



# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Cabinet Highways Committee Report

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**Report of:** Executive Director, Place

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**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011

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**Subject:** Shiregreen Streetscene Quadrant 4b and 4c

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**Author of Report:** John Bann, Head of Transport & Highways

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**Summary:**

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 (Housing, Enterprise and Regeneration) and Transport and Highways staff.

Approval is sought for the design of Quadrant 4b and 4c of the Project, the final phases of the fourth and final Quadrant.

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**Reasons for Recommendations:**

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

**Recommendations:**

Approve Quadrant 4b and 4c proposals of the Shiregreen Streetscene Improvement Project.

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**Background Papers:** Previous reports to Cabinet Highways Committee and Scrutiny Committees.

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**Category of Report:** OPEN

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## **Statutory and Council Policy Checklist**

<b>Financial implications</b>
<b>NO</b> Cleared by: Liam Gilligan
<b>Legal implications</b>
<b>NO</b> Cleared by: Julian Ward
<b>Human rights implications</b>
<b>NO</b>
<b>Tackling Health Inequalities implications</b>
<b>NO</b>
<b>Equality of Opportunity implications</b>
<b>YES</b> Cleared by: Ian Oldershaw
<b>Environmental and Sustainability implications</b>
<b>YES</b> Cleared by: John Bann
<b>Economic impact</b>
<b>NO</b>
<b>Community safety implications</b>
<b>NO</b>
<b>Human resources implications</b>
<b>NO</b>
<b>Property implications</b>
<b>NO</b>
<b>Area(s) affected</b>
Shiregreen
<b>Relevant Scrutiny Board if decision called in</b>
Culture, Economy & Sustainability
<b>Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?</b>
<b>NO</b>
<b>Press release</b>
<b>NO</b>



## **SHIREGREEN STREETSCENE PROJECT QUADRANT 4b and 4c**

### **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 (Housing, Enterprise and Regeneration) and Transport and Highways staff.
- 1.2 Approval is sought for the design of Quadrant 4b and 4c of the Project, the final phases of the fourth Quadrant, and hence the completion of the design for the Shiregreen Streetscene Project.

### **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 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 4b and 4c. These complete the proposals for Shiregreen.

- 4.2 The location of the streets covered by the Quadrant 4b and 4c proposals is set out in Appendix A to this report. A detailed plan of the proposals (which will be available at the Cabinet Highways Committee meeting) was displayed on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at a public consultation event at the Shiregreen Neighbourhood Centre, to which all the residents involved were invited, together with local Ward Members. The overall responses were, again, extremely positive and certain changes have been accommodated within the proposals. Community Assembly Members have been involved throughout the process.
- 4.3 The timetable for Sanctuary’s Decent Homes programme was 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.

#### Relevant Implications

- 4.4 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 Quadrant 4b and 4c works is nearly £1million. The total cost of the Shiregreen Streetscene Project is therefore now estimated as £13.5 million
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 The overall improvements to the Streetscene in Shiregreen will recognise the importance of grass verges and highway trees to the environment and to the climate.

## **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 Approve Quadrant 4b and 4c proposals of the Shiregreen Streetscene Improvement Project.

17<sup>th</sup> February 2011

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KEY

-  17m street
-  12m street
-  9m street
-  Site Boundary extent of works

Programme Start - Finish Dates

Phase 1	Nov 2009 - Feb 2010
Quadrant 1A	Mar 2010 - Jun 2010
Quadrant 1B	May 2010 - Jul 2010
Quadrant 1C	Jul 2010 - Aug 2010
Quadrant 2A	Aug 2010 - Oct 2010
Quadrant 2B	Oct 2010 - Dec 2010
Quadrant 3A	Dec 2010 - Feb 2011
Quadrant 3B	Jan 2011 - Mar 2011
Quadrant 3C	Mar 2011 - May 2011
Quadrant 4A	May 2011 - Jul 2011
Quadrant 4B	Jun 2011 - Aug 2011
Quadrant 4C	Aug 2011 - Oct 2011

