CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Report by: Head of Policy and Projects

To: South Area Committee **Date:** 11 March 2010

Wards: Trumpington, Queen Edith's, Cherry Hinton

Environmental Improvements Programme

1 DECISIONS TO BE MADE

- Cherry Hinton High Street Verges

 Decision: Agree to implementation subject to planning approval at an estimated cost of £40,000.
- Rectory Terrace Cherry Hinton High Street Shop Forecourt Decision: Agree to put the scheme on hold whilst the developers' proposals are established.

SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE					
Environmental Improvements Programme 2009-2011 Total Budget Available to 31/3/11		£345,419			
ADOPTED PROJECTS	COMPLETE	Approved Budget £	Total Spend Previous Years £	Forecast Spend 2009/10 £	Forecast Spend 2010/11
Cherry Hinton High Street hanging baskets (2009)	✓	7,620	52	7,278	0
Cherry Hinton High Street hanging baskets (2010)		7,850	0	0	7,850
Chalfont Close parking area	✓	24,500	16,147	200	0
Sedley Taylor Rd/Luard Road traffic calming	✓	75,000	1,948	62,877	0
Church End parking	✓	22,000	16,037	1,397	0
Cherry Hinton High Steet verges		0	0	750	40,000
Hills Road Verge Reseeding	✓	5,500	0	5,500	0
New Bit Tree Planting	√	9,385	2,412	7,128	0
Foster Road Allotments	✓	12,403	54	54	0
Fisher's Lane Verge Parking	-1	24,750	0	8 60	24,750
Hauxton Road path lighting (abandoned) Gladstone Way/The Orchards (abandoned)	ab ab	17	0	17	0
Hulatt Road mobility crossing	√	3,000	0	2,933	0
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sub-totals		192,025	36,651	88,201	72,600
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total adopted projects					160,801
Uncommitted Budget					104 610
Oncommitted Budget					184,618
SCHEMES UNDER DEVELOPMENT*		Estimated Cost	Total Spend to Date £	Forecast Spend 2009/10 £	Forecast Spend 2010/11 £
Rectory Terrace - Cherry Hinton High St Shop Forecourt		60,000	0	0	60,000
sub-totals		60,000	0	0	60,000
total projects in development					60,000
Uncommitted Budget					124,618

^{*}Projects agreed by Ctte to be investigated, but no budget committed. Costs shown are estimated and will depend on detailed design and site investigation. N.B. The estimated costs shown above are merely given as a rough guide until the projects can be designed and costed.

3.0 DELIVERY PROGRAMME

ID	0	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	% Complete	Scheme Category	Lead Councillor	Project Manager	Lead Officer
1		SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE EIP PROGRAMME 09-11	290 days	Mon 06/04/09	Thu 27/05/10	54%				
2										
3		SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE MEETING DATES	156 days	Thu 23/07/09	Thu 11/03/10	0%				
4	V	July Committee	0 days		Thu 23/07/09	100%				
5	V	September Committee	0 days		Thu 24/09/09	100%				
6	V	November Committee	0 days	Thu 19/11/09	Thu 19/11/09	100%				
7	V	January Committee	0 days		Thu 21/01/10	100%				
8	III	March Committee	0 days		Thu 11/03/10	0%				
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10		SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE PROJECTS	290 days	Mon 06/04/09	Thu 27/05/10	54%				
11										
12	~	Sedley Taylor/Luard Rd [Traffic Claming]	107 days	Mon 06/04/09	Tue 01/09/09	100%	Major	Cllr Baker	JIsh	JIsh
18										
19		Rectory Terrace - Cherry Hinton High St Shop Forecourts [Refurbishment of shop forecourts]	290 days	Mon 06/04/09	Thu 27/05/10	22%	Major	Clirs Dryden & McPherson	DFN	JV
34										
35		Cherry Hinton High St [Reinstate grass verges]	289 days	Mon 06/04/09	Wed 26/05/10	56%	Medium	Clir Newbold	Jish	JV
52										
53	~	Hills Rd Verges [Re-seeding verges]	26 days	Tue 01/09/09	Tue 06/10/09	100%	Medium	Clir Baker	DFN	AJ
57										
58		Fisher's Lane [Installation of verge parking areas]	274 days	Mon 06/04/09	Wed 05/05/10	65%	Major	Cllr McPherson	JIsh	PT
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DFN = Dinah Foley Norman Jlsh = John Isherwood

3 APPROVED SCHEMES – PROGRESS

3.1 Fishers Lane verge parking

Consultation is now complete and the results were positive. Final Highway Authority approvals are currently being secured with construction expected early in the new financial year.

4.0 SCHEMES REQUIRING DECISIONS

4.1 Cherry Hinton High Street Verges

This scheme is to introduce parking areas to avoid car parking on grass verges by residents. The scheme drawing in appendix one of this report illustrates the proposals. A decision on the planning approval associated with the new dropped kerb crossings required for this scheme will be taken separately.

Recommendation: That Committee agrees to implementation subject to planning approval at an estimated cost of £40,000.

Decision: Agree to implementation subject to planning approval at an estimated cost of £40,000.

