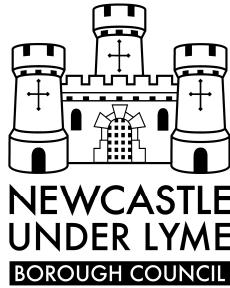


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SUPPLEMENTARY COUNCIL AGENDA

BUSINESS

- 3 MINUTES - AMENDED** (Pages 5 - 10)
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2014.
- 9a Thistleberry Parkway Cycle Path and Lighting** (Pages 11 - 18)

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive

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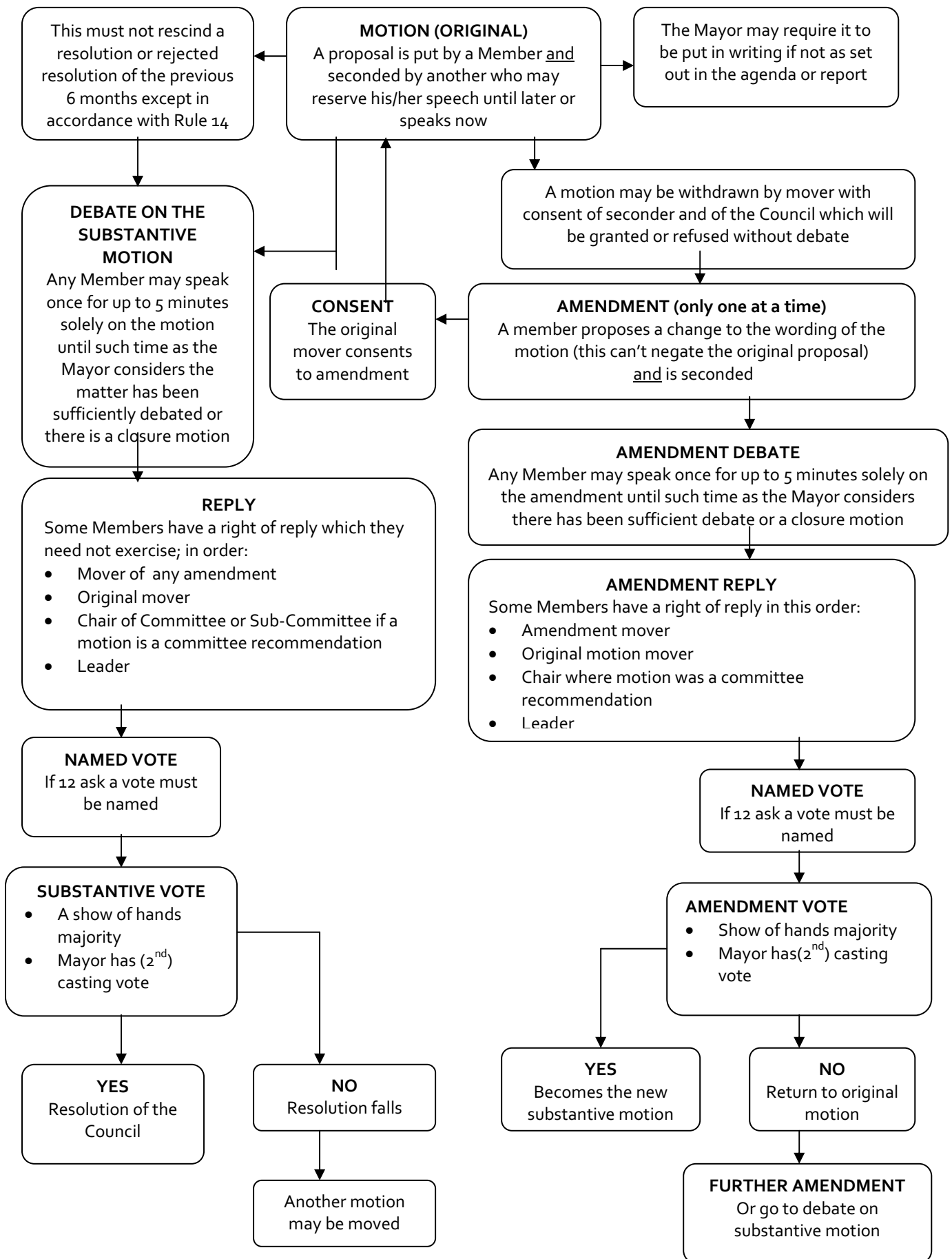
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5. Notice of Motion

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COUNCIL

Wednesday, 4th June, 2014

Present:- The Mayor, Mr Edward Boden – in the Chair
The Mayor, Mrs Linda Hailstones – in the Chair

