

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Report by: Head of Policy and Projects

To: South Area Committee **Date:** 19 November 2009

Wards: Trumpington, Queen Edith's, Cherry Hinton

Environmental Improvements Programme

1 DECISIONS TO BE MADE

- **Chesterton High Street Hanging Baskets**

***Decision:** That Committee agrees to the funding of Cherry Hinton High Street hanging baskets for summer 2010 at a cost of £7,850.*

- **Fishers Lane parking area**

***Decision:** Agree to public consultation and if supportive that the scheme is implemented at an estimated cost of £24,750.*

- **Lighting to Walkway from Bishop`s Court to Hauxton Road**

***Decision:** To agree to omit the project from the Environmental Improvement project list.*

Trumpington War Memorial

***Decision:** Agree to adopt the project and fund a condition survey at an estimated cost of £1,500.*

SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE			
<i>Environmental Improvements Programme 2009-2011</i>			
Total Budget Available to 31/3/2011	£345,419		
ADOPTED PROJECTS	Approved Budget £	Forecast Spend 2009/10 £	Forecast Spend 2010/11 £
Cherry Hinton High Street hanging baskets (2009)	7,620	7,620	0
Sedley Taylor Rd/Luard Road traffic calming	75,000	65,000	0
Church End parking (remaining spend)	22,000	1,800	0
Cherry Hinton High Steet verges (Site Investigation costs)	2,500	2,500	0
Hills Road Verge Reseeding	5,500	5,500	0
New Bit Tree Planting (remaining spend)	9,385	7,128	0
Foster Road Allotments (remaining spend)	13,170	54	0
Hulatt Road mobility crossing	3,000	2,856	0
sub-totals	138,175	92,457	0
total adopted projects			92,457
Uncommitted Budget			252,962
SCHEMES UNDER DEVELOPMENT*	Estimated Cost £	Forecast Spend 2009/10 £	Forecast Spend 2010/11 £
Gladstone Way/Orchard Estate Barriers	3,000	3,000	0
Cherry Hinton High Street grass verges	40,000	0	40,000
Fisher's Lane Verge Parking	25,000	25,000	0
Cherry Hinton High Street Shop Forecourts	60,000	0	60,000
Walkway from Bishops Court to Hauxton Rd Lighting	25,000	0	25,000
sub-totals	153,000	28,000	125,000
total projects in development			153,000
Uncommitted Budget			99,962

***Projects agreed by Cttee 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 APPROVED SCHEMES – PROGRESS

3.1 Cherry High Street verges (opposite Chelwood Road)

The planning application for dropped crossings over the highway related to this scheme is being considered in the Planning item of the South Area Committee meeting. Progress on the scheme is dependent on planning permission being granted.

3.2 Gladstone Way barrier

Scheme on hold until a solution to change the existing chicane is found that is acceptable to the adjacent residential property owners.

4 SCHEMES REQUIRING DECISIONS

4.1 Cherry Hinton High Street Hanging Baskets

South Area Committee are asked if they would be minded to fund Cherry Hinton High Street hanging baskets for the summer of 2010.

***Recommendation:** That Committee agrees to the funding of Cherry Hinton High Street hanging baskets at a cost of £7,850.*

***Decision:** That Committee agrees to the funding of Cherry Hinton High Street hanging baskets for summer 2010 at a cost of £7,850.*

4.2 Fishers Lane parking area (Cllr. McPherson/Cllr. Newbold)

The proposal for this scheme is to introduce a parking area to avoid car parking on grass verges. Draft proposals have been drawn up and discussed with the Lead Project Councillor and County Highways. The proposals are now sufficiently advanced to take to public consultation and implement if Committee is agreeable. Committee should be aware that a small tree on highway land would be removed with the scheme but replacement tree planting can be achieved at either end of the parking lay-by.

Committee are asked to consider the proposals appended and whether to take them to public consultation. It is also proposed that if the consultation proves supportive, then the scheme be implemented at an estimated cost of £24,750.

***Recommendation:** That Committee agrees to public consultation and if that supportive that the scheme is implemented at an estimated cost of £24,750.*

***Decision:** Agree to public consultation and if supportive that the scheme is implemented at an estimated cost of £24,750.*

4.3 Lighting to Walkway from Bishop`s Court to Hauxton Road

This is a request for street lighting along a privately owned, unadopted footpath used to access Trumpington P&R and Waitrose from Bishop`s Court.

It has been established that a revenue fund for the electrical supply and maintenance of the lighting is not available. At the previous South Area Committee meeting officers were asked to research whether a revenue fund could be sought from the Safer City fund. This was done and it was found that a Safer City fund would only be available for the first 12 months. It would therefore be a concern that a funding stream after the first 12months would not be available.

The upgrading of the path could be part of the Glebe Farm development. It is proposed that the project is omitted from the Environmental Improvement project list and pursued as part of the development.

Recommendation: *In view of the lack of revenue funding, to agree to omit the project from the Environmental Improvement project list.*

Decision: *To agree to omit the project from the Environmental Improvement project list.*

5 NEW SCHEMES REQUIRING ADOPTION/DECISION

5.1 Trumpington War Memorial

South Area Committee are asked to consider a new scheme for a condition survey of Trumpington War Memorial, High Street, Trumpington. The war memorial is in need of renovation and a survey is required to gauge its state of repair. The work would be commissioned and monitored by the Historic Buildings Team.

