CYCLING IN NONSUCH PARK SIGNS

Head of Service:	Ian Dyer, Head of Operational Services
Wards affected:	Nonsuch Ward;
Appendices (attached):	Appendix 1 – Photograph of Current Signage
	Appendix 2 – Mock-up of New Signage

Summary

To present the Joint Management Committee with a prototype of a large format, lowcost sign option to highlight that all paths in Nonsuch Park are shared use and that pedestrians have priority.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

(1) Note the prototype sign option and approve the expenditure of £96 for 20xA2 signs to be distributed around the park in locations that receive the highest level of traffic from cyclist and pedestrians.

1 Reason for Recommendation

1.1 This low-cost sign option can be comfortably achieved within this year's revenue budget. The provision of more signs throughout the Park will help to address the concerns regarding cyclist travelling at high speed with disregard to pedestrians.

2 Background

- 2.1 At the last meeting held on Monday,16th October 2023 of the Joint Management Committee members received a question from a member of the public regarding the measures in place to control cycling in Nonsuch Park.
- 2.2 The Committee discussed the various procedures in place and undertook to explore providing additional large format signs to remind all park users that the paths in Nonsuch Park are shared use and pedestrians have priority.

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3 Proposal

- 3.1 In the absence of the Streetcare Manager, the Deputy Streetcare Manager has obtained a prototype of a low-cost sign option.
- 3.2 The cost of each sign is £4.80, and we would recommend 20 of these are purchased and located around the Park in the highest traffic areas.
- 3.3 The Provision of additional signs will serve as an educational campaign to remind all park users that pedestrian safety is paramount.

4 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 4.1 Equality Impact Assessment
 - 4.1.1 None for the purpose of this report.
- 4.2 Crime & Disorder
 - 4.2.1 The proposal to introduce additional signs will help to address the reports of high speed and inconsiderate cycling in Nonsuch Park.
 - 4.2.2 Cyclists that travel at high speed have the potential to cause serious harm to those on foot.
 - 4.2.3 Whilst there are already signs that highlight all paths are shared use and pedestrians have priority, we feel that additional signs would be beneficial to address these concerns.
- 4.3 Safeguarding
 - 4.3.1 None for the purpose of this report.
- 4.4 Dependencies
 - 4.4.1 None for the purpose of this report.
- 4.5 Other
 - 4.5.1 None

5 Financial Implications

5.1 The choice of a low-cost large format sign is achievable within this year's revenue budget. There is a small financial implication of £96 to provide 20xA2 signs on Correx material which is hard wearing and frequently used across the Borough. This one-off cost can be met from the JMC's existing annual budget.

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5.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments**: None arising from the contents of this report.

6 Legal Implications

- 6.1 The paths in Nonsuch Park are designated as shared use with pedestrians having ultimate priority.
- 6.2 Legal Officer's comments: As set out above.

7 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 7.1 **Council's Key Priorities**: The following Key Priorities are engaged:
 - Safe and well
- 7.2 **Service Plans**: The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- 7.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations**: Not for the purpose of this report
- 7.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications**: These signs will help to improve pedestrian safety within Nonsuch Park.
- 7.5 **Partnerships**: None for the purpose of this report.

8 Background papers

8.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

None

Other papers:

• Minutes of previous Meeting Monday 16th October, 2023.