

Committees: Streets and Walkways Sub Committee <i>[for decision]</i> Project and Procurement Sub-Committee <i>[for information]</i>	Dates: 30 January 2024 12 February 2024
Subject: Moor Lane Environmental Enhancements Unique Project Identifier: 9441	Gateway 5 Regular Issue Report
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1. Status update	<p>Project Description: Public realm enhancements in Moor Lane to provide greening and an improved pedestrian environment, with the creation of a “linear park” and widened footways.</p> <p>The implementation of the project has been phased to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> align the delivery of works to the eastern footway (referred to as Area A in this report), funded through a Section 278 contribution, to the developer’s timeline; finalise the design proposals for the western footway (referred to as Area B in this report) following a public consultation at the end of 2021. Construction of the western footway will commence once the design is finalised. <p>The Gateway 5 report for Area A was approved in July 2022, and the works are now being implemented with completion scheduled for end of March 2024.</p> <p>The Gateway 5 report for Area B was approved in May 2023, but following further engagement the delivery of this has been paused. A new way forward is being proposed in this report.</p> <p>This report provides an update on the progress of the project and seeks approval to revise the design for Area B.</p> <p>RAG Status: Amber (Amber at last report to Committee)</p> <p>Risk Status: High (High at last report to committee)</p> <p>Total Estimated Cost of Project (excluding risk): £2,968,680</p> <p>The total cost for Area A, funded through Section 278 agreement, is</p>
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	<p>estimated at £1,508,680 (including costed risk provision of £100k).</p> <p>The total budget for Area B, funded through Milton Court Environmental Improvement Works (Section 106) payment and Climate Action Strategy Cool Streets programme, is set at £1,560,000</p> <p>Spend to Date: £398,907</p> <p>Costed Risk Provision Utilised: £0 (of which £0 amount has been drawn down since the last report to Committee);</p> <p>Slippage: Implementation of Area B was expected to commence in March 2024, following completion of the works at Area A. However, the design and implementation of Area B has now been delayed, to allow for further engagement with local stakeholders and to ensure that the proposals align with other measures being developed in the local area relating to the Healthy Neighbourhood Plan for Bunhill, Barbican and Golden Lane area.</p>
<p>2. Requested decisions</p>	<p>Next Gateway: Gateway 3/4 - Options Appraisal (Regular)</p> <p>Requested Decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve that the existing design for Area B (approved in May 2023) is not constructed. Instead that the project reverts to the Gateway 3/4 Options Appraisal stage, to allow revision of the proposed design in line with the Healthy Neighbourhood programme and consideration of traffic management changes along Moor Lane. 2. Note that this will put the delivery of this project within the Bunhill, Barbican and Golden Lane Healthy Streets Neighbourhood programme. 3. Agree the formation of a working party made up of local stakeholders, including residents, occupiers and developers, the Culture Mile BID and a small number of ward Members to enable a collaborative and more co-productive approach to developing the revised design. Governance of the project and decision making will remain with Streets and Walkways Sub Committee. 4. Note that a further report detailing how the working party will work and the development of the project milestones will follow in due course. 5. Authorise the budget adjustment related to staff costs and fees to be actioned as outlined in section 3 below and in Appendix 3. 6. Note the current total estimated cost of the project (areas A and B) at £2,968,680 (excluding risk).
<p>3. Budget</p>	<p>Appendix 3 and a table below contain a breakdown of funds required to review the scheme's objectives and re-design Area B. It also indicates the implementation budget, based on known highway conditions and primarily utilising a palette of materials consistent with the City's</p>

standards.

Expenditure to date is £398,907. Some of these costs may become abortive; this will be assessed and reported on in more detail in the next report.

The costs of Area A are envisaged to be unaffected as this is outside the scope of the review.

Resources Required to reach the next Gateway			
Description	Approved Budget (£)	Resources Required (£)	Revised Budget (£)
Staff costs	255,486	35,000	290,486
Fees	92,245	50,000	142,245
Works	1,011,650		1,011,650
Contingency*	101,755	-85,000	16,755
Planting Maintenance	86,483		86,483
Highway Maintenance	12,381		12,381
TOTAL	1,560,000	-	1,560,000

**Contingency sum was approved as part of the 2011 report and included within the budget since. Costed risk provision is separate to the approved contingency sum.*

Costed Risk Provision requested for this Gateway: £0

4. Issue description

- Since the approval of the progress report in September 2023, officers have undertaken a review of various elements of the design for Area B. This included an independent panel reviewing the approved current design; an initial assessment of possible changes to traffic management options, (which will need to be considered in the context of the emerging Bunhill, Barbican & Golden Lane (BBGL) Healthy Neighbourhood Plan); and a review of existing utility infrastructure and the possibility of diverting apparatus.
- The results of this review were reported back to local stakeholders at a meeting on 6 December 2023 (see presentation in Appendix 2). Following the completion of this work Officers concluded that the potential opportunity for further greening if the traffic management of the street were changed. However, this cannot be considered in isolation and would be incorporated within the wider Barbican, Bunhill and Gloden Lane Healthy Neighbourhood Plan that is currently in development.
- At the stakeholder progress meeting, it was agreed to propose to restart the design process for Area B, with a view to delivering a more ambitious greening scheme in Moor Lane as part of the Healthy Neighbourhood plan.
- It was acknowledged by attendees of the meeting that by taking this approach, detailed design development for Area B can only

	<p>commence upon completion of the BBGL Healthy Neighbourhood Plan (currently expected to report in May 2024 on proposals to go out to Public Consultation). This is to ensure that any traffic management proposals put forward as part of the design are aligned with the objectives of the Plan and work together with other priority areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers have also agreed to establish a working party to guide the design process. This will include local residents, occupiers and developers, Ward Members and the Culture Mile BID. • Whilst work on the BBGL Neighbourhood Plan continues, the working party will be established, agreement of scope of work and plans as to how to take this forward will be established. A further report to Members setting out the detailed revised proposal and costs will follow.
<p>5. Options</p>	<p>Option 1 (recommended)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate Area B of the Moor Lane Environmental Enhancement project within the Barbican, Bunhill and Golden Lane Healthy Neighbourhood Plan programme. • Revert the project to Gateway 3/4 Options Appraisal stage to review the scheme's objectives and revise the designs in collaboration with local stakeholders through the Working Party. • Consider traffic management to Moor Lane that could provide opportunities for further greening of the street through the BBGL Healthy Neighbourhood Plan. <p>Option 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with implementation of existing design.

Appendices

Appendix 1	Project Coversheet
Appendix 2	Meeting presentation
Appendix 3	Finance table

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