
Levelling Up Fund 2 bid - Connecting St Margaret's

EDTCE Scrutiny

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Useful information

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1. Summary

- 1.1 The Levelling Up Fund 2 was made available in March 2022 with an original submission deadline of the 6th July, subsequently revised to 2nd August.
- 1.2 The St Margaret's Way junction with Vaughan Way/Burleys Way was identified as a potentially strong scheme to bid for as it links with recent works to St Margaret's Bus Station and adjacent cycleways/paths, there is the potential for improved cycle, walking and bus connectivity, we would make safety improvements by removal of the pedestrian underpasses, we would unlock regeneration potential in the area, we would improve the environment (limited landscaping currently) including the potential to improve adjacent heritage e.g. St Margaret's Church.
- 1.3 We have received strong stakeholder support for the bid proposal.

2. Recommended actions/decision

- 2.1 Scrutiny commission members are requested to note submission of the Connecting St Margaret's bid to Round 2 of the Levelling Up fund.
- 2.2 Scrutiny commission members are asked to note that the design is only at the concept design stage and that there will be further stakeholder engagement throughout the design process should the bid be successful. Further comments can be made at the Scrutiny meeting and these can be considered as the scheme is developed in detail prior to scheme delivery.

3. Scrutiny / stakeholder engagement

- 3.1 This is the first time the scheme has been presented to the EDTCE Scrutiny.
- 3.2 Stakeholders were approached during the bid process to support the scheme. Responses were received from over 20 stakeholders including MPs, Emergency Services, Leicestershire County Council, Bus operators, BID, LLEP, East Mids Chamber, the universities and local walking and cycling groups.

3.2 Further work with these stakeholders will be carried out during the design process and public engagement is expected to be carried out on the scheme in summer 2023.

4. Background and options with supporting evidence

- 4.1 Several design options were considered, the design presented in the bid includes:
- Segregated cycle lanes and straight, segregated crossings – solving a major accessibility issue
 - Inbound bus lanes on Sanvey Gate and St Margaret's Way
 - Uni-directional, segregated cycle lanes from Abbey Street to Highcross Street – linking to other city projects
 - Underpasses filled in and unnecessary road space removed
 - Expanded/Improved green space north-east of the junction – improved connection to churchyard

5. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

6.1 Financial implications

The scheme cost estimate is just over £15M
The bid requests grant funding of just over £12M
The City Council will supply the remaining £3M of match funding

Risks have been assessed and costed and planned for

6.2 Legal implications

n/a

6.3 Equalities implications

An Equality Impact Assessments has been produced for the scheme as part of the design process. This will be updated on an ongoing basis throughout the design process.

6.4 Climate Emergency implications

n/a

6.5 Other implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

None.

7. Background information and other papers:

None

8. Summary of appendices:

9. Is this a private report (If so, please indicate the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

10. Is this a “key decision”? If so, why?

No