

Project Coversheet

[1] Ownership & Status

UPI: 9441

Core Project Name: Moor Lane Environmental Enhancements

Programme Affiliation (if applicable): Culture Mile

Project Manager: Katie Adnams

Definition of need:

Moor Lane has been identified as an area for improvement for several years, initially identified as a high priority project as part of the 'Barbican Area Streets and Walkways Enhancement Strategy' approved in 2008. Moor Lane presents an opportunity to respond to community priorities by increasing greening in the area and prioritising more space for pedestrians.

A scheme was developed and approved in 2011, which resulted from extensive consultation and proposed the creation of a linear park along Moor Lane. The proposals were to be funded by the Section 106 agreement for the Milton Court development and approval was granted to implement the scheme on site. However, the scheme was paused in light of the emerging 21 Moorfields development which is now under construction.

The City is now in a position to recommence work on this project and proceed with a review of the design for Moor Lane, to ensure it responds to the needs of the development and mitigates the development's impact on the local environment. There is strong stakeholder support for improvements to Moor Lane and an expectation for the scheme to finally be completed.

Key measures of success:

- 1) Moor Lane is a green, biodiverse and environmentally resilient street through the introduction of trees and planting.
- 2) Both the local community and the developer's priorities are met, by ensuring the security needs and desires for an improved pedestrian environment are delivered in coordination with the completion of 21 Moorfields.
- 3) A welcoming, accessible and safe pedestrian environment is created on Moor Lane with widened footways to prioritise pedestrian movement.

Expected timeframe for the project delivery: Implementation is expected Spring-late Autumn 2022.

Please note that the project was paused in 2012 due to the 21 Moorfields development. It is now proposed that the project is recommenced with an expected implementation timeframe as above.

Key Milestones:

Are we on track for completing the project against the expected timeframe for project delivery?

N/A – the project was paused and is now proposed to be recommenced.

Has this project generated public or media impact and response which the City of London has needed to manage or is managing?

No.

[2] Finance and Costed Risk

Headline Financial, Scope and Design Changes:

The project is part of the Barbican Area Streets & Walkways Enhancement Strategy and was approved as one of the strategy's high priority schemes by the Court of Common Council in 2008 following a public consultation exercise. In July 2011 an evaluation report was approved by Members to implement environmental enhancements on Moor Lane. Approval was granted to progress to detailed design stage, seek relevant permissions and implement the scheme. A budget of £1,391,136 was made available following the report approval. The spend to date is £257,526.

Evaluation report – approval for implementation (as approved by Street & Walkways committee 18/07/11)*:

- Total Estimated Cost (excluding risk): £1.55M
- Resources to reach next Gateway (excluding risk): £1.45M
- Estimated Programme Dates: Works were intended to commence in 2012.

*It should be noted that the evaluation report approved in 2011 predated the current Gateway reporting procedure. Upon approval of the 2011 report, officers were given authority to proceed with detail design and implement the scheme. However, due to a number of modifications required to the scheme as outlined in the issue report, officers now consider the existing scheme to be equivalent to Gateway 3 stage. Consequently, it is proposed that the next report to Members is a Gateway 4/5, outlining the detail design and requesting authority to start work.

Total anticipated on-going commitment post-delivery [£]:

Revenue implications for highways maintenance are anticipated to be of minimum impact and will be confirmed at Gateway 5 when the detailed design will be finalised.

These costs will be assessed and covered by the project budget, thereby mitigating the impact on local risk budgets.

Increased greening will entail an Open Spaces maintenance commitment and a provision for this will be included in the project budget. It should be noted that the proposed implementation of Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SUDS) in the scheme is expected to reduce the overall maintenance commitment.

Programme Affiliation [£]: Culture Mile – the programme budget is assessed by financial year depending on the projects approved for delivery.