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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Cabinet – 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2023**

I refer to Agenda Item 14a: Any Other Items – Lily Pad Fountain Seating Plan, and attach the report that was marked to follow.

Yours faithfully,

BRENT DAVIS

Chief Executive

To: Members of the Cabinet

Councillor K. Wilson (Leader of the Council and Business and Regeneration)  
Councillor C. Golby (Deputy Leader and Housing and Communities)  
Councillor S. Croft (Finance and Corporate)  
Councillor S. Markham (Public Services)  
Councillor R. Smith (Planning and Regulation)  
Councillor J. Gutteridge (Health and Environment)

Observer

Councillor C. Watkins (Leader of the Main Opposition Party)



**Cabinet**

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**Report Summary Sheet**

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Subject:** Lily Pad Seating Proposal

**Portfolio:** Business and Regeneration

**From:** Principal Building Surveyor Corporate Assets & Town Centre Manager

**Summary:**

The Town Centre Manager and Principal Building Surveyor to explore the installation of street furniture and new Civic Tree location once the removal of water feature has taken place.

**Recommendations:**

- 2.1 That approval be given for the proposed new street furniture, seating, plan and Civic Tree location, Nuneaton town centre (the Scheme); **and**
- 2.2 Subject to 2.1 above, delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director – Economy & Transformation to complete the necessary legal formalities and implement the Scheme.

**Options:**

It has been identified that the open space created by the removal of the Lily Pad water feature can be utilised as an entertainment space along with a focal point for events throughout the year. It can also be utilised for ad hoc seating during non-event periods by the placement fixed but temporary seating and street furniture.

**Reasons:**

Ongoing maintenance costs with the water feature and increase in anti-social behaviour.

**Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders**

Portfolio Holders for Business & Regeneration and Health & Environment

**Subject to call-in:**

No

**Ward relevance: All**

**Forward plan:**

N/A

**Building a Better Borough Aim:**

All

**Building a Better Borough Priority:**

All

**Relevant statutes or policy:**

Part VIIA of the Highways Act 1980

**Equalities Implications:**

**(Does this require an Equalities Impact Assessment? If so please append.)**

No

**Human resources implications:**

None

**Financial implications:**

Allocation from UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) 2022/23 & 2023/24

**Health Inequalities Implications:**

None

**Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:**

None

**Risk management implications:**

None

**Environmental implications:**

None

**Legal implications:**

The Scheme is located on the public highway within a pedestrianised area. In view of this, there will be a need to consult with frontages and the Highway Authority before the Scheme can be implemented.

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**NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Report to: Cabinet - 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**From: Principal Building Surveyor (Corporate Assets)**

**Subject: Lily Pad replacement seating**

**Portfolio: Business and Regeneration**

**Building a Better Borough Aim: All**

**Building a Better Borough Priority: All**

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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information and proposals relating to amended seating and planter layout in Nuneaton town centre, following removal of the Lily Pad Fountain.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That approval be given for the proposed new street furniture, seating, plan and Civic Tree location, Nuneaton town centre (the Scheme); and

2.2 Subject to 2.1 above, delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director – Economy & Transformation to complete the necessary legal formalities and implement the Scheme.

3. Background

3.1 A meeting on site took place with the portfolio holder for Business and Regeneration and Health and Environment on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023. This was to discuss the provision and placing of additional street furniture and relocation of the Civic Christmas tree to the open space area created by the removal of the Lily Pad water feature.

4. Body of Report

4.1 It had been suggested that the open space created by the removal of the Lily Pad water feature could be utilised as an entertainment space along with a focal point for events throughout the year. The area could also be utilised for ad hoc seating during non-event periods by the placement of fixed but temporary seating and street furniture.

4.2 The meeting and a subsequent walk around by the Town Centre manager and Principal Building Surveyor identified 4no. planters which

are either not being used or do not have a visible presence along with 2 no. benches which can be utilised more efficiently. This has been taken into account in the design

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 Subject to a decision to do so, the Town Centre Manager and Principal Building Surveyor will explore the installation of street furniture and new Civic Tree location once the removal of the water feature has taken place. Funding for these works to come from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) 2022/23 & 2023/24 and to be completed by end of May 2023.

