

FBC – Capital Bid 2019/20

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No: 3 - Access control measures at Blackpool Rd North Playing Fields and King George V Playing Fields (Heeley Rd)

Description of Scheme: In recent years the council has experienced issues with Travellers accessing various open spaces throughout the borough. Once Travellers have accessed a site they tend to reside until a formal eviction notice for eviction is enforced. This process can take a few days and can cause concerns from local residents.

Historically three sites in St. Annes have been the focus of recent encampments by the travelling community – Frobisher Drive open space, Blackpool Road North Playing Fields and King George V Playing Fields (Heeley Road).

Early in 2018, timber bollards were installed at Frobisher Drive open space along the perimeter to stop vehicular access. Metal drop down, lockable bollards were installed to allow access to maintenance vehicles when required. This approach has proved to be successful in restricting access to the open space by Travellers and other unauthorised vehicles.

Ward members have requested that the same approach is undertaken at Blackpool Road North Playing Fields and King George V Playing Fields (Heeley Road). The table below shows the estimated costs to install the timber and metal drop down bollards at the two sites.

Capital cost plan:

Cost Heading	Description	Total £
Blackpool Road North		
Site Perimeter Bollards	Provide and install 90 timber bollards along the perimeter of the site	£4,140
Site Access Bollards	Provide and install 2 metal, drop down lockable bollards to one access	£1,050
King Georges Field		
Site Perimeter Bollards	Provide and install 180 timber bollards along the perimeter of the site	£8,280
Site Access Bollards	Provide and install 2 metal, drop down lockable bollards to three accesses	£1,050
Contingency for both above sites		£480
Total Project Costs		£15,000

Outputs (i.e. details of what the investment will specifically deliver):

- Upgrade the security arrangements at these open spaces
- Restrict / stop access to these open spaces by unauthorised vehicles

Outcomes (i.e. details of the broader benefits achieved by the investment, for example community or environmental benefit, health and safety compliance, or statutory obligations):

- The green space will be better protected and provide reassurance to local residents
- Improved reputation of the Council from local residents
- Make access to these open spaces more difficult for unauthorised vehicles
- Discourage the travelling community to come to Fylde

Contribution to corporate objectives (i.e. how does the project achieve or help deliver priorities within the corporate plan):

- Contributes to the Corporate Plan 2016 Priority: A Great Place to Live:
"Implement enforcement action on unauthorised development"
"Take enforcement action on illegal encampments"
- The project demonstrates reassurance to the local community and residents (and visitors) to Fylde

Budget Resource Requirements

Breakdown of initial capital costs and future revenue implications

Estimated Total Capital costs of bid: £15,000

Annual **additional Revenue costs** arising from the bid: Nil. Any repairs and maintenance to the bollards will be undertaken through existing revenue budgets.

Value and phasing of bid:

2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Additional capital investment required (i.e. the value of the bid)
Nil	£15,000	Nil	Nil	

Existing resources in the Capital Programme relating to this scheme:

2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Existing capital resources in the approved Capital Programme
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	

Estimated timescales for the bid:

Start Date : April/May 2019

Completion Date: April/May 2019

Project Risks (outline any risks to delivery of the project and how these will be mitigated)

Risk	Impact	Mitigating Action
➤ Damage to green space around the parks during construction	Low Impact	Works to be delivered by a contractor and project managed by Fylde Parks Department under a formal contract arrangement