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NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

4 POLICING AND SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS (Pages 1 - 12)

This report formed part of the agenda for the North Area Committee meeting held on 17 May 2012 and is attached for information only.

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting

7 UPDATE ON THE FEN ROAD STEERING GROUP (Pages 13 - 16)

Members of the Sub Group met with officers on 13 June 2012 to document a preferred option/plan to address some of the issues in Fen Road.

The plans were then discussed in detail at the Fen Road Steering Group meeting on 18 July 2012 (maps attached) and will now be fed into the Local Plan Consultation process.

8 OLD CHESTERTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (OCRA): FEEDBACK ON ANNUAL MEETING (Pages 17 - 24)

Report attached



Agenda Item 4

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Neighbourhood Report - Cambridge City North Neighbourhood

May 2012







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1. Introduction

The aim of the Neighbourhood Report is to provide an overview of action taken since the last reporting period, identify ongoing and emerging crime and disorder issues and enable Area Committees to identify issues for attention and make recommendations for future priorities.

This document was produced using the following data sources:

- Crime and Incident data, from January 2012 April 2012 and as a comparison data from January 2011 – April 2011 and Sept 11 – December 11
- Information from the Neighbourhood Policing teams, May 2012
- Environmental data from Cambridge City Council for the period December 2011 – March 2012, compared with the same period the previous year.

2. Previous Priorities & Engagement Activity

Previous Priorities

At the neighbourhood panel meeting on 26th January 2012 the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities which were set:

<priority></priority>	Speeding and Anti-social Driving on Fen Road			
Objective	Reduce incidents of speeding and anti-social driving			
Action Taken	The response has been similar to when this was a previous priority. North Neighbourhood Team took enforcement action where appropriate and secondly, worked with partners to get the road environment altered.			
	Local PCSO Louisa Abbott has been attending the steering group meetings and advice has been sought from our Traffic Management Dept.			
	Section 59 Police Reform Act 2002 (a warning regarding antisocial driving which may lead to vehicle confiscation) has been used on only one occasion during the period. A reduction on the previous period. This vehicle was followed by an unmarked police vehicle, along Fen Road when officers observed anti-social driving			
	Overall, patrols of Fen Road were significantly increased, both hi-viz and discreet (as above). The ANPR Unit (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) were asked to attend the road and its immediate area and have done so on a number of occasions. Their efforts have seen at least three vehicles seized and several persons arrested for criminal matters. This latter work indirectly addresses many of the safety issues on Fen Road.			
Current Situation	Whilst the current nature of Fen Road will attract some anti- social driving, the number of complaints the police have received has dropped considerably and is not at unreasonable levels.			

Continue	It is suggested this priority is discharged and the issues are
or	treated as everyday business.
Discharge?	

<priority></priority>	Anti-social Behaviour – Victoria Road
Objective	Reduce ASB around 222 Victoria Road
Action Taken	We have continued to support staff and work together with Riverside ECHG to ensure the impact on the local environment is mitigated.
Current Situation	There has been a decline in the number of complaints reported. Clearly the cold/wet weather has ensured the problems of last summer have not been repeated.
	The Hostel remains in a state of reorganisation and nuisance drinking and congregations of those under the influence still occurs. Closure of a communal TV room inside the hostel has made a big difference to behaviour inside 222.
Continue or Discharge?	As reported, there has been a decline in complaints but given the imminent arrival of better weather and city-wide issues with street-drinking, it is suggested this remains a priority for the next period.

Priority	Arson Prevention
Objective	Continue Arson Preventative Work
Action Taken	There have been a few sporadic arson attacks over this reporting period. Local Officers have worked closely with the Fire Service (particularly with Jim Meikle) on investigation and prevention work resulting in extensive house-to-house visits and leafleting.
	The recent incidents of arson have not had an obvious

	pattern or link unlike the specific geographical area (around the Pulley Park), targeted prior to Xmas. For these earlier offences a male was arrested and bailed but ultimately released without charge. However, this series abated at the time of the arrest. There have been deliberate fires at the following locations: Discovery Way Allotments – sheds St Kilda Avenue - garage Public House in Chesterton - paper fire in toilet Nicholson Way - caravan
Current Situation	Deliberate fires in North Area continue to be a concern. The Fire and Rescue Service have prioritised the area and a 'Fire Watch' initiative is being developed. More information will be provided at the meeting.
Continue or Discharge?	It is suggested this is continued.

