



Community & Children's Services Committee

Date: FRIDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2019
Time: 11.30 am
Venue: COMMITTEE ROOMS, WEST WING, GUILDHALL

LATE PAPER

5. **RESPONSES TO RESOLUTIONS FROM WARDMOTES: GOLDEN LANE ESTATE**
Report of the Director of Community and Children's Services.

For Decision
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Lunch will be served in Guildhall Club at the rising of the Committee

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Town Clerk and Chief Executive

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Agenda Item 5

Committee: Community and Children's Services	Dated: 13/09/2019
Subject: Response to Resolutions from Wardmotes Golden Lane Estate (GLE)	Public
Report of: Andrew Carter, Director of Community and Children's Services	For Decision
Report author: Paul Murtagh, Assistant Director, Barbican Estate & Property Services	

Summary

This report addresses the Wardmote Resolution concerning the Golden Lane Estate arising from June 2019.

Recommendation

Members are asked to agree the response.

Main Report

Wardmote Resolution

That the City of London Corporation commission a study, reporting in no more than one year, regarding pedestrian flows through the Golden Lane Estate (GLE) resulting from current and anticipated property developments in the vicinity of the GLE and consult with GLE residents regarding the current "private" status of the GLE as a result of which residents pay for the maintenance of areas of the GLE that are in practice open to the public.

Response

As requested at Committee on 12.7.19 please see attached options table (appendix 1). Members are asked to note that there are currently no identified funding arrangements to progress the options presented.

Appendices

- Appendix 1: Wardmote Options Table

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	Options	Estimated Cost	Timescale
1.	<p>Consultation Undertake estate-wide consultation with residents regarding the “private” status of the Golden Lane Estate and, the measures that could be taken to enhance the privacy of residents on the Estate.</p>	£10,000	4-6 months
2.	<p>Footfall Study To commission an independent consultant to undertake a ‘footfall study’ on the Golden Lane Estate with a view to establishing the current level of foot traffic in and through the Estate as well as, the likely impact on foot traffic in and through the Estate as a result of the new Denizen and COLPAI developments, Crossrail extensions and, the potential impact of the Culture Mile Programme.</p> <p>It has been suggested that some form of pedestrian modelling has been undertaken in recent years for Crossrail and/or other large-scale developments. This is being investigated and, if such modelling does exist and, is relevant, this will be useful for this workstream and, may reduce the estimated cost and timescale.</p>	£50,000	8 months
3.	<p>Gates There are numerous gates across the Golden Lane Estate that have not been locked for several years. It is generally accepted that if these gates were locked on a regular basis, access for non-residents to communal areas across the Estate would be reduced considerably.</p> <p>This will require a detailed feasibility study and survey of the gates to be undertaken to assess the risk and impact of locking the gates. We also need to establish the condition of the gates, establish who has keys and whether new locks and keys should be provided. Consideration also needs to be given to how less abled residents would be able to access the gates and, who will be responsible for locking the gates.</p>	£30,000	8 months

	The estimated cost given for this workstream includes the cost of the survey and costs to put in new locks with keys.		
4.	<p>Application for the adoption of the public pedestrian highways by Highways Department The matter of the walkways on the Golden Lane Estate and, the possibility of them becoming adopted walkways, has been discussed previously with colleagues in the DBE. An estimated figure of £4million has been quoted to bring the walkways up to a national standard.</p> <p>In order that the full viability of the proposal for the adoption of public pedestrian highways by the Highways Department can be assessed, a formal application could be made to adopt. This will ensure that we are fully informed of the process and what needs to be done to proceed with the application. At the same time, we will have a much clearer idea on costs relating to surveys and bringing the walkways up to a national standard.</p>	£2000	4 months
5.	<p>Information gathering There is quite a lot of background research that needs to be done and, information to be gathered before final decisions can be taken on this matter. This includes:</p> <p><u>Legal advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the legal definition of a 'private' estate; • the rights of residents associated with the definition of a 'private' estate; • restrictions on residents of a 'private' estate; • ability to change the determination of the estate as 'private'; • rights of way across the estate – can these be stopped? • legal costs associated with the above. 	TBC	3 months