

CARLISLE HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP
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Meeting date: 12 April 2022

From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure
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GUARD RAILING HARDWICKE CIRCUS UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 *Members of the Highways and Transport Working Group (“the Working Group”) will recall a verbal update was given at the February Working Group and this Update follows.*
- 1.2 *The members are asked to note the content of this report.*
- 1.3 *A copy of the Pedestrian Guard Rail Assessment is attached as Appendix 1.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 *In considering any implications, members must consider if the proposals impact on the Council Plan, including supporting delivery of Community Strategy and Council Plan priorities, specifically*
 - *To safeguard children, and ensure that Cumbria is a great place to be a child and grow up*
 - *To enable communities to live safely and shape services locally*
 - *To provide safe and well-maintained roads and an effective transport network*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 *That the Working Group recommend that the Local Committee note the update.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Councillors raised concerns that the pedestrian Guard Railing at Hardwicke Circus roundabout has come to a point where repair or replacement needs to be considered for aesthetic reasons.
- 4.2 The guard railing guidance document and assessment criteria was developed to assist Officers with decisions regarding the replacement or removal of sections of guard railing.
- 4.3 The Pedestrian Guard Rail Assessment, attached as Appendix 1, was carried out for the Hardwicke Circus Guard railing giving a weighed percentage score of 59.58%.
- 4.4 There are two possible decisions for guard railings with a score above 50%, either remove and replace with an alternative, or retain. As there are no suitable alternatives that would serve the same purpose as the guard railing it is recommended that they are retained.
- 4.5 Barrier replacement at Georgian Way and Hardwicke Circus is on the identified PRN list of works but given the nature does not score highly for prioritisation against carriageway and footway schemes. The cost for replacement at Georgian Way (between Hardwicke Circus and Spencer Street) is £114,000. The cost for replacement at Hardwicke Circus is £116,000.
- 4.6 The damaged sections of railing at this location have therefore been ordered for repair.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 The Working Group are asked to note the content of this report.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The railings are inspected and made safe as required as a statutory duty. The resources have not been allocated this financial year due to low prioritisation.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no legal implications from this report.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 This report informs the Working Group of the findings of the assessment of the guard railings on Hardwicke Circus and recommends that Local Committee note the update also.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Pedestrian Guard Rail Assessment

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