3. Emerging Issues

Neighbourhood trends

Recorded crime has fallen significantly when compared with the same period last year (816 – 961) but is up by 55 offences on the previous period. Offences of dwelling burglary have continued to fall but a rise in theft from vehicle offences is an area of current concern.

There has been a sustained reduction in reports of anti-social behaviour (493 – 527- 709).

West Chesterton

Crime and ASB issues – No significant changes.

- Between December 2011 and March 2012, there were 11 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 14 during the same period the previous year. 2 vehicles were claimed by their owners. In addition, 3 CLE26 notices were issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway, which will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. 1 additional vehicle is currently pending further investigation. Victoria Park (3) was the hotspot during the current reporting period. There were no specific hotspots for the same period the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, there were 6 reports of flytipping in the ward compared with 15 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 1 formal warning letter to domestic offender. There were no specific hotspots during the current reporting period. Chesterton Road (6) and Milton Road (4) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, 5 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 24 during the same period the previous year. There were no specific hotspots during the current reporting period. Chesterton Road (5) and Humberston Road (3) were the main hotspots during the previous year.

 Between December 2011 and March 2012, nil needles were reported compared with 11 during the same period the previous year. During the previous reporting period all needles were removed during the River Cam Clean up and found in various locations along the river.

East Chesterton

Crime and ASB issues – increase in criminal damage offences

- Between December 2011 and March 2012, there were 13 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 15 during the same period the previous year. This included 3 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 1, which was subsequently claimed by the owner. 1 vehicle was impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax. 4 additional vehicles are also currently pending further investigation. Moss Bank (6) was the hotspot during the current reporting period. Nuffield Close (3) and Ramsden Square (3) were the hotspots for the same period the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, there were 31 reports of flytipping in the ward compared with 29 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 5 formal warning letters to domestic offenders and 1 formal warning letter to trade offenders. Dundee Close (5) and Church Street (4) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. The offences at Dundee Close accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters being sent. Church Street (6), Dundee Close (4), Maitland Avenue (4), Primary Court (4) and Green End Road (3) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, 2 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 9 during the same period the previous year. There were no specific hotspots during the current reporting period. Ashfield Road (3) was the hotspot during the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, 38 needles were reported compared with 125 during the same period the previous year. 12 were removed from Green Park and a further 12 were removed from Chesterton Road. During the previous reporting period 100 needles were removed from Green End Road.

Kings Hedges

Crime and ASB issues – theft from vehicles offences have risen; ASB incidents have fallen.

- Between December 2011 and March 2012, there were 9 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 11 during the same period the previous year. This included 2 vehicles, which were not on site following inspection and 1, which was subsequently claimed by the owner. In addition, 1 CLE26 notices were issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway, which will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. 1 vehicle was also impounded on behalf of the DVLA for not having valid road tax. 3 additional vehicles are also currently pending further investigation. Buchan Street (3) was the hotspot during the current reporting period. There were no specific hotspots for the same period the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, there were 65 reports of flytipping in the ward compared with 64 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 6 formal warning letters to domestic offenders. In addition, 2 verbal warnings were issued. Campkin Road (11), Cadwin Fields (8), Edgecombe (6) and Atkins Close (5) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. The offences at Cadwin Fields and Atkins Close accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters being sent. Campkin Road (11), and Crowland Way (5) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and January 2012, 8 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 13 during the same period the previous year. There were no specific hotspots during the either period.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, 447 needles were reported compared with 567 during the same period the previous year. 408 were removed from Hanson Court. During the previous reporting period all needles were removed from a void property at Wilson Close.

Arbury

Crime and ASB issues – increase in theft from vehicles; ASB incidents have fallen.