Councillors Naylor, Miss Mancey, Kearon, Harper, Baker, Mrs Peers, Woolley, Miss Cooper, Mrs Burnett, Cooper, Mrs Astle, Eagles, Eastwood, Fear, Hailstones, Mrs Hailstones, Mrs Hambleton, Hambleton, Matthews, Mrs Heames, Mrs Heesom, Holland, Wallace, Mrs Johnson, Jones, Mrs Bates, Loades, Wilkes, Mrs Beech, Mrs Simpson, Northcott, Miss Olszewski, Owen, Mrs Burgess, Plant, Proctor, Miss Reddish, Robinson, Rout, Mrs Shenton, Allport, Stringer, Braithwaite, Sweeney, J Tagg, Tagg, Taylor.J, Turner, Miss Walklate, Bailey, Waring, Welsh, Wemyss, White, D Becket, Williams, Mrs Williams, Mrs Winfield, Stubbs and Huckfield

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th April 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. LONG SERVICE AWARD

The Mayor presented a long service award to Cllr Mrs Williams in recognition of her 21 years' service to the Borough Council and the people of Newcastle under Lyme.

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2014/2015

Cllr Sweeney proposed that Cllr Mrs Hailstones be elected as Mayor for the next municipal year; Cllr Jones seconded the proposal, all members voted in favour.

Resolved: That Cllr Mrs Hailstones be appointed as Mayor for the next municipal year

5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2014/2015

Cllrs Mrs Hambleton and Cllr Wilkes were both proposed as Deputy Mayor for the next municipal year. The vote was as follows:

Those in favour of Cllr Mrs Hambleton:	32
Those in favour of Cllr Wilkes:	16

Resolved: That Cllr Mrs Hambleton be elected as Deputy Mayor for the next municipal year.

6. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor appointed the following for the next municipal year:

Consort:	Peter Hailstones
High Constables:	Alex Hailstones and Adam Howard
Chaplain:	John Palmer
Mace Bearers:	Carl Edworthy and Laurence Tagg

7. MAYORAL ADDRESS

The Mayor thanked her fellow Councillors and paid tribute to the great work carried out by the previous mayor and mayoress.

The Mayor stated that her charities for the next year would be the North Staffordshire Carers Association, The O'Connor Gateway Trust and the Royal British Legion.

8. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Cllr Stubbs proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress.

9. RESPONSE OF THE RETIRING MAYOR AND SUMMARY OF THE MAYORAL YEAR

The retiring Mayor thanked members and officers and in particular Mr Peter Whalan, Mr Geoff Durham, Mr Carl Edworthy and Mr Peter Shaw for all their hard work and support throughout the year. There had been over 270 mayoral engagements with a fantastic £8,500 raised for the Mayor's Charities which this year had been the North Staffs Special Adventure Playground and the Peter Pan Nursery.

10. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that the Annual Civic Church Service would be held at St Giles' church on the morning of Sunday 22nd June.

The mayor also brought to the attention of members that the 3rd Battalion of the Mercian Regiment, formerly known as the 'The Staffords' would be parading through the town centre on Wednesday 25th June.

11. APPOINTMENT OF CABINET AND DEPUTY LEADER

Cllr Shenton nominated Cllr Stubbs as Leader of the Council, this was seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed by all members.

Cllr Stubbs then appointed Cllr Shenton as Deputy Leader for the next municipal year.

Cllr Stubbs appointed the following to his Cabinet for the next municipal year:

Cllr Mike Stubbs:	Communications, Policy and Partnerships
Cllr Elizabeth Shenton:	Finance and Resources
Cllr Trevor Hambleton:	Leisure, Culture and Localism
Cllr Ann Beech:	Environment and Recycling
Cllr Terry Turner:	Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres
Cllr Tony Kearon:	Safer Communities

Cllr John Williams: Planning and Assets

Resolved: (a) That Cllr Stubbs be appointed as Leader of the Council for the next municipal year.

(b) That Cllr Shenton be appointed as Deputy Leader for the next municipal year.

