

Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan

Environment, Sustainability and Design Sub-Group

Approval of Topographical Survey for Decoy Common

1 Introduction and Background

The Environmental, Sustainability and Design Sub-Group of the ANP have been undertaking a series of meetings to look at the possible opportunities to improve access to Decoy Common and how this can be opened up and improved to not only protect but also enhance the rich natural habitat and bio-diversity of the area.

Decoy Common is seen as Node 1, or the starting point of the proposed Linear Park, which is a central part of the ANP to provide more open space and seek innovative ways to create sustainable new and enhanced open spaces and natural habitats. It will also form part of the proposed Green Infrastructure Strategy for the town.

As part of these planned improvements and enhancements, improvements to the existing access to Decoy Common are seen as an important step in encouraging use of the Common as well as addressing current difficulties of access for all users.

To design and implement these improvements, a topographical survey is required to enable detail design.

3 Proposal

As required by ATC, three quotes have been sourced to provide topographical survey data. In obtaining these quotes, two areas of land were identified for quotes, please see attached plan.

Though at this stage, the area for the access is the urgent requirements, it was felt by the Sub-Group that a survey for the whole area would be beneficial to inform any future proposals and designs. The attached plan identifies the two areas requested.

The three quotes are:

Consultant A

Red Area - £300 +VAT

Blue Area - £300 +VAT

Red and Blue - £525 +VAT

Consultant B

Red Area - £650 +VAT

Blue Area - £650 +VAT

Consultant C

Red Area - £795 +VAT

Blue Area - £975 +VAT

3 Recommendation

The ESD Sub-Group recommend that Consultant A be appointed. However, the decision for appointments is undertaken by the ANP Committee.

As such it is requested that the ANP consider the above quotes and approve a consultant to undertake the Topographical Survey.

4 Budgets

The funding for the topographical Survey and subsequent improvements will be met through an existing S106 commitment and not from ATC budgets.

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Chair of ANP Committee

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