

## **1.0 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report sets out further highway improvement works associated with the Sanctuary Housing, Decent Homes Programme for Shiregreen, which have been developed by a working group involving Sanctuary together with the Council's Neighbourhood and Transport and Highways staff.
- 1.2 Approval is sought for the design of Phase 3a of the Project, the second Phase of the second Quadrant.

## **2.0 WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE PEOPLE OF SHEFFIELD**

- 2.1 These works will provide a significant improvement to the Street Scene of Shiregreen, which will be of benefit to all residents of the area. The way the scheme is being developed will ensure that all residents within the area of improvement work will see some clear benefit.
- 2.2 This same VAT Shelter arrangement which has generated the funding for the proposals would also be possible elsewhere in Sheffield – where council housing stock has been transferred to a Housing Association.
- 2.3 The proposals will meet City of Opportunity priorities to Empower Residents by incorporating their priorities in the design of their streets – and to create streets to be proud of.

## **3.0 OUTCOME AND SUSTAINABILITY**

- 3.1 The highway network and Street Scene across the whole of the Shiregreen Better Homes project will see a marked improvement.
- 3.2 Sanctuary have ensured that the contractor who has been appointed to undertake these works will be using sustainable construction methods, with existing materials being re-used wherever possible.
- 3.3 Where existing trees are being removed, these will be replaced wherever possible, and extra tree planting is proposed within existing green spaces. This will result in a net increase in tree numbers across the scheme.

## **4.0 REPORT**

- 4.1 The background to the street scene improvements in Shiregreen are set out in the report to last month's Cabinet Highways Committee. A plan of the area being improved is included as Appendix A to this report.
- 4.2 Sanctuary Housing has appointed a Shiregreen Streetscene Project Manager, a Landscape Architect for the Project design, and an Artists Team to engage the local residents in the Project. Sanctuary is also funding the Council's design and supervision fees as the Highway Authority. This "collective" have produced the detailed proposals so far, and these current proposals for Quadrant 3a, and will continue to develop the proposals for the remainder of Shiregreen.
- 4.3 The Phase 3a proposals were displayed on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in the consultation caravan, to which all the residents involved were invited, together with local Ward Members. A copy of the proposals will be available to view during the Committee meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> October. The overall responses

were extremely positive and certain changes have been accommodated within the proposals. Community Assembly Members have been involved throughout the process.

- 4.4 The timetable for Sanctuary's Decent Homes programme is to complete the housing work by the end of 2010, and complete the streetscene works by October 2011. In order to minimise disruption Sanctuary also propose that the Streetscene Project will follow a very similar timescale. Consultation with residents will continue throughout this period.
- 4.5 A full Equality Impact Assessment was conducted earlier in the project by officers in Neighbourhoods and Community Care. In the short term, the Project may cause an element of disruption to those living or working in Shiregreen. However, in the long term, the improvements made are intended only to have a positive impact on all groups of people, and the improvements to the total footway network will be of particular benefit to disabled residents.

#### Financial Implications

- 4.6 The Working Group proposals represent a significant investment in the improvement of the Council's streets in Shiregreen, to be funded entirely by Sanctuary Housing Association. This funding includes all the appropriate Highway Authority fees. The estimated cost of the Quadrant 3a works is £750,000.
- 4.7 Under the terms of the VAT Shelter agreement between the Council and Sanctuary, the funding for the Shiregreen Streetscene Project, needs to be authorised by the Council. Band A authority was approved in August 2009.

#### Legal Implications

- 4.8 There are no particular legal implications associated with this report.

### **5.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 To continue the roll out of the improvements in roads, footpaths and public areas across the Shiregreen Estate.

### **6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 To approve Quadrant 3a proposals of the Shiregreen Streetscene Improvement Project.

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