

Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee: 29 September 2020

Item 7: S106 Funding round 2020: Play areas & open spaces - ADDENDUM

1. Since the report was published, it has become clear that one of the recommendations (to fund the Trumpington Recreation Ground boundary landscaping proposal [S5] using local S106 contributions) is not ready for consideration and needs to be withdrawn.
2. In the report, officers had recommended an environmental improvement for S106 funding as they recognise the real potential for improving the biodiversity (and residents' enjoyment) of Trumpington Recreation Ground.
3. On reflection, however, it is important to acknowledge that, within the local community, other reasons for the boundary landscaping proposal have been cited (including the prevention of unauthorised encampments on the site). Proposals can only be funded from S106 funding if they are focussed, first and foremost, on mitigating the impact of development.
4. There still could be an environmental enhancement at Trumpington Recreation Ground that could meet the S106 eligibility criteria. The unallocated informal open spaces generic S106 funds from Trumpington remain available.* The way forward would be for officers to:
 - a. review and agree with the local councillors for Trumpington a proposal for Trumpington Recreation Ground, or, if not supported, an alternative open space location that is eligible for the unallocated informal open space S106 funding;
 - b. carry out public consultation on the proposed scheme later this autumn;
 - c. and report back to the Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee with a recommendation on the proposed scheme, once the findings of the consultation and any required supporting impact assessment(s) have been taken into account.

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* The earliest 'use by' dates for these unallocated generic S106 funds are not until May 2024. There are also specific S106 funding for open space and landscaping improvements at Trumpington Recreation Ground, received last February.

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