

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Operational Delivery Committee
DATE	14 th March 2019
REPORT TITLE	Lochside Academy - flooding issues around safe routes to school
REPORT NUMBER	PLA/19/209
CHIEF OFFICER	Gale Beattie
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	9.4

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Committee on the resolution of localised flooding issue on South Loirston Road which forms part of the safe walking route to Lochside Academy.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 Notes the contents of the report

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the Education Operational Delivery Committee on 17 January 2019, they resolved to “Note the progress that had been made by officers with regards to the flooding issues affecting part of South Loirston Road near to Dunlin Road that forms part of the identified safe routes to school for Lochside Academy, and instructed the Chief Officer Strategic Place Planning to bring a report to Operational Delivery Committee in the next cycle detailing the outcome of the proposed works and any further remedial action that may be required to alleviate the flooding.
- 3.2 Historically, South Loirston Road is an adopted road mainly used as vehicle access to a small number of residences and by cyclists and dog walkers. The road has no footpaths adjacent to the road.
- 3.2 Since the opening of Lochside Academy, the pedestrian usage has increased and now includes pupils walking to school. In addition, a section of localised flooding at a sharp corner in the road has at times made the road impassable to pedestrians.

- 3.3 The flooding which may or may not be historical is caused by the ground topography and road gradient at the sharp bend in the road. There is no drainage network such as sewers within the area. A substantial part of the land adjacent to the western boundary drystone dyke has been developed by housebuilders with some concern that a previous opening in the dyke has now been built up thus preventing the water naturally draining into the adjacent field. In addition, the grass verge along the same boundary has been raised due to installation of Scottish & Southern Energy supply cables serving a sub-station and this may effectively be acting as a kerb and further retaining the water.
- 3.4 Discussions have taken place with Stewart Milne Homes and agreement reached for the housebuilder to carry out work on a good will basis to re-instate the topography to original. Firstly, to determine the depth of the services in the verge and if suitable, lower the verge to encourage the draining of surface water away from the road into the adjacent field as original. In addition, a drainage pipe will be installed at the low point to enable water to drain to the adjacent field more quickly during heavy rain. These works will take place during February 2019.
- 3.5 Should these actions not result in dissipation of the water, we will explore what other options are open to the Council to resolve this.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications in relation to the short term works by Stewart Milne Homes.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

	Risk	Low (L), Medium (M), High (H)	Mitigation
Financial	No significant related costs	L	N/A
Legal	Increased legal input	L	N/A
Employee	No significant related employee risks	L	N/A

Customer	Impact on citizens using road as pedestrian route	M	Course of action agreed for resolution
Environment	No significant related environmental risks	L	N/A
Technology	No significant technological risks	L	N/A
Reputational	Risk to Council reputation if issue not resolved	M	Course of action agreed for resolution

7. OUTCOMES

Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes	
	Impact of Report
Prosperous Place	There will be a positive impact on current customer experience in terms of pedestrian access

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment	Full EHRIA not required.
Privacy Impact Assessment	Not required
Duty of Due Regard / Fairer Scotland Duty	Not applicable.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

10. APPENDICES (if applicable)

None

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