

# Knutsford Town Council

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## COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY PROJECT PROPOSAL

<b>Applicant Organisation</b>	Knutsford Town Council
<b>Organisation Type</b>	Town Council
<b>Project Name</b>	Ladies Mile Footpath Upgrade
<b>Status</b>	Submitted to CIL Advisory Committee

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### Project Overview

#### **Project Description**

*Describe the project. What will it achieve and why is it needed?*

A section of the footpath along the west side of Ladies Mile needs improving for pedestrians using the path. The paved footpath, which runs north along Ladies Mile, currently terminates at the end of the row of houses which is approximately three quarters of the length of Ladies Mile. This path was identified for improvement in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The section is approximately 130 meters in length. The pathway in this section is predominantly made up of soil and has some areas that include bits of stone flags. This 130m section has several trees which range from sapling to mature in age. The area is used frequently by pedestrians taking children to school and to access facilities within the town centre. During the wetter months the path section can become impassable forcing pedestrians onto the road.

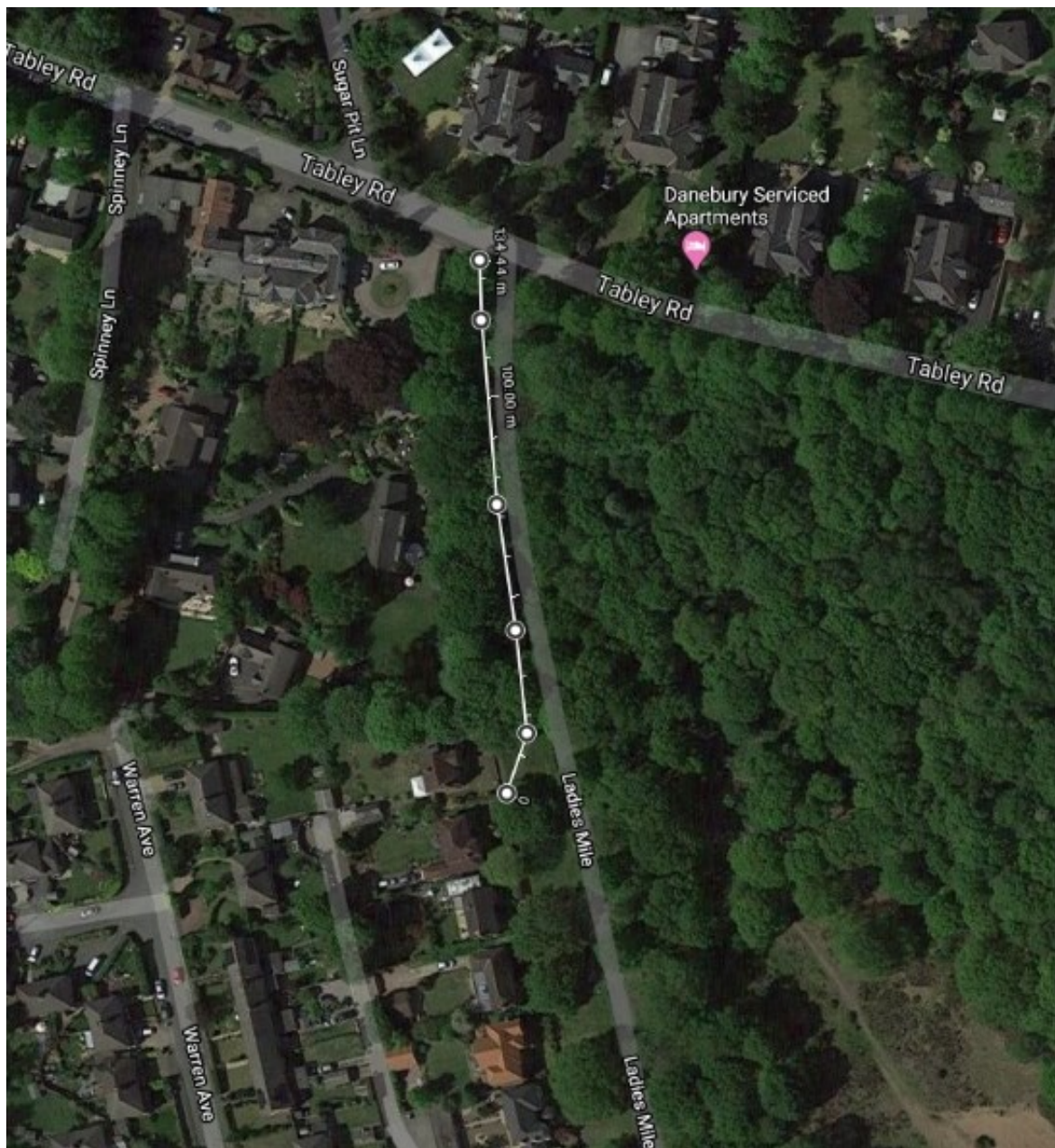
The current pathway intersects the root protection zones of trees along the rout. This limits what can be done due to possible damage to the trees and the consequence of the root systems failing, leading to potential dangers to the highway.