- Between December 2011 and March 2012, there were 9 reports of abandoned vehicles in the ward compared with 16 during the same period the previous year. This included 1 vehicle, which was not on site following inspection and 2, which were subsequently claimed by their owners. In addition, 1 CLE26 notice was issued to an offender on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying road tax on a public highway, which will result in a fine issued by the DVLA. 2 additional vehicles are also currently pending further investigation. There were no specific hotspots during the current reporting period. Hazelwood Close (3) and Histon Road (3) were the hotspots for the same period the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, there were 80 reports of flytipping in the ward compared with 65 during the same period the previous year. There was sufficient evidence to issue 5 formal warning letters to domestic offenders. Molewood Close (12), Hazelwood Close (10), Rutland Close (7) and Aylesborough Close (6) were the main hotspots during the current reporting period. The offences at Hazelwood Close accounted for 1 of the formal warning letters being sent. Molewood Close (8), Harris Road (7), Darwin Drive (6), Brackley Close (5) and Aylesborough Close (5) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, 4 derelict cycles were dealt with compared with 20 during the same period the previous year. There were no specific hotspots during the current reporting period. Stretten Avenue (6), Bermuda Road (3) and Victoria Avenue (3) were the main hotspots during the previous year.
- Between December 2011 and March 2012, nil needles were reported compared with 2 during the same period the previous year. During the previous reporting period both needles were removed from Humphreys Road.

4. Recommendations

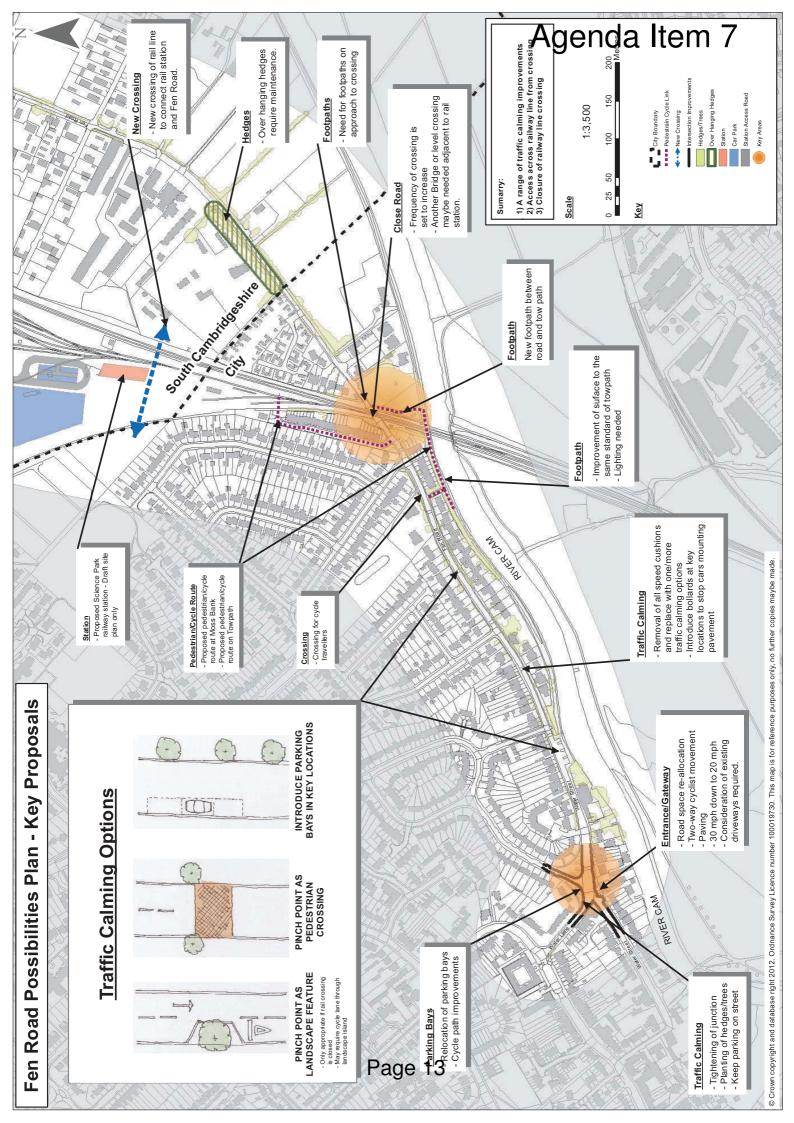
- Continue to address ASB in vicinity of 222 Victoria Road
- Continue arson preventative work.