(c) That the Cabinet for the next municipal year be as follows:

Cllr Mike Stubbs:	Communications, Policy and Partnerships
Cllr Elizabeth Shenton:	Finance and Resources
Cllr Trevor Hambleton:	Leisure, Culture and Localism
Cllr Ann Beech:	Environment and Recycling
Cllr Terry Turner:	Economic Regeneration, Business and Town Centres
Cllr Tony Kearon:	Safer Communities
Cllr John Williams:	Planning and Assets

12. **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS 2014/2015**

A vote was taken and recorded in relation to the appointment of the following vice chairs where more than one nomination had been received:

Planning Committee:

Cllr Stringer – 32 votes - APPOINTED

Cllr Mrs Reddish – 14 votes

Public Protection Committee:

Cllr Proctor - 32 votes – APPOINTED

Cllr Mrs Walklate – 9 votes

Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee:

Cllr Mrs Johnson – 33 votes -APPOINTED

Cllr Becket – 10 votes

The rest of the appointments for the Chairs and Vice Chairs were as listed in the appendix

Resolved: (a) That the appointments to committees be as listed in the appendix.

(b) That Cllr Stringer be appointed as Vice Chair of the Planning Committee

(c) That Cllr Proctor be appointed as Vice Chair of the Public Protection Committee

(d) That Cllr Mrs Johnson be appointed as Vice Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

(e) That the rest of the appointments for the Chairs and Vice Chairs be as listed in the appendix.

13. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2014/2015

The Leader stated that there was a plan to review the current list of outside bodies that the Council appointed representatives to. It was recommended and seconded that the nominations put forward be put on hold pending the outcome of the review and that a report be submitted to a future meeting.

Where an appointment to an outside body was a portfolio holder or Leader/Deputy Leader appointment that would continue to be the case.

Resolved: (a) That where an appointment to an outside body was a portfolio holder or Leader/Deputy Leader appointment that this be continued.

(b) That the remainder of the appointments be put on hold pending the outcome of a review into outside bodies.

14. REPORT - HONORARY ALDERMEN

A report was submitted to ask the Council to consider whether to adopt the principle of conferring the title of Honorary Alderman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council as past Members of the Council, but who were no longer serving Members of the Council.

Resolved: That Council agrees to the principle of conferring of the title of Honorary Alderman on persons who meet the criteria.

15. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2014 - 2015

Resolved: That Council agrees to the dates and times of the meetings as listed at the appendix.

16. REPORT - ENFORCEMENT POLICY

The Portfolio Holder for Waste and Recycling introduced the report and thanked Head of Environmental Health for the hard work that had gone into the preparation of the policy.

There was some concern expressed by members that there had been little opportunity for back bench members to discuss the policy and make comments.

It was proposed that the item be deferred to a future meeting, the proposal was seconded and a vote taken with 7 members voting in favour of deferment, the motion fell and debate returned to the substantive motion.

Resolved: That Council agrees to the proposed Enforcement Policy as set out in Appendix A and that the policy be adopted.

17. REPORT - DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Resolved:

a) That the Council's constitution be amended at Part 3, Appendix 1, Annex 2 to read as follows:

Public Protection Committee

To exercise the duties and powers of the Council in relation to licensing and registration functions. To include the revision of existing policies relating to hackney carriage vehicle and hackney carriage driver licences, private hire vehicle, driver and operator licences and the formulation and implementation of all new taxi, private hire and private hire operator policies.

b) That the Council's constitution be amended at Appendix 4 under Licensing Functions, paragraph (2) to include the power to impose conditions on hackney carriage licences and hackney carriage driver licences.

c) That the Council's constitution be amended at Appendix 4 under Licensing Functions, paragraph (3) to include the power to impose conditions on private hire vehicle licences, private hire driver licences and private hire operator licences.

18. **UPDATE ON PETITION SUBMITTED TO THE LAST MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL BY RESIDENTS OF MILES GREEN**

Resolved: That the petitioners be advised that the request to include land at Heathcote Road, Miles Green, within the North Staffordshire Green Belt can only be given due consideration through the process of preparing the new joint Local Plan, in accordance with the statutory town planning process.

CHAIR

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REPORT TITLE: Thistleberry Parkway Cycle Path and Lighting

Submitted by: Roger Tait – Head of Operations

Portfolio: Environment and Recycling

Wards Affected: Thistleberry

Purpose of the Report

- To seek approval of the masterplan for the Thistleberry Parkway Neighbourhood Park drawn up as a result of a consultation exercise undertaken with the local community and other stakeholders.
- To seek approval to proceed with the first phase of the proposals to improve the parkway.

Recommendations

- **That the masterplan proposals for the parkway are approved.**
- **That the first phase of the project, to improve the cycleway running through the park and provide lighting is approved.**
- **That the Executive Director – Operational Services be authorised to seek tenders for the works and, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Recycling accept the lowest suitable tender within the available funding.**

Reasons

- To meet identified community need in relation to green space and to improve infrastructure which facilitates and encourages walking and cycling in the locality.