Options could include a raised areas of path, which would be a case of running boards either side of the proposed path area which needs raising above root zones. Thus, using the boarded sides as the trench for the sub base, this requires little or no excavation. Then adding topsoil, which can be seeded, up to the edge of the treated timber boards.

The path can have a gradient at either end so that it connects with the existing Ladies mile path and the path along Tabley road. It may be necessary to re-route the Tabley road end of the path to accommodate the gradient or avoid the mature tree at that end all together.

The proposed path would be 1.5m wide and comprise 100mm MOT capped with 50mm limestone dust; this is a self-binding gravel which creates a permeable surface which can be maintained easily by the Town Council.

Route plan:



<b>Total Project Cost</b>	£ Approx £10,000 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Contribution form own funds</b>	£ -
<b>Contribution form external funding</b>	£ -
<b>CIL Funding Requested</b>	£ Approx £10,000

#### **Own Funds**

*Provide details of use of own funds. Do you have them available/when will they be available?*

N/A – the council is seeking to use CIL to fund the full project.

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<sup>1</sup> The value quoted in summer 2023 was £9,575. Subject to final decisions, the cost will be refreshed with the contractor and may increase slightly due to the passage of time.

## **External Funds**

*Provide an overview of where external funding will come from. What is the status of this funding?*

N/A – the council is seeking to use CIL to fund the full project.

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## **Project Deliverability**

### **Permissions**

*Are any external/third party permissions required? What is the status of these?*

Permission has been obtained from Tatton Estates as the landowners.

The path is on a section of the Heath which is Common Land. The proposed path, by virtue of being defined as a loose material (crushed stone) would not require a Section 38 Consent.

### **Timescale**

*When would the project be ready to be delivered? Are there any deadlines/known timescales that effect deliverability?*

The project will be instructed once funding has been approved. There are no time constraints on deliverability.

### **Deliverability**

*Is there anything else affecting the deliverability of this project?*

No

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## **CIL Funding Priorities**

*Explain how this project meets the four CIL priorities as set out in the CIL Framework*

### **Demonstrating value for money**

The project is seeking to wholly use CIL funding as it is considered unlikely to secure external grant funding. The council wishes to utilise CIL rather than council reserves/funds to ensure these are available for larger projects in the future.

The council seeks to deliver value for money in all projects and this has been subject to procurement where at least three competitive quotations have been sought.

### **Mitigating Detrimental effects of development**

This project was identified by the *Getting Around* working group of the Knutsford Neighbourhood Plan and identified as a potential CIL project. It will contribute to mitigating the effects of the Northwich Road development by upgrading a walking route between that development and other parts of the town. It supports the connection of this development to the town.

### **Delivering long-term tangible benefits to the community**

Once installed, the path will be maintained by the town council which will re-surface the path as required. If well maintained, the project should have a lifespan in excess of 20 years. Whilst the path will be on land which is in private ownership, the land is Common Land over which the public has a right of access.

### **Demonstrating Community Support**

This was a project identified by the former Neighbourhood Plan Committee through its community working groups. The council has not undertaken specific consultation on the project as it was considered it arose from the consultation as part of the neighbourhood plan process.

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