

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: LEISURE SERVICES (GRANTS) SUB-COMMITTEE	Subject: APPLICATION FOR CULTURAL PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CRAIGNEUK &amp; PETERSBURN WOMEN WRITERS' WORKSHOP</li></ul>
From: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES	
Date: 25 November 98	Ref: AM/KH

1. **Introduction**

This report updates the report of 22 April 1998 which detailed the application for funding a public art project by Craigneuk and Petersburn Women's Writers' Group and was continued pending a further report on possible sites.

2. **Background**

The bridge at Cairnhill Road - Woodburn Avenue was selected as a suitable site for the project. The site is free from vandalism and litter. The height of the bridge is such that the artworks could be installed out of reach of vandals. With a little judicious pruning of nearby trees by Sustrans' Ranger, sightlines would be maintained, particularly from the South. The slight buttressing to the bridge would require part of the panel to be set proud of the main bridge structure. Sustrans have confirmed that the artwork could be boxed in top and bottom to prevent vandals from casting rope around the panel and pulling it away from its mountings.

The local member requested that alternative sites be investigated.

3. **Alternative Sites**

Two alternative site options were investigated.

3.1 **Cairnhill Road - Moss Road**

Though the route down to the bridge is semi-landscaped, the site itself has been defaced by graffiti and the former railway track littered with debris. Although the artwork could be installed at a height inaccessible to vandals, the current condition of the bridge structure would detract from the photographic panels.

3.2 **Viaduct**

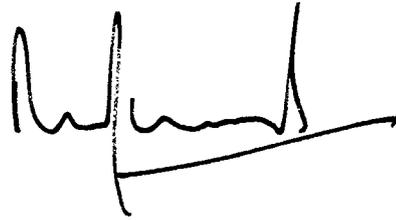
Though the walls of the viaduct would be inaccessible to vandals, Sustrans have expressed some concern that the structure may be listed and therefore not available to the project. The

scale of the viaduct is such that the panels would be dwarfed. In addition, the site is perhaps a little too removed from the workshop base of the writers.

No other sites are suitable and Cairnhill Road - Woodburn Avenue is the only feasible location for the Craigneuk & Petersburn Women Writers' artwork.

4. **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the project as originally proposed proceeds at the Cairnhill Road - Woodburn Avenue bridge.

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