

REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

CANTUE PLACE ROUNDABOUT

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1.0 BACKGROUND

In November 2024, the committee agreed to explore options for roundabout features with a preference for a wooden chainsaw carving at the Canute Place Roundabout. Earlier this year, Cheshire East Highways agreed a new feature deer could be installed.

In Summer 2026, an informal Facebook poll was conducted with the community on preferences for a feature with the option of a moss/wire deer (as per 'Elvis', the retired feature deer) or a wooden chainsaw carving. The wooden carving was the preference. Following this, a Crowdfunder was launched inviting contributions to the project. The Crowdfunder outlined that whatever funds are raised will fund the new sculpture and its installation. Any funds left over will be used to plant up the roundabout or used for similar improvements in the town and that if sufficient funds to install a carved deer are not raised, the council would work to identify an alternative feature within the budget available.

The estimated cost for a carved stag (as featured in the Crowdfunder illustration) is c. £4,000 inclusive of installation. A simple deer would be lower cost. The Crowdfunder secured donations of £1127 (after fees). Alternative options at much lower cost would be the mossy deer (c. £500) or an aluminium sculpted deer (c. £1,000)

2.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED

The committee should consider whether to allocate funds from the Environment Projects budget towards the project.

Once a budget is agreed, the Town Clerk will then prepare a proposal to circulate to committee members for agreement and implementation.