

APPENDIX A "Project Mandate"

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Subject: One off major tree belt clearance along council responsible
disused railway embankment land

1 Purpose of report

To seek funds for a one off tree clearance project to the neglected and completely unkempt disused railway embankment as it passes by residential mobile home site Nevada Park and on the other side of the embankment the new Holland road Residential housing estate.

2 Recommendations

That Capital expenditure of £12,000 is authorised to engage the councils external tree surgeon company 'George Walker' of Syston in regards to a major one off initiative designed to achieve a complete clearance of all problem and potential problem trees from both sides of the disused Railway embankment site as it passes Nevada Park and Holland road.

3 Background

The site in question receive numerous and on-going complaints annually from residents living in the new Holland road residential estate and Nevada park regarding the mature trees along the embankment overhanging both sites . The embankment is extremely steep and a specialist external tree surgeon company is required to undertake this work The funds being sought reflect the quotation to carry out this work from the councils designated tree surgery company George Walker.

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Legal, financial and IT implications

The council is legally responsible for the management of the trees along the section of the disused railway embankment at the places for which the funds will be used. We have been using revenue budgets to avoid insurance claims against the councils from falling branches and damage to boundary fences etc. for a number of years, coming from the dense line of mature trees pushing up against the boundary line (which will all be removed as part of the proposed initiative)

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Initial Assessment of risk

There is considerable risk from falling branches as well as on going damage as a result of natural tree growth in regards to potential damage to property and or injury to persons

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Equalities and diversity and staffing implications

There are no diversity or staffing or equalities implications as a result of this mandate
