

P&D Committee

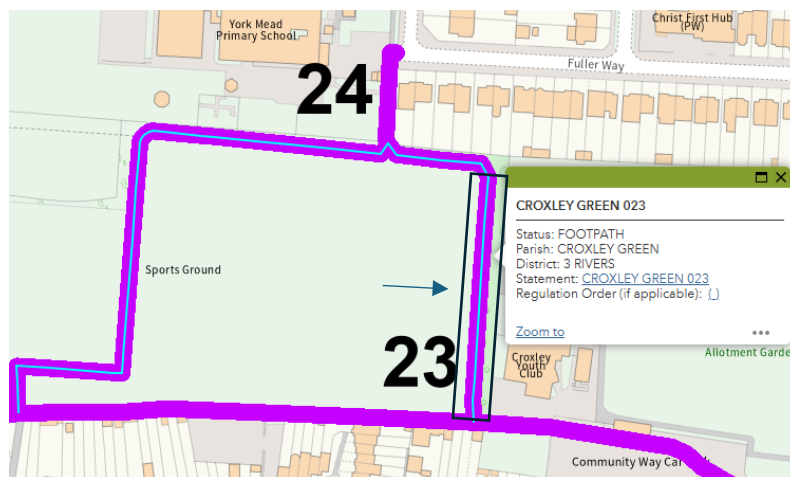
Wednesday 6th November 2024

Agenda Item PD4651/24

Allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy Funding – Public Footpath 23 at Croxley Guild of Sport

Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to recommend that Council allocates up to £20,000 from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds to undertake essential improvements on a section of Footpath 23 as shown below. These improvements are necessary to address recurrent flooding issues that render the footpath impassable during the winter months, limiting community access and use.



Discussion

Footpath 23 has experienced regular flooding during wet seasons, making it difficult or impossible to use. The pathway is a valued community asset that links local playing fields, car parks, and Yorke Mead primary school. However, during the winter months, portions of the footpath become heavily waterlogged and impassable, impacting residents' ability to travel and enjoy the area.

The land around which Footpath 23 is situated is managed by the Guild of Sport and Three Rivers District Council (TRDC). The footpath itself is maintained by CGPC under an agreement with Hertfordshire County Council.

In consultation with local contractors, two primary solutions have been proposed to address the flooding issues on Footpath 23:

1. Installation of a French Drain System

A French drain would allow for proper drainage of surface water, reducing waterlogging on the path. This option would prevent pooling of water along the footpath, ensuring it remains dry and accessible after periods of heavy rain.

2. Raising the Footpath Surface

Raising the level of the footpath is another viable solution to prevent water accumulation, allowing for better water runoff and a more stable walking surface.

This paper is not advocating for any one solution at this stage. If funds are allocated, the Council should liaise with the Guild of Sport, TRDC, and HCC to discuss which solution may be most appropriate.

The estimated cost of these works is up to £20,000, as per the quotes obtained from local contractors. It is proposed that this funding be allocated from the council's CIL funds, given that the project aligns with the CIL's objectives to support infrastructure improvements that benefit the community.

Recommendation

That the P&D committee recommends to Full Council:

- The allocation of up to £20,000 from Community Infrastructure Levy funds for improvements to Footpath 23.

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