1. Background

- 1.1 The site is managed as a neighbourhood park in the Urban North Staffordshire Green Space Strategy for the Borough. This sets out an aim to improve the quality of this public open space based on robust assessment of local need. There are over 2000 properties within a ten minute walking distance (800m) of the park; the residents of which would benefit as a result of investment. The first stage in working to achieve this was to build the new play area to Fields in Trust NEAP (neighbourhood equipped area for play) standard in 2009.
- 1.2 A consultation exercise was undertaken in 2009 to obtain the views of the local community and other stakeholders. A random 50% selection of properties within an 800m radius of the Parkway was surveyed. In

total 1058 paper surveys were sent out. An online survey was also available.

The results show that the top 5 proposals, cited as very high in importance by the respondents, are:

- provide lighting
- seating and litter bins
- improve woodland track way
- make improvements to attract wildlife
- improve footpaths and cycle ways

1.3 From this consultation a masterplan has been drawn up to develop the neighbourhood park. Thistleberry Parkway Friends Group was consulted in compiling this and the resultant plan has been agreed by them.

The masterplan takes account of the highest scoring items resulting from the consultation and includes: lighting to the main central path; seating, litter bins and signage throughout; improvements to formal and informal paths; developing more natural habitats in woodland, grass and water edge; creating a widened dual purpose foot/cycle route along the main central path. (See appendix A)

1.4 Thistleberry Parkway Friends Group in conjunction with the councils Community Development Section have carried out some of the seating and new habitat proposals, and it is now proposed to implement improvements to the widen and provide lighting to the main central path as the first major phase of the scheme.

1.5 Views of residents living adjacent to the parkway have been sought so as to best integrate the central path and lighting proposals to their satisfaction and a letter was delivered to dwellings near to the path in February 2014 asking for comments. 7 replies were received raising concerns such as light pollution and glare into windows, increase in antisocial behaviour, fear of cyclists using the path and detracting from the visual appeal of the pathway. All of these factors will be taken into consideration and every attempt will be made to mitigate them when drawing up the detail proposals.

1.6 Thistleberry Parkway Friends Group have agreed the path widening and lighting proposals in principal.

2. Issues

2.1 Officers have been seeking opportunities to progress these identified priorities through various external grant funding programmes and via Section 106 Agreements. Housing developments taking place in Thistleberry in recent times, which are ongoing, have provided opportunities to secure Section 106 agreements.

2.2 The following Section 106 agreements have been secured:

Beazer Homes, Land at Keele Road 2012

£23,283

Wimpy UK Ltd, Land at Keele Road. 2013	£66,267
Total	£89,550

2.3 The estimated cost for the proposed first phase of the scheme is estimated at £85,716 including fees and can be financed by the money currently available.

3. Options Considered

The options considered are to either carry out the proposed improvements as detailed in the report or not to carry out the improvements.

4. Proposal

4.1 It is proposed to further progress and develop this project to create a high quality Neighbourhood Park as outlined above, which is to be funded from the Section 106 Agreements which have already been secured and which will be secured in relation to further development in the area in the near future.

4.2 It is proposed to draw up detail proposals and prepare contract documents for phase 1 of the scheme with a view to going out to tender in August 2014.

5. Reasons for Preferred Solution

5.1 To meet identified community need in relation to green space and to improve infrastructure which facilitates and encourages walking and cycling in the locality.

6. Outcomes linked to Corporate Priorities

6.1 A Clean, Safe and Sustainable Borough

6.2 A Healthy and Active Community

6.3 Becoming a co-operative Council which delivers high quality, community-driven services.

7. Legal and Statutory Implications

7.1 The Council is obliged to comply with the terms of the Section 106 Agreements referred to in the report.

8. Equality Impact Assessment

8.1 It is considered that there would be a positive differential impact resulting from the project.

9. Financial and Resource Implications

9.1 The estimated budget capital cost of the first phase of the project is £89,550 inclusive of fees to meet the cost of Officer time. This full amount has been secured via Section 106 Agreements, therefore

there are no capital financial implications for the Council arising from this report.

- 9.2 There will be ongoing management and maintenance costs associated with this project but it is proposed to realign existing resources to accommodate this work. Therefore there will be no additional call on the Council's revenue budget as a result of the scheme.

10. Major Risks

- 10.1 There are no major risks associated with the project currently identified.

11. Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

- 11.1 It is considered that the project will have a positive impact on sustainability and climate change by helping to reduce traffic congestion and pollution and by providing greater opportunities for recreation, walking and cycling.