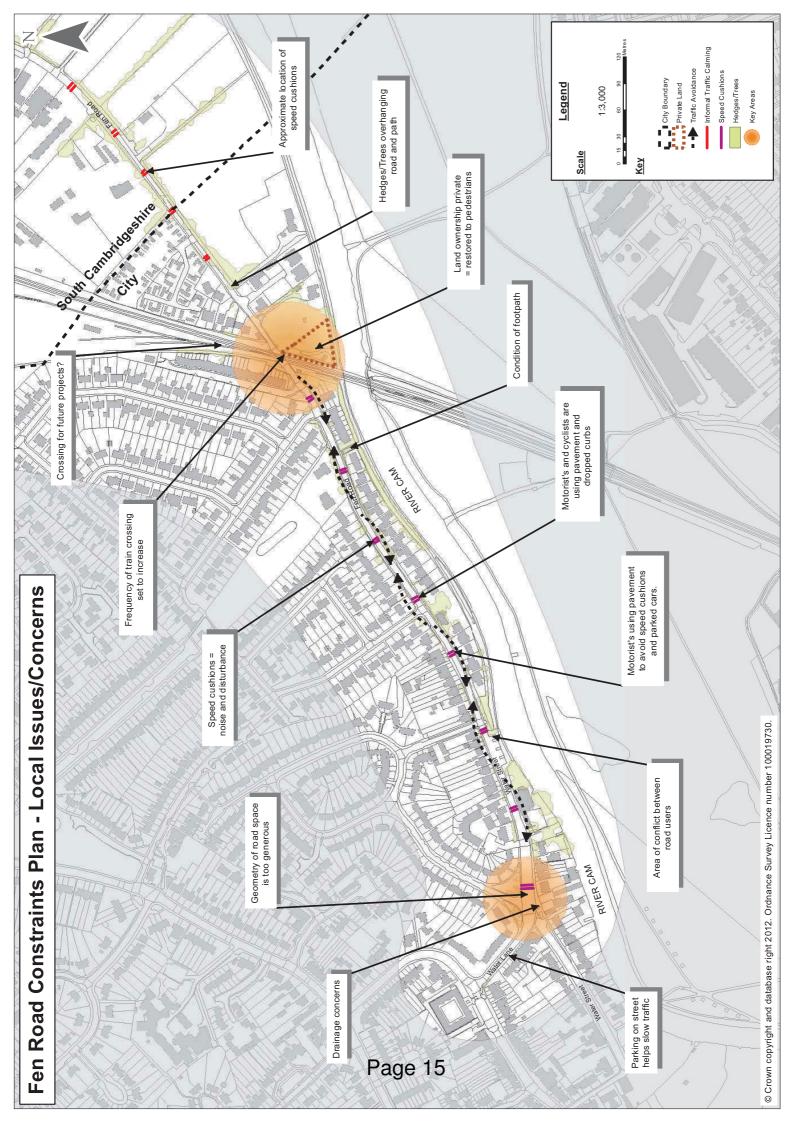
5. Current Crime and Incident Levels in Neighbourhood, by Ward

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TOTAL ASB	493	527	209	120	94	137	141	119	214	115	155	162	117	159	196
TOTAL	816	761	961	161	170	225	226	194	222	225	194	268	204	203	246
Other Crime	187	161	218	32	33	58	65	53	51	40	41	45	20	34	64
Criminal Damage	135	120	128	24	25	24	42	30	26	45	38	39	24	27	39
Theft from Shop	61	40	74	8	4	17	9	2	13	25	21	28	22	13	16
Cycle Theft	68	100	98	30	39	42	22	27	13	18	2	21	19	29	22
Theft from Veh.	75	58	61	16	15	12	17	17	12	22	13	30	20	13	7
Theft of Vehicle	6	13	16	2	2	1	3	9	4	0	2	6	4	3	2
Robbery	8	6	8	2	0	1	4	1	3	2	7	1	0	1	3
Violent Crime ¹	173	177	204	33	37	30	40	32	67	22	49	63	45	26	44
Other Burg.	35	58	35	4	4	7	11	11	10	10	8	8	10	9	10
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Old Chesterton Residents' Association

Register of Community Assets

Themes and Ideas from the Annual Open Meeting held on 30th May 2012 at St Andrew's Hall, Chesterton.

