



Clerk Report – Welcome Sign Sept 2023

Council Actions Required

- To consider and if agreed approve the design of the new 'Welcome to Nash Mills' sign
- To instruct the clerk to purchase the new sign and arrange installation with Herts County Council (HCC)
- To determine whether NMPC wish the clerk to enquire whether HCC would be willing to install protection (bollards) for the replacement sign (potential additional cost for NMPC)

Background

NMPC submitted an insurance claim to Gallagher in May 2023 for a replacement roadside sign. The original sign situated at the top of Bunkers Lane appears to have been destroyed by a car. The original manufacturer is unknown and therefore we were only able to obtain quotes for similar size/model signs. The claim was approved up to a value of £1019.41 as three quotes were provided as required by Gallagher. Installations costs are unknown, but these will also be covered by insurance. There is an excess of £400.00

From Gallagher

'Installations costs can be included in the claim and would need to be specified on the invoice. £1019.41 is the maximum the insurer will pay for the sign. You can use a prepared supplier, but you would need to pay any additional costs'

Considerations

Council needs to determine a design and supplier for a replacement sign so that the clerk can then liaise with HCC to obtain the required permissions for replacement and installation. (They have indicated that the outline designs submitted should meet their requirements).

NMPC will be required to use HCC contractors and at the time of writing this report I am still waiting for quotes for this. The insurance is likely to cover installations costs.

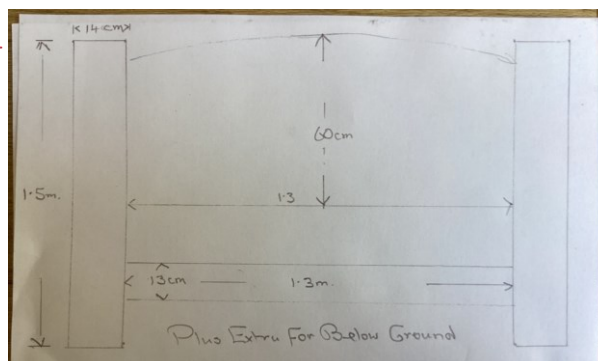
Should NMPC not approve either of the designs attached or wish to spend more than the original sums quoted the insurance will only pay out for the sum of £1019 in relation to the purchase.

Future Actions for a later date/budget consideration

NMPC should audit the remaining 3 signs to ascertain if they remain fit for purpose or whether future budget allocations should be earmarked for replacement.

Council to note that policy excess costs will be an unbudgeted cost deducted from general reserves (£400).

Existing sign and measurements





Suggested Alternatives and Quotes

Glasdon-not wood but wood effect

Glasdon Gateways would be the nearest alternative, they do not manufacture the exact product pictured. The nearest models would be Dark Oak, either 1.5m width or 2m width, complete with three horizontal slats and height 2.3m (1.8m above ground) to accommodate the installation into a sloped verge (one leg longer than the other).

There is not a set price list for signs as these are priced upon request. Therefore, once a model has been decided on, the technical team will price and design the sign. An approximate price is listed below for a sign to read 'Welcome to NASH MILLS Please drive carefully'.

I have attached an image of what the Gateway and sign would look similar to.

Option 1		Qty	Unit Price	Total Price
	Glasdon Gateway manufactured from rigid Everwood, wood effect material in Dark Oak, 2.3m height (installation into a sloped verge so one leg longer than the other) and 1.5m width, complete with three horizontal slats and sign to read 'Welcome to NASH MILLS Please drive carefully' (440mm x 1150mm). * Please refer to the attached visual. Product Information Product News Product Videos Product Warranty	1	£1,019.41	£1,019.41
Option 2		Qty	Unit Price	Total Price
	Glasdon Gateway manufactured from rigid Everwood, wood effect material in Dark Oak, 2.3m height (installation into a sloped verge so one leg longer than the other) and 1.5m width, complete with three horizontal slats and ornate style sign to read 'Welcome to NASH MILLS Please drive carefully' (650mm x 1150mm). * Please refer to the attached visual. Product Information Product News Product Videos Product Warranty	1	£1,085.45	£1,085.45

(Images shown are examples only, your final product will vary depending on specification)

All prices exclude VAT.

All details will remain firm until 31/10/2023

Delivery at present should take approximately 6 weeks from receipt of order.

Carriage to HERTFORDSHIRE	£0.00
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[Glasdon-UK-Highways-Safety-Solutions-Catalogue-GV162.pdf](#)

Quote 2 -SWS (hardwood)

The size of the signs at 1.58m wide boards (4 of) and 30cm high (each board) – mortised into 150mm square posts (as we aren't able to supply round timber posts) at 3 metres overall length.

Dear Nikki,

Please find below pricing for a replacement hardwood ladder sign in accordance with the specification (as supplied).

Painted Oak ladder sign @ 1.58m width
supplied flat-packed with 3 metre (140mm)
Oak posts.

£895 (+ vat)

Delivery £150 (+ vat)

Total £1,045 (+ vat)

Nikki Bugden
Clerk to the Council
31/7/2023