



**To;** Facilities, Environment and Local Economy

**Date;** 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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### **For Approval**

#### **1.0 Purpose of the Report**

1.1 To update Council on the status of the provision of a Bike Rack and Bench Seat on the ground to the front of the Ada Belfield Centre and Belper Library.

1.2 To inform Council on the position of existing sites of bicycle stands.

1.3 To invite Council to consider the position of additional sites for bicycle stands and/or bench seats.

#### **2.0 Background Information**

2.1 Belper Town Centre is already home to a number of bicycle stands which are listed below:

- Strutt Street – Adjacent to Reunion Deli.
- Field Lane Car Park – At the end of the channel to the Station.
- Campbell Street – Adjacent to Katie Weeds.
- King Street – Outside of Gummers.
- King Street – Outside of Fleur Florist.
- Ada Belfield Centre & Belper Library – Adjacent to the Car Park.

2.2 The investigation of sites for an additional 3 'Sheffield Cycle Stand' bicycle stands in the Town Centre, Market Place, and East/North Mills area was **RESOLVED** at the meeting of the Facilities, Environment and Local Economy Committee on 18th January 2021 – FAC311. The budget is £1500. The following sites have been identified for consideration:

- King Street – At the entrance to the Memorial Gardens.
- King Street – On the wide pavement area at the front of Age UK.
- King Street – Between the 'cup & saucer' planters at Birds Bakery.
- King Street – At the Bus Stop outside Poundland.

2.3 On 21st September 2021, the Facilities. Environment and Local Economy Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of another Bench Seat for King Street subject to conditions – FAC261.

2.4 On 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021, the Facilities. Environment and Local Economy Committee **RESOLVED** to move the benches budget (6300) to earmarked reserves if not spent by March 2022.

2.5 On 13th June 2022, DCC approved the siting of a new bench adjacent to the grassed area at the front of the Ada Belfield Centre and Belper Library. It also issued a Letter of Licence for the item for an annual sum of £1 per annum (if demanded), which was signed and returned.

#### **Legislation**

A Letter of Licence from Derbyshire County Council for the Ada Belfield Centre & Belper Library site has been agreed and signed.

#### **Accessibility Implications**

There are no significant accessibility considerations associated with the positioning of the new bench and bicycle rack at the Ada Belfield Centre and



Belper Library site. Other potential sites in King Street also have no known accessibility issues. The provision of a backed bench seat at the Ada Belfield Centre & Belper Library would enable residents and visitors with mobility/seating difficulties to use the 'plaza' more easily; likewise, additional benches, within resources, would do the same in King Street.

#### **Climate Emergency Implications**

There are no climate emergency implications associated with the positioning of a bench seat at the Ada Belfield Centre & Belper Library site, or on potential sites on King Street. The provision of additional bicycle racks and encouragement of residents to use their bicycles to travel into the town centre, has the potential to make short-term gains in accordance with the Climate Emergency policy.

#### **Financial Implications**

Backed Bench:

- Brown - £315.00 (£378.00 incl VAT).
- Fixture Kit – £26.75 (£36.10 incl VAT).
- Delivery - £ TBD.

Potential supplier: Amberol – high-quality local business.

Sheffield Cycle Stand:

- Galvanised 'Toastrack' 3-Hoop Style - £203.62 (£244.35 incl VAT).
- Delivery - £79.

Potential supplier: Barriers Direct – reputable supplier to local authorities.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

It is recommended that:

- The Committee considers the installation of 3 additional sites for bicycle stands and/or bench seating, for which we can seek the appropriate permissions and allocate funding, from the following list:
  - King Street – At the entrance to the Memorial Gardens.
  - King Street – On the wide pavement area at the front of Age UK.
  - King Street – Between the 'cup & saucer' planters at Birds Bakery.
  - King Street – At the Bus Stop outside Poundland.
- The Committee agrees the installation of a backed bench seat at the Ada Belfield Centre & Belper Library site.
- Additional funding is allocated for the purchase and installation of backed bench seating in King Street.

#### **Reasons for recommendation(s)**

Recent research has revealed the need for the provision of additional bicycle stand facilities and bench seating in the town centre.

It has also identified the need for appropriate seating for less able-bodied people in the plaza in front of the Ada Belfield Centre & Belper Library.