- 1. Our guests were Patsy Dell, Director of Planning Cambridge City Council, and Jo Mills, Director Planning and Communities at South Cambridgeshire District Council who helped around 80 residents to a better understanding of what the new planning regime presented in the way of new opportunities and why it was important to become fully engaged with the pending review of local plans in the City and South Cambridgeshire.
- 2. There was a brief outline of the new provisions of the Localism Act 2011 and the new rights it conferred on local communities and an outline of the pending local plan process. Those attending were invited to use post it notes on large maps of East and West Chesterton to indicate what they considered might be regarded as Community Assets.
- 3. The Localism Act 2011 has introduced new powers for local communities to influence developments in their areas. In particular the new Act has introduced the Community Right to Bid. Under the Act, community groups are entitled to identity and nominate public or private assets of community value in their area to be included in the Register of Community Assets held by the Local Planning Authority. The provisions also introduce a window of opportunity, should the owner of the asset wish to sell it, for local groups to organise and bid for the asset. An extract from the Act is included in Appendix 1.
- 4. Local Authorities will be required to publish their lists of successful and unsuccessful nominations.
- 5. By the end of the evening a very large number of places had been identified and some ideas put forward that will also inform the OCRA response to the local plan consultations.
- 6. There were some consistent themes which identify a sense of concern in the Chesterton community about the scale and scope of current change. Residents are clearly concerned that Chesterton remains a sustainable and diverse community with minimal requirements to travel outside for essential day to day goods and services. The gradual loss of facilities (land, buildings or services) has met with strong resistance but many people have, until now, felt they were fighting a losing battle. They wish to retain and enhance if possible what is available locally in a city which can often appear dominated by large vested interests with little interest in what goes on outside the city centre.
- 7. Many of the most prized community assets are in the day to day control of public authorities. They were created or purchased with taxpayers' money and residents consider that they are things which they already own. Members and officers of public authorities often think and act as if they were the beneficial owners of these rather than their temporary custodians. There is power within existing statute for such assets to be transferred at less than market cost to other community uses but this power has seldom, if ever, been exercised in Cambridgeshire.
- 8. We have compiled below a list of all the suggestions put forward at our Annual Meeting together with some notes on them. We have also done an initial exercise to pull out those

- which Old Chesterton Residents Association consider could meet the description in the Localism Bill for inclusion on a Register of Community Assets to be compiled by Cambridge City Council as the local planning authority.
- 9. Both the full list from the meeting and those we have pulled out below will go out for consultation with OCRA members and the wider Chesterton community over the summer and OCRA will present its final suggested list of assets for inclusion to Cambridge City Council in Autumn 2012.

A. Themes and Ideas suggested at the Annual Open Meeting

Location	Suggestion from the meeting for inclusion in Community Asset Register	Note
Chesterton	All school playing fields	
	All open spaces	
	All green spaces	
	All pubs	
	All listed buildings and buildings of local interest	Listed buildings and Buildings of Local Interest are not exempt from
	Active maintenance of all green verges in streets	redevelopment. Make them look loved and owned
	All schools, especially the Shirley School	This was particularly true of the original Green End Road Shirley School site where there could be scope for facilities compatible with being located in a residential area
Ascham Road	The Roger Ascham site	Part of this comprises listed buildings
Carlyle Road	Alexandra Gardens	
Chestnut Grove	Play area at rear of Elizabeth Way	
	Allotments at rear of Chesterton Hall Crescent	
Church Street	Chesterton Recreation Ground	Managed by City - Potential of alternative management, e.g. by Chesterton Community Association
	Pye Terrace	
	Almshouses	
	St Andrews' Churchyard	Now closed and managed by the City Council but has been subject to development proposals in the recent past
	St Andrew's Church	
Elizabeth Way	Petrol Station	It is considered there is no immediate threat to this as the owner wishes to continue to operate it as a petrol station
Fen Road	Green area at start of tow path	