Recommendation: *That Committee agrees to adopt the project and fund a condition survey at an estimated cost of £1,500.*

Decision: *Agree to adopt the projects and fund a condition survey at an estimated cost of £1,500.*

6 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 It is the role of this Area Committee to ensure that an appropriate level of consultation is carried out and where necessary to make

decisions about what changes to make to a scheme following consultation.

7 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 BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following are the background papers that were used in the preparation of this report:

9 INSPECTION OF PAPERS

To inspect or query the background paperwork or report, please contact,

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APPENDIX 1

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).

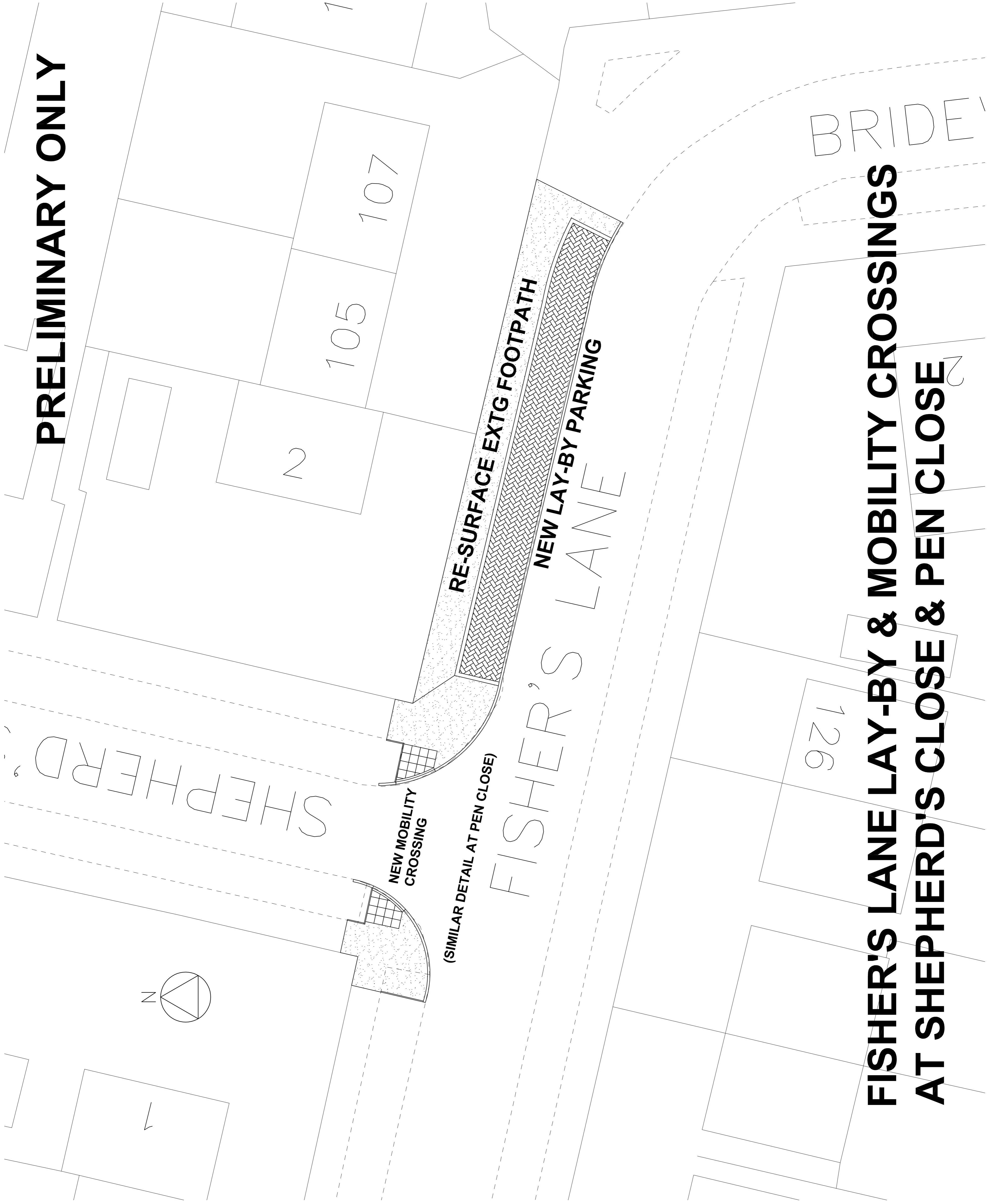
Categories of scheme ineligible for funding:

- 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 S106 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.

PRELIMINARY ONLY



**FISHER'S LANE LAY-BY & MOBILITY CROSSINGS
AT SHEPHERD'S CLOSE & PEN CLOSE**

DO NOT SCALE
Figured dimensions must be taken in preference to scaled dimensions. Contractors, sub-contractors and suppliers must verify all dimensions on site before commencing any work or making any shop drawings. Discrepancies to be brought to the contract administrators / landscape architect's attention.

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