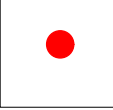

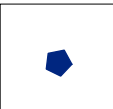



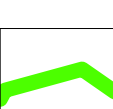
12. Key Decision Information

- 12.1 The proposal does not involve significant expenditure or saving of Council resources.
- 12.2 It impacts directly on Thistleberry ward and has been included in the forward plan.

13. List of Appendixes

- 13.1 Appendix A: Masterplan; Lighting and cycle path route plan.

KEY

-  Lighting column
-  Dog Bin
-  Litter Bin
-  Sign Post
-  Interpretation boards for nature trail
-  Seating
-  Mown Paths through grassed and wild flower areas

Existing well used path as alternative to old tack way. Increases distance from new properties on Hampton Court, requires minimal clearance works to bring into use. Planted with native woodland plants along fringes of path





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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS**

DESCRIPTION:
PROPOSED MASTERPLAN

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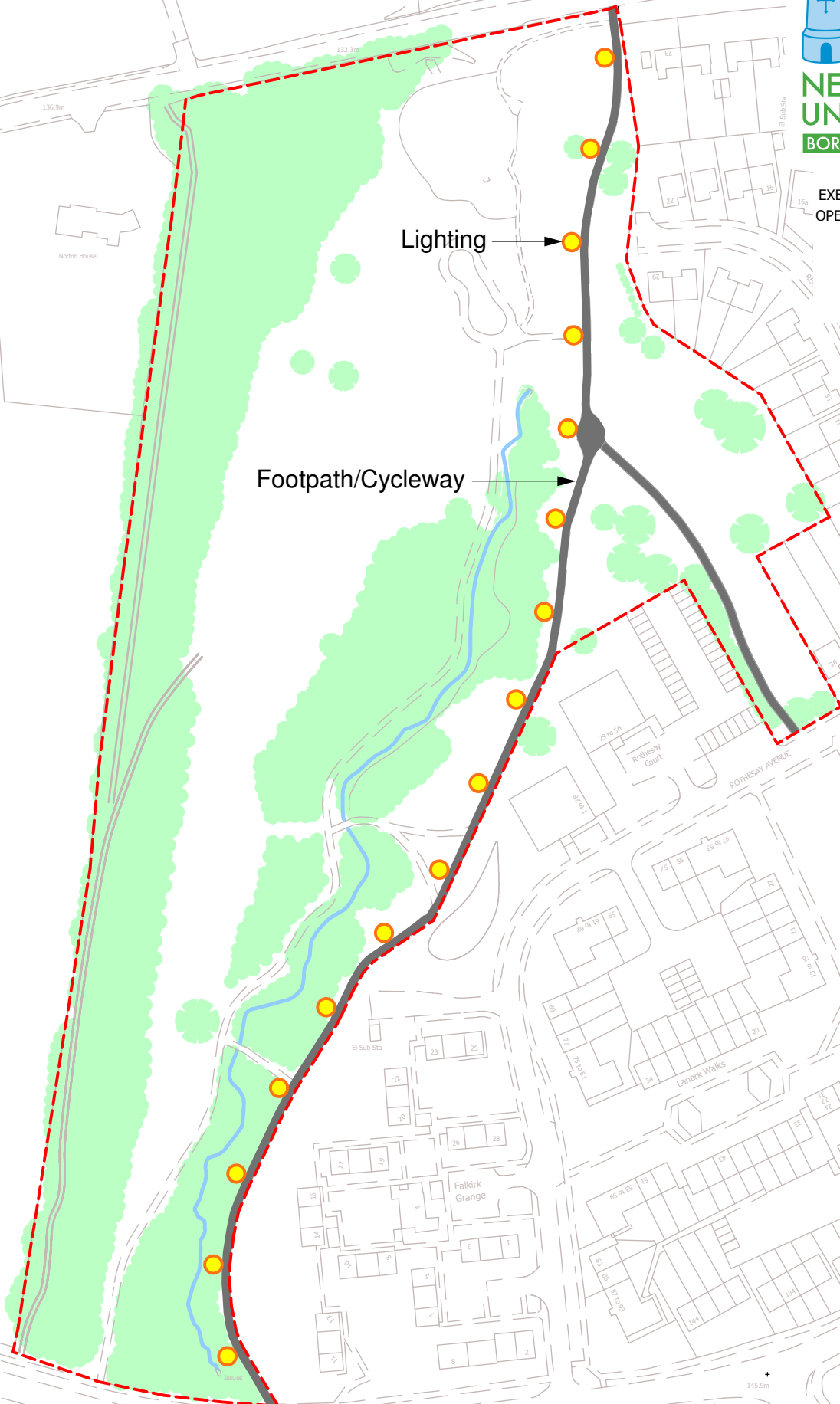
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