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DOG WOOD CYCLE PATH DESIGN

This project is funded by the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). The appointed contractor/supplier will be expected to ensure adherence to all UKSPF guidance.

BACKGROUND

The Knutsford Cycle Infrastructure Plan has an aspirational route to connect the town centre to a new housing development and industrial estate. This route would pass from the town's main park, through a woodland, a section of Tatton Park and then along a field edge. An indicative plan is shown at the end of this document.

There are multiple stakeholders involved in the development of this path:

- Tatton Estates¹ - own part of Dog Wood and the field
- Cheshire East Council – own part of Dog Wood
- Cheshire East Council / National Trust – Tatton Park
- United Utilities – depending on the route it is near UU land/assets
- National Rail – as it is in close proximity to the railway

We need to develop a detailed proposal for the path to be able to secure agreement from stakeholders who to date have been supportive but want to see a detailed proposal. We can then look to secure funding.

PATH ROUTE

Moor to Tatton Park

This section of the path would follow an existing natural path in Dog Wood from the Moor to the Tatton Park Dog Wood entrance. This section passes through some challenging ground which can be wet. There is a small watercourse which would require culverting/a bridge and it is likely changes to the gradient of some sections may be required. Tree felling in this area would likely not be required.

Through Tatton Park

¹ This is not connected with Tatton Park.



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To create a path which is usable 24/7, a path would need to be constructed through a small section of woodland in Tatton Park. This will likely require a section of tree felling and installation of a secure fence to ensure Tatton Park remains secure.

Tatton Park to Parkgate Lane

This section of the path would follow the field edge to a new opening onto Parkgate Lane.

PROJECT SCOPE

We have secured funds to develop a detailed design and cost estimate for this project. It is a requirement of the funding that this work be completed by 31st March 2024.

The scope of this work is to:

1- Develop a design for the proposed route

Following an on-site survey, develop a detailed design plan for the route for its full extent. This should include a map showing the precise route and widths. The path should be suitable for pedestrian and cycle use.

It will also identify the works required to build the path, including (for example) the construction of culverts, installation of fencing, removal of trees, grading of land etc. This should be sufficient to clearly explain to landowners what works would be required.

The plan should detail options/recommendations for the finish of the path and associated infrastructure (e.g. signage, drainage, lighting) as applicable.

The design should carefully consider the existing sites and safety of users i.e. in relation to proximity to the railway.

2 - Develop a proposed construction methodology

This should detail how the plan in section one would be constructed including site access, construction methods and site compounds. It should be sufficiently detailed to be used as the basis for a formal tender for companies to price against and should identify all works anticipated to deliver the path.

The railway bridge at Mallard Close is not suitable for vehicular use and Network Rail would not permit works vehicle access over this.

3 – Provide an indicative price estimate

This should provide a guide cost for the project to enable us to seek grant funding.

This should be:

- a) Single phase for whole path
- b) Two phases: Moor to Tatton Park and Through Tatton Park to Parkgate Lane



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QUOTE SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for submission of quotes is 31st January 2024.

All quotes should be submitted by email to: townclerk@knutsfordtowncouncil.gov.uk.

The submission should comprise:

- 1) Quotation of a fixed price for the requirement set out
- 2) An example of a similar report you have prepared
- 3) Company background and key personnel skills/experience
- 4) A reference for a similar project

CONTACTS

Lead contact for the project is:

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EVALUATION PROCEDURE

All submissions will be evaluated based on the table below. A decision will be made on 2nd February and all bids will be informed of the outcome by 9th February.

Aspect	Points Awarded	How Measured
Perceived Quality	Tenders will be scored from 0 to 10 based on perceived quality of the output.	Quality of example report Bid submission Company/personnel experience Referee(s)
Price	The lowest priced submission will be awarded 10 points, the next 9 points and so on until remaining tenders receive 1.	Quoted price.
Locality	2 points will be awarded to companies based in Cheshire, 1 for companies based in the North West.	Registered address / local office.



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