

BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL	
Request to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Call-In a Decision of the Cabinet taken on 7 th October 2020	
<u>Title of Report:</u> Award of A628 Dodworth Road/Broadway Junction Main Civil Works Contract	<u>Report Ref. No.</u> Cab.7/10/2020/11
<u>Call-In Requested by:</u> Councillor Peter Fielding	
<u>Date ...13/10/2020.....</u>	
<u>Call-In Request supported by:</u> Councillor Jake Lodge Councillor Hannah Kitching Councillor Steve Hunt Councillor David Greenhough	
<u>Reasons for seeking a Review of the Decision</u> We feel that in the current uncertain financial climate the course of action required to prudently manage the spiraling costs of this project needs to be given further consideration. In particular: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The information presented to Cabinet regarding estimates, project management and financial management is incomplete, inaccurate and misleading and prevented Cabinet from fully scrutinising the reasons for the increase in costs. 2. No alternative approaches to financing the overspend were considered or presented to Cabinet. 3. No consideration was given to the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic on traffic volumes and patterns to enable the need to complete the scheme at this time to be properly assessed. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Please continue on a separate sheet, if necessary)</i></p>	
<u>Proposed Alternative Course of Action</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carry out a full Internal Audit of events, including estimating, costs increases, financial reporting and authorization and to additionally report on the value for money of the cost of the scheme AND 2. Appraise the advice received from external consultants to assess whether any wrong advice contributed to the increases in costs and seek financial redress accordingly AND 3. (i) To suspend the project pending a further review of the changes of traffic volumes and patterns due to the COVID 19 pandemic and use the remaining project capital to restore the green space to public use pending the review OR (ii) Fund the remainder of the project from savings in the existing capital programme and/or seek additional external funding sources. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Please continue on a separate sheet, if necessary)</i></p>	

Notes:

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1. Please insert title of relevant Scrutiny Committee and date of Cabinet meeting. A relevant Scrutiny Committee is one which includes the subject matter of the decision in question within its Terms of Reference.
2. Call-In can be requested by any Elected Member who is not a Cabinet Member and a voting Co-opted Member for an education matter. The request must be supported by four other Members.
3. This form must be returned to the Chief Executive by 4.30 p.m. on the fourth working day after Cabinet has taken the decision in question (normally Tuesday). For delegated decisions by Cabinet Spokespersons, the form should be returned by 4.30 p.m. on the third working day after any notification. Members may register their support by email.