



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Active Travel Bridge Between the Leisure Centre and Tesco

Background:

This project looks to improve the active travel connectivity between the leisure centre and Tesco supermarket by means of a bridge over the railway. This would improve the connections for a much wider area either side of the railway. Active travel: walking, cycling, scooting etc. are seen as beneficial to the people of Haslemere as they improve the health of the individual, reduce the demand on other transport means, notably driving in personal vehicles and this has environmental benefits through lower pollution. This would be funded by a mixture of Town and Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds. It would be an infrastructure enhancement.

Note: a presentation on the need and benefits was presented to the CIL committee in February 2025 and is available online.

Quotes sought

Three quotes are required by the Standing Orders.

Contact had previously been made with Network Rail to understand what their approach to such a proposal is. Their initial response was encouraging, and they shared their preferred supplier list with us.

Approaches were made to companies on the Network Rail list with specific active travel bridge experience through email or website contact forms. Four responses were received (out of 10) in the first instance. Two of those were not followed up as one only dealt with the structural engineering and the other was not UK based.

Additionally, contact was made and a positive response received, with a Haslemere-based architect who is known to have worked on active travel bridges.

The opening request sent by Cllr. Bayliss to all bidders.

“We would like to build an active travel bridge over the railway in our town. In the first instance we need to conduct a feasibility study, i.e. options, barriers, outline costs etc... We are looking for companies to bid for this initial phase and I was struck by your considerable experience in this sector. I think it would be helpful if we had an initial conversation. “

Further conversations were had with three companies. This covered the background to the proposal, site location etc... The presentation given to Amenities & CIL committee and the background research carried out by Cllr. Bayliss was shared with each of the companies. These three companies all submitted bids.

Note: one member of a project team is known by Cllr. Bayliss from school, but this is coincidence, and no contact has been made as yet.

Quotes received:

SUPPLIER	QUOTE (EX VAT)
A	£18,525
B	£17,500
C	£9,800

The clerk has had a conversation with the sustainable transport projects officer at Waverley Borough Council who has indicated that a contribution of between £2,000 to £5,000 could be awarded depending on which, if any, quote is proceeded with.

RECOMMENDATION: a working group to be set up with Cllr Bayliss and 3 to 4 other councillors for the purposes of preparing the application for Neighbourhood CIL, reviewing the quotes and making a reasoned recommendation to the next Amenities & CIL committee meeting.

