

## Draft Proposal

### **1. Introduction**

Dedham Parish Council are looking to install bollard lights along the Drift and have consulted with lighting manufacturers and have provisionally chosen a bollard which satisfies the Council's specification and requirements .

A certificate of lawfulness has been provided by Colchester BC for the installation of bollard lights but it is still necessary to provide an arboricultural report and method statement to the conservation officer before any works can be undertaken , due to the close proximity of the trees along the Drift and the concern about damage to tree roots.

Contractors have also been approached for the supply and installation of the bollards assuming unrestricted trenching along the side of the drift footpath but award of contract can obviously not take place until the tree protection measures have been addressed first and an appropriate method statement agreed with the conservation officer , as this could in turn affect the scope of work and the need for reassessment and pricing by contractors .

As well as installation of bollards DPC are also looking to improve hard and soft landscaping around the Royal Square and along the Drift and have consulted with Landscape Architects who have provided costed proposals for this design element .

Although there is a desire within DPC to install the bollard lights as soon as possible before undertaking any other landscaping works if necessary so as not to be delayed by wider planning and funding issues, it is deemed appropriate to at least consider the wider landscape design to the Drift such as resurfacing and planting so that it can be considered by an Arboricultural Consultant at the same time as the bollards , as well as ensuring that the bollard installation has taken account of any future works such as a footpath width and edging detail and any planting designed to protect the bollards can be installed if necessary at an earlier stage .

DPC have approached a number of Arboricultural Consultants to provide costs for advice on protection zones and appropriate installation methods for the bollards , footpath improvement and soft landscaping along the Drift only.

A separate report would be provided for the bollard installation only if necessary for conservation approval in the first instance , particularly as any future works may need separate planning approval and DPC would not want to complicate the issue by referring to these works at this stage.

This proposal to Council is for the employment of an Arboricultural Consultant to report on the protection measures necessary for the installation of lighting bollards and proposed landscaping along the Drift and a Landscape Architect to look at landscaping design for the Drift and Royal Square.

The Landscape Architect would employ a land surveyor in the first instance to carry out a topographical survey of the Drift and Royal Square which would be necessary for the Arboricultural Consultant to report on the trees on the Drift.

### **2. Anticipated phasing and programme for delivering Bollard Installation and Landscape Design .**

1. Award arboricultural contract and landscaping contract - Early June
2. Undertake topo survey and receive report - End June

3. Issue topo to arboricultural consultant and landscape architect - Early July
4. Complete arboricultural report with DPC consultation - End July
5. Complete landscape design with DPC consultation - Mid August
6. Issue report to CBC on bollard installation - Mid August
7. Decision from CBC - End August / Early Sept ( to check normal response time ?)
8. Re tender bollard supply and installation - Mid August
9. Award bollard contract after analysis and Colchester BC Approval - Early September subject to 7.
10. Install Bollards Sept / October 2020 subject to 7.

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