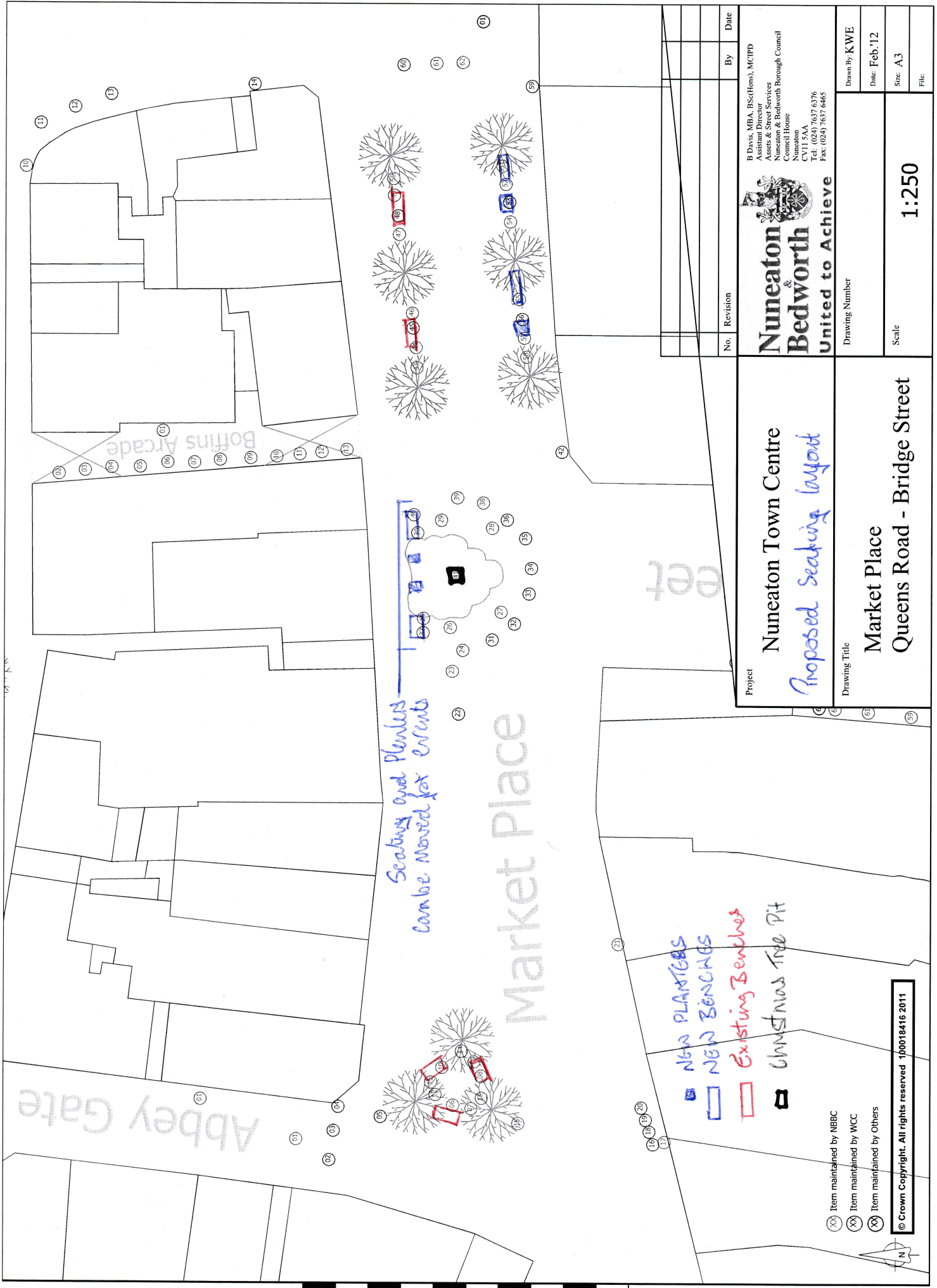
One additional issue that will need to be addressed is the implementation of the Scheme. The Scheme is located on the public highway, albeit in a pedestrianised area. Specific provision is given in Part VIIA of the Highways Act 1980 to permit the Council to place items in such locations for use by the public. There is, however, a need to consult frontagers and the Highway Authority, before doing so. To accommodate this, there is a recommendation to delegate authority to the Strategic Director – Economy & Enterprise to undertake the necessary process to implement any decision.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 A draft sketch is included with this report at Appendix A, which if approved, will be produced as Computer Aided Design (CAD) drawing.

7. Background Papers

None



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**Project**  
 Nuneaton Town Centre  
*Proposed Seating layout*

**Drawing Title**  
 Market Place  
 Queens Road - Bridge Street

**Revision Table**

No.	Revision	By	Date

**Drawing Number**  
 Drawing Number

**Scale**  
 1:250

**Drawn By:** KWE  
**Date:** Feb '12  
**Size:** A3  
**File:**

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- ⊗ Item maintained by WCC
- ⊗ Item maintained by Others

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