) be used in all streets within the Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village (Oak Columns to be retained around Woodcote Village Green), Norwood Grove (Copgate Path only) and The Waldrons Conservation Areas.

5 FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 There are no adverse financial implications here as the cost of the renewal of equipment and ongoing maintenance is included as part of the PFI

arrangement.

5.2 Revenue and Capital consequences of report recommendations

	Current Financial Year	M.T.F.S – 3 year Forecast		
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>Revenue available</u>				
Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Income	0	0	0	0
<u>Effect of Decision from Report</u>				
Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Income	0	0	0	0
Remaining Budget	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>
<u>Capital available</u>				
Expenditure	0	0	0	0
<u>Effect of Decision from report</u>				
Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Remaining Budget	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

5.3 The effect of the decision

5.3.1 There are no direct costs associated with these works as it is within the current PFI contract.

5.3.2 These costs can be contained within the available budgets for 2014/15 & 2015/16.

5.4 Risks

5.4.1 NOTE: - I do not believe there is a risk to the financial side of things as the PFI contract transfer the risk to the Service Provider for the duration of the contract and there is a hand back process given a residual life of 5years on handback (2041).

5.5 Options

Due to the street lighting PFI contract there are no other options.

5.6 Future savings/efficiencies

(Approved by: Graham Oliver, Finance Business Partner, D&E)

6. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

- 6.1 Under section 97 Highways Act 1980 the Council, being the local highway authority, may provide lighting for the purposes of any highway and may for that purpose contract with any persons to supply, construct and maintain such lamps, posts and other works as they consider necessary.

(Approved by: Gabriel MacGregor, Head of Corporate Law on behalf of the Council Solicitor & Director of Democratic & Legal Services)

7. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

- 7.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.
- 7.2 Approved by Adrian Prescod, HR Business Partner, for and on behalf of Director of HR, Resources Department.

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 8.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been undertaken, and there are no specific disadvantages associated with replacing the street lighting in the boroughs. Indeed, the enhanced lighting will be of benefits to all residents and businesses.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 9.1 There is no detrimental environmental impact arising from this report.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

- 10.1 Well-designed street lighting has a positive impact on crime and disorder reduction.

11. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/PROPOSED DECISION

- 11.1 This recommendation aligns with current Council Policy, improves street safety and aids crime reduction, whilst complying with the Conservation Area equipment palette.

12. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 12.1 The use of standard type kit for the conservation areas has been considered but is not thought to be a viable option. The Council's strategic and proactive approach to the protection of its conservation areas dictates that the lighting equipment used within them, should reflect the make-up and character of the area. Type B or Type C could be used but the outcome of the consultation provides a strong preference in support of Type A.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None

Appendix 1

Conservation Area Consultation
Heritage Victorian

Type A **Type B** **Type C**

Street Level

Windsor Lantern
Cardiff Column

Lancaster Lantern
Cardiff Column

Phosco Lantern
Boulevard Column

Please visit:
[surveymonkey.com/s/croydonconservation](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/croydonconservation)
to give your preference for the new street lighting in your area.
Please vote within 4 weeks of receiving this notice.
t: 0300 028 3965
e: clstreetlighting@skanska.co.uk



Appendix 2

Street	Ward	Designated Area
Birch Lane	Purley	Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village CA
Briar Hill	Purley	Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village CA
Copgate Path (AKA Right of Way 702)	Norbury	Norwood Grove CA
Farm Drive	Purley	Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village CA
Furze Hill	Purley	Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village CA
Furze Lane	Purley	Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village CA
Promonade De Vurdun	Purley	Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village CA
Rose Walk	Purley	Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village CA
Right of Way 611	Waddon	The Waldrons CA
Silver Lane	Purley	Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village CA
Southbridge Place	Waddon	The Waldrons CA
The South Border	Purley	Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village CA
The Waldrons	Waddon	The Waldrons CA
Upper Woodcote Village	Coulsdon West	Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village CA
Waldronhyrst	Waddon	The Waldrons CA
Woodcote Lane	Purley	Webb Estate/Upper Woodcote Village CA

Appendix 3

Road Name	Type A	Type B	Type C
Birch Lane	3	0	0
Briar Hill	8	0	1
Copgate Path (AKA ROW 702)	0	0	0
Farm Drive	5	0	0
Furze Hill	9	0	2
Furze Lane	20	0	2
Promenade De Verdun	1	0	0
Rose Walk	8	0	0
Right of Way 611	0	0	0
Silver Lane	13	2	0
Southbridge Place	2	0	0
The South Border	12	1	0
The Waldrons	9	0	4
Upper Woodcote Village	0	0	0
Waldronhyrst	7	2	0
Woodcote Lane	5	0	0

Totals	102	5	9
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