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**Decision Session – Cabinet Member for  
Environmental Services**

**7<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

Report of Assistant Director (Highways, Fleet and Waste Services)

**Street Lighting – Residents Petition for Improvements in Holly Tree  
Croft Snicket, Dunnington**

**Summary**

1. This report follows on from a petition which was presented by Cllr Brooks on behalf of Dunnington residents. The petition asks for an extra street light to be placed in the snicket located at the bottom of Holly Tree Croft. A street lighting engineer has investigated the location and the report outlines options for the Cabinet Member to consider and decide.

**Background**

2. Upon receiving the petition (**Annex A**) including 38 names (37 signed) the street lighting engineer conducted a survey of the alleyway to ascertain the viability of placing an extra street light in the snicket. The footpath is located between 22 and 23 Holly Tree Croft and connects to a further footpath on a track leading to Holly Tree Lane. The path itself is roughly 30m long and 1.5m wide. On the side of number 22 a hedge and a wooden fence runs the full length of the footway, whereas on the side of number 23 the fence runs half the length due to a driveway opening up the area. The nearest street lighting to the pathway is approximately 4m from the entrance to the path in Holly Tree Croft and a similar distance on the track.

The appearance of the path is narrow and the surrounding greenery gives the impression of it being enclosed. Beyond the snicket, both areas are relatively well lit. Photographs are provided at **Annex B**.

## Consultation

3. The Safer York Partnership has provided information as set out in Para 19.

## Options

4. Option 1: To install a 6m tall 42 watt fluorescent light at mid point on the footway. The column would need to be a raise and lower type to allow access for maintenance. This would allow the snicket to be lit to current standards.
5. Option 2: To leave the snicket as it is.

## Analysis

6. Whilst an extra light would bring this relatively short stretch of pathway to current standards, the street lighting engineer feels there are a number of issues to consider:
7. The pathway is narrow and a street light installation of any type would encroach taking up to 0.5m out of the footway. This would severely restrict the movement along the footway potentially preventing wheelchairs and motorised scooters from using it.
8. The close proximity of properties and their windows is likely to cause issue with complaints of light spill and encroachment, something that wouldn't be able to be shielded in this instance.
9. The height of shrubs and nearby trees is very likely to cause issue blocking any new light negating the desired effect.

## Council Plan Priorities

10. This complies with our corporate priorities by protecting the environment and being completely in touch with the communities.

## Implications

11. This report has the following implications:
  - **Financial** (*Contact – Director of Resources*) – A new lighting column would impact on current maintenance budgets in the absence of Ward funding.
  - **Human Resources (HR)** (*Contact – Head of HR*) – There are no HR implications.

- **Equalities** (Contact – Equalities Officer) – A new light would likely impact on accessibility along the foot ways for the less able bodied.
- **Legal** (Contact – Head of Legal and Democratic Services) – There is currently no legal requirement or compulsion to light a highway, but where we do we must light it to the relevant standards at the time of installation.
- **Crime and Disorder** (Contact - Senior Partnerships Support Officer, Community Planning & Partnerships) – Safer York Partnership has confirmed there has not been any reports of anti social behaviour at this location.
- **Information Technology (IT)** (Contact – Head of IT)
- **Property** (*Contact – Property*)
- **Other**

### **Risk Management**

12. There are no further risks from this scheme.

### **Recommendations**

13. The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve Option 2, to leave the snicket as it is:
  - a. Reason:

The street light would cause an obstruction and likely nuisance to neighbouring properties. Its effectiveness would also be compromised by surrounding greenery. There are currently no specific budgets for additional street lights within the street lighting maintenance budget.

## Contact Details

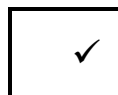
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Report  
Approved



Date 7/8/12

## Specialist Implications Officer(s)

Wards Affected: Dunnington

For further information please contact the author of the report.

## Background Papers:

None

## Annexes

Annex A – Petition from Dunnington residents

Annex B – Photographs of the snicket