4.2 Rectory Terrace, Cherry Hinton High Street Forecourts

A concept design has been completed for the forecourts, which is included in appendix two of this report. However, it has been established that the owners of the forecourt area are planning to redevelop the site and as such we recommend that work be put on hold whilst the developers' proposals are established.

Recommendation: That Committee agrees to put the scheme on hold whilst the developers' proposals are established.

Decision: Agree to put the scheme on hold whilst the developers' proposals are established.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

(a) Financial Implications

The Environmental Improvements Programme is a rolling budget and is divided between the four Area Committees by percentage population.

A degree of flexibility can be implemented within the programme. It will be possible for Area Committees to 'save' some, or all, of their annual budget in order to accrue funds for larger projects.

(b) Equal Opportunities Implications

Covered as one of the assessment criteria

(c) Environmental Implications

The whole purpose of this programme is to bring about improvements in the environment

(d) Community Safety Implications

Covered as one of the assessment criteria

8.0 INSPECTION OF PAPERS

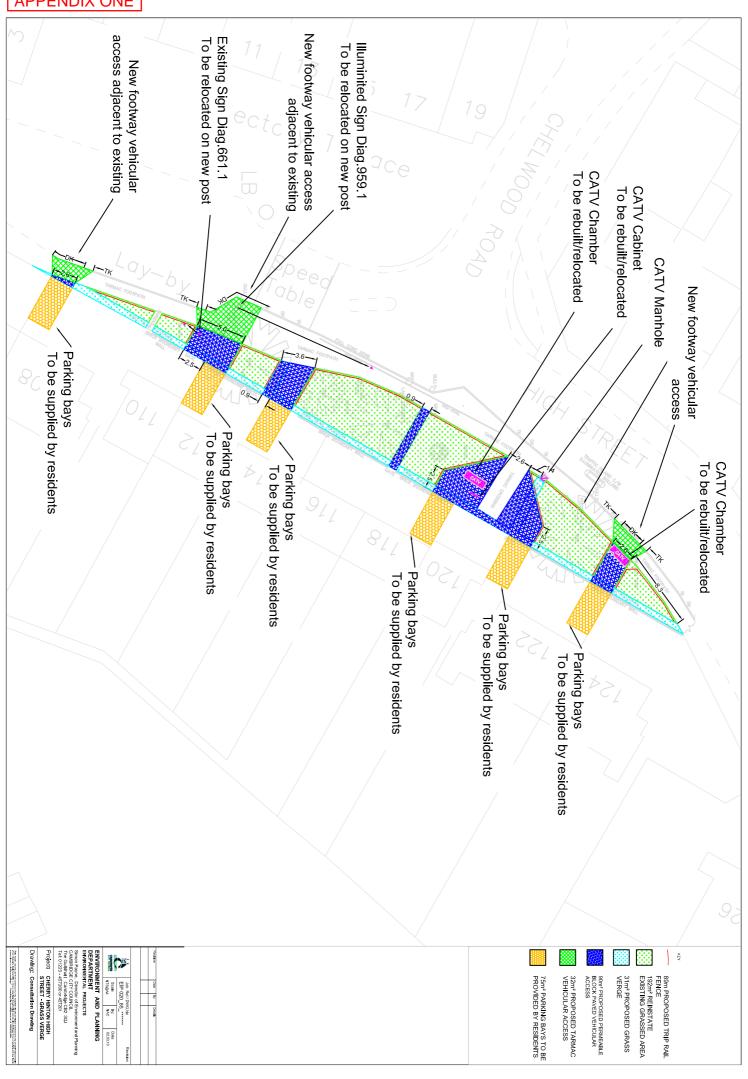
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CONCEPT DESIGN

Scale NTS@A1 By:

Date 05/01/2010.



APPENDIX THREE

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - as agreed by Executive Councillor (Environment) on 18 March 2003 with amendments agreed 22 March 2005

The essential criteria for consideration of funding of Environmental Improvement works are:

- Schemes should have a direct, lasting and noticeable improvement to the appearance of a street or area.
- Schemes should be publicly visible and accessible.
- Schemes must have the owners consent if on private land unless there are exceptional circumstances by which Area Committee may wish to act unilaterally and with full knowledge and responsibility for the implication of such action.
- Schemes must account for future maintenance costs.

Desirable criteria – potential schemes should be able to demonstrate some level of:

- Active involvement of local people.
- Benefit for a large number of people.
- 'Partnership' funding.
- Potential for inclusion of employment training opportunities.
- Ease and simplicity of implementation.
- Potential for meeting key policy objectives (e.g. improving community safety or contributing to equal opportunities).

Categories of scheme ineligible for funding:

- Where a readily available alternative source of funding is available.
- Revenue projects.
- Schemes that have already received Council funding (unless it can be clearly demonstrated that this would not be 'top up' funding).
- Works that the City or County Council are under an immediate obligation to carry out (e.g. repair of dangerous footways)
- Play areas (as there are other more appropriate sources of funding including \$106 monies)

The following categories of work were agreed as being eligible for funding by the Area Committees:

- · Works in areas of predominately council owned housing
- Works to construct lay-bys where a comprehensive scheme can be carried out which not only relieves parking problems but achieves environmental improvements.