

Report to Communities and Local Services Committee 02/09/24**Proposal to install signage in Town Centre**

Does the decision involve new expenditure?	Yes
Is there an existing budget for the expenditure?	Not earmarked but in reserves
Are the equalities impacts/an equalities assessment required?	No
Does this require a full Council decision?	Yes

1. Background

Over 3 years ago 5 signposts were acquired by BTC possibly funded by LNER. The posts have remained unused and have been stored by BTC since then.

The posts are tall and made of metal with separate place names e.g. 'town centre', 'Guildhall' on pieces which can be slotted onto the posts.

It is possible that they were not installed as there was not agreement with either NCC or possibly English Heritage. Whatever happened then, the project to install them progressed no further.

2. Proposal

It is proposed that BTC staff establish the precise locations that the posts were designed for. This may take some working out or it could be that the posts were designed to replace existing posts in the same location. Once locations can be established, we need to reach agreement with NCC and other relevant stakeholders to have them erected.

It is foreseen that they will need to be located securely into pavements so we would need to seek prices from suitably skilled contractors.

The proposal is **NOT** to also fix the maps which may well have been produced at the same time as they are small, complex and not fit for purpose.

3. Cost

Costs are unknown pending seeking quotes from contractors. Funding would be from reserves.

4. Recommendation

- a) That BTC staff commence the project to install the signposts as soon as workloads permit.
- b) That the signpost project is added to the Action Plan.

Cllr G Brown 22.08.24