

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Hereford Labyrinth Bishops Meadows Hereford
Date of decision:	19 September 2017
Decision maker:	Assistant Director Environment & Place
Authority for delegated decision:	A directorate scheme of delegation (include relevant reference from the scheme)
Ward:	Hinton & Hunderton
Consultation:	<p>Herefordshire Council – Planning/Asset/Landscapes Team (Permitted Development due to the council’s involvement and licensing of the works)</p> <p>South Wye Development Trust (Lead funding Partner supportive)</p> <p>Hereford Civic Society (Supportive)</p> <p>Hereford Cathedral (Supportive)</p> <p>Environment Agency (Supportive as long as Herefordshire Council is involved)</p> <p>Hereford City Council (Supportive)</p> <p>Fields in Trust (Supportive)</p> <p>Natural England/Historic England (Supportive)</p> <p>Local Member (Cllr Chappell supportive)</p> <p>Halo (supportive)</p>
Decision made:	<p>A Licence to occupy, construct and maintain the Labyrinth is granted to the Hereford Labyrinth Group and;</p> <p>The Hereford Labyrinth Group to install, under license, within the redesigned putting area, which is part of Bishops Meadows/King George Playing Fields Hereford. (Site Plan Appendix A)</p>
Reasons for decision:	<p>The identified area for the Labyrinth is a section of the Putting Green at Bishops Meadows.</p> <p>The Labyrinth Group have ensured that the project is 100% funded by a number of sources being led by South Wye Development Trust.</p> <p>The project will not impact on the current maintenance programme at Bishops Meadows and will require slightly less maintenance (less area of grass to be cut) than currently delivered through the Public Realm Contract annual plan.</p>

<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>Equality - This facility is designed to ensure it is accessible to all user groups within the community</p> <p>Financial implications - This project is fully funded from a range of sources supported by the South Wye Development Trust and the ongoing maintenance costs would be comparable to that of what is currently provided on-site through our Public Realm Contractor. Herefordshire Council have no budget to support this design and build.</p> <p>The Council's Contract Management Team and Balfour Beatty have confirmed that there will no additional maintenance costs to the Council following the installation of the Labyrinth.</p> <p>Legal implications - Licence to Occupy, construct and maintain will be the formal agreement between the Council and the Labyrinth group which will ensure the construction and structural maintenance is at nil cost to the council.</p> <p>Risk management - There is limited risk associated to this design and build, as once the licence is agreed, the Labyrinth Group will be responsible for appointing an appropriate contractor who meets their criteria for building a Labyrinth to the required standard.</p> <p>Licence to occupy, construct and maintain will cover the built facilities at the Labyrinth including any interpretation boards.</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Herefordshire Council do not offer a Licence to Occupy and the Hereford Labyrinth Group find an alternative site to install the Labyrinth</p>
<p>Details of any declarations of interest made:</p>	<p>None</p>

Signed.....

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