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Former rail	Keep stream above ground	
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Green End	Brown's Field Youth and	
Road	Community Centre	
	Recreation Ground	
High Street	Haymakers	In a Conservation Area
	Dog & Pheasant)	
	Chesterton Working Men's Club	
	Launderette	
	Local Shops – including TESCO	
	Post Office	In a conservation area; possibility of
		being upgraded in the near future
Highfield	No man's land to rear of houses	
Avenue	on the north side	
Jesus Green	Jesus Green Swimming Pool (our	
	lido)	
Kendal Way	Allotments	
Logan's	Logan's Meadow Local Nature	
Way	Reserve	
Milton Rd	Milton Road Library	Friends of Milton Road Library are in
/Ascham	,	discussions over the future use of the
Rd		building and its potential for
		enhancement
Milton	Cambridge City Football	Subject to redevelopment proposals at
Road	Cambriage city rectain	the moment. Planning Application
		rejected.
Mitcham's	The four pubs	I specieus
Corner		
Nuffield	Allotments	
Road	, and enterines	
11000	Bramblefields LNR and adjoining	
	nature reserve	
	Band of trees adjoining boundary	
	of allotments and former railway	
	line (valuable nesting site for	
	birds)	
	Medical Centre	
Pakenham	Allotments currently managed by	*The principle of retaining allotments as
Close	Old Chesterton Allotments	open space if the demand for allotments
Close	Association	
		falls seems good
Riverside	* Convert allotments to a park	In City Council management
	Open spaces on either side	In City Council management
Bridge	Discoursed	
Scotland	Playground	
Road	T1: 111 1: 1: 1:	
Site off	This would be good to design	There may be a planning consent on this
Sandy Lane		land
St Andrew's	Tennis Courts on St Andrew's	Environment Agency refusal as active
Road	House river frontage	flood plain
	Land fronting Vie keep as Green	Public open space managed by City
	Space water meadow	Council

	Old Manor House	
	Old Manor House St Andrew's Hall	This is a community hall and the land:
	St Andrew's Hall	This is a community hall and the land is
		subject to charitable covenant and
		cannot be used for any other purpose
		without the approval and consent of The
11.2		Charity Commission
Union Lane	Chesterton Hospital	Whilst the hospital has gone there are
		medical services still provided and these should be retained and enhanced if
Victoria	Victoria Park	possible
Road	VICTORIA PARK	
NOdu	Victoria Park Almshouses	
Vio / Lunfiold		
Vie/Lynfield Lane	Green strip between the lane and the Vie development	
Water Street	Green Dragon pub	
Jueet	Green Dragon Bridge	
	Penny Ferry pub and consider	Interesting Idea meriting further
	ferryman boat to Fen Ditton	exploration
	Roebuck House	
		Listed building in Conservation Area
	Boathouse by Green Dragon	In conservation area
	Bridge	In conservation area
	Ferry Corner	
	Two Tees boatyard	very important to atmosphere of
		Chesterton – only service facility for
	Empty let hehind Nes 20 41	boaters in Cambridge
	Empty lot behind Nos. 39-41	
Abbey	Stourbridge Common	lifeline, lung, flood plain, place to walk
Ward	Stear Strage Common	and picnic – riverside view and part of
		our history (ferries and fair)
	Preserve fishing lake for	Small lake across Newmarket Road
	cormorants	adjacent to railway
	Preserve house and land	Not entirely clear but could be Abbey
		House and possibly the 12 th century
		building behind it
Fen Ditton	Ditton Meadows	Protection of views and existing paths via
	Ditton Fields / Stourbridge	Stourbridge Common / Ditton Fields and
	Common corridor	Fen Ditton not to be damaged by
		insensitive bridge
Milton	Land between Milton Country	
	Park and the railway as a possible	
	extension to the Country Park	
Chesterton	The Farm House	
Fen		
	Pony fields beside the river	

	Black House	old river pub and landmark building
New	Protect two old willow trees	
station site		
	Protect industrial heritage on the	
	sidings site	
	Possible site for 'public art park'	Cambridge PPF is happy to discuss this
	similar to Emscher Park in	further
	Germany	
Sewage	Protect Wellingtonias	
Farm		

B. Old Chesterton Residents' Association suggested list of Chesterton assets for inclusion on a Register.

Type of	Location	Suggestion for inclusion in Community Asset Register
facility		
School	Nuffield Rd	Shirley