

**Report by:** Head of Policy and Projects

**To:** South Area Committee 23 October 2008

**Wards:** Trumpington, Queen Edith's, Cherry Hinton

## Environmental Improvements Schemes

### 1 DECISIONS TO BE MADE

#### **Chalfont Close additional parking area**

***Decision:** to authorise implementation of the scheme at an estimated cost of £24,500.*

#### **Church End Parking area Recommendation:**

***Decision:** to authorise public consultation following approval in principal by the Project Councillor and County Highways.*

#### **Environmental Improvement Projects**

***Decision:** Agree/confirm Project Councillors for current projects.*

#### **Blackland Allotments**

***Decision:** Agree cost of rubbish skip at a cost of £175.*

### 2 BUDGET (see over)

## BUDGET

<b>SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS 2008/2009</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Budget for 2008/2009 financial year	£87,600	
Add roll-over from 2007/2008 budget	£153,630	
<b>TOTAL BUDGET FOR 2007/2008 FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		<b>£241,230</b>
Minus Actual 08/09 Budget Spend to end Sep 2008		-£28,853
<b>Committed Projects</b>	<b>Estimated Reserved Cost £</b>	
Coronation Street traffic calming (remaining expenditure)	£3,795	
Queen Edith's Way verge seeding	£1,400	
Foster Road allotments (remaining planting)	£767	
Orchard Estate Pinch Point Removal	£800	
Minus Committed project budgets		-£6,762
<b>BALANCE OF 08/09 BUDGET as at end Sep 2008</b>		<b>£205,615</b>
<b>Projects agreed by Ctte to be investigated, but no budget committed. Costs shown are estimated and will depend on detailed design and site investigation</b>	<b>Estimated Cost £</b>	
Gladstone Way barriers	£3,000	
Church End parking verge	£30,000	
Walkway from Bishops Court to Hauxton Rd Lighting	£25,000	
Chalfont Close parking	£24,500	
Sedley Taylor/Luard Road traffic calming	£75,000	
<b>Estimated costs for projects under investigation</b>	<b>£157,500</b>	
<b>N.B.</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 Sedley Taylor/Luard Road potential traffic calming**

A topographic survey has been carried out at the junction with Long Road to enable draft proposals to be drawn up. They will now be discussed with County Highways.

#### **3.2 Foster Road Allotments**

*All works have been completed apart from a small amount of herbaceous and bulb planting which will be carried out later in the autumn.*

#### **3.3 Lighting to Walkway from Bishop`s Court to Hauxton Road**

Request for lighting along an unadopted walkway used to access Trumpington P&R and Waitrose from Bishop`s Court. Officers are investigating responsibility for ongoing maintenance and revenue costs for the lighting as well as a formal liability agreement with the private landowner.

It has been established that S106 monies are not available for this scheme. We are therefore progressing this project as an EIP funded scheme.

*Officers are at present talking to Safer Communities to find out whether there is another avenue of revenue funding.*

#### **3.4 Queen Edith`s Way Grass Verges**

To re-instate the grass verges along Queen Edith`s Way from Wulfstan Way to the roundabout with Mowbray Road and Fendon Road. Re-seeding is to be carried out shortly.

#### **3.5 Gladstone Way barrier**

Finding a solution that is acceptable to residents, County Highways and DDA compliant is proving challenging.

#### **3.6 Hanging baskets - Cherry Hinton High Street**

The structural load testing of the existing lighting columns along Cherry Hinton High Street has been ordered to ascertain whether they can accommodate two number hanging baskets each next summer.

#### **3.7 Pinch Points**

Proposed pinch points to be removed are as follows:

Orchard Estate – Cycle Officers are being re-consulted to ensure proposals acceptable following a query from a local resident. Construction anticipated in October/November.

### 3.8 Mobility Crossings

**Confirmation** that the following mobility crossings have been constructed:

- Nightingale Avenue /Hills Road
- Exit of car park to Colville Road
- Mill End Road/Forest Road
- Mill End Road/Desmond Avenue
- Mill End Road

## 4 SCHEMES REQUIRING DECISIONS

### 4.1 Additional parking in Chalfont Close

Public consultation for this scheme has been carried out and has been positively supported including the removal and replacement of adjacent tree planting. The consultation analysis can be seen in Appendix 1.

**Recommendation:** Committee is asked to authorise the implementation of the additional parking at an estimated cost of £24,500.

**Decision:** to authorise implementation of the scheme at an estimated cost of £24,500.

### 4.2 Church End Parking area

The trial pits to precisely locate utilities have been carried out. Designs can now be drawn up and approval in principal can be sought from County Highways. The scheme could then go to public consultation following approval in principal by the Project Councillor.

**Recommendation:** Committee to authorise public consultation as soon as possible following approval in principal by the Project Councillor and County Highways.

**Decision:** to authorise public consultation.

### 4.4 Environmental Improvement Projects priority

At the previous meeting in August, South Area Committee agreed that officers should give the following priority to current projects:

1. Chalfont Close additional parking.
2. Sedley Taylor/Luard Road traffic calming.
3. Church End parking verge.
4. Walkway from Bishops Court to Hauxton Rd Lighting.
5. Gladstone Way barrier.

In line with a decision made earlier this year, all Area Committees are being asked to agree and/or confirm individual Project Councillors for their current and potential projects:

South Area Committee are asked to agree and/or confirm individual Project Councillors for the following current projects:

- Chalfont Close additional parking.
- Sedley Taylor/Luard Road traffic calming.
- Church End parking verge.
- Walkway from Bishops Court to Hauxton Rd Lighting.
- Gladstone Way barriers.
- Cherry Hinton hanging baskets.
- Queen Ediths Way grass verges.
- Cherry Hinton High Street shop forecourts (west side).

***Recommendation:*** Officers recommend that Committee agree/confirm Project Councillors for current projects.

***Decision:*** Agree/confirm Project Councillors for current projects.

## **5 NEW PROJECT TO BE CONSIDERED**

### **5.1 Blackland Allotments, Cherry Hinton**

The committee of Blackland Allotment have applied for a Community Development Grant for £350 for a grass cutter and £175 for a skip to clear rubbish from the site. Officers suggest that the rubbish skip element of the application may be more appropriately funded from the Environmental Improvement budget.

**Recommendation:** Officers recommend that Committee agree to fund the cost of a rubbish skip for the allotment.

**Decision:** Agree to fund the cost of a rubbish skip at a cost of £175.

## **6 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 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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## CONSULTATION SUMMARY

### Chalfont Close Parking Bay and Tree Protection Knee Rail

Period in which people could respond: 8<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

#### Consultation Questionnaire Responses

Number of consultation documents delivered: 29 (see attached coverage plan)

Number of consultation documents returned: 14 (48%)

The results are as follows;

	<b>Number of Households</b>	<b>Percentage of responses</b>
<i>Support</i>	13	93%
<i>Oppose</i>	0	0%
<i>Unsure</i>	1	7%

#### Consultation Comments

The following comments were made in a significant number of responses;

1. Oppose the knee rail (tree protection) because it would prevent access to some Chalfont Close and Desmond Avenue properties via a green space to the north-west (see photo below) of Chalfont Close: 43% of respondents.
2. Would like to see the Holm Oak removed/pruned: 38% of respondents.





# CONSULTATION COVERAGE PLAN



# ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME

## 2008/9 WEBSTERS' PROGRAMME

2008/9	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T							
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May				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
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		ABBEY POOL CATTLE GRID					GWYDIR ST CYCLE RACKS & ELIZABETH WAY KERBS ETC.						CHESTERTON RD DUAL-USE & SHIP RECYCLING AREA						SHIP RECYCLING AREA						CHALFONT CL.												
November					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30			
								CHALFONT CL. & MIDSUMMER COMMON PATH						CHALFONT CL. & MIDSUMMER COMMON PATH						LAMMAS LAND CYCLE PARKING & MIDSUMMER COMMON PATH						ORCHARD ESTATE & HARVEY RD X-INGS											
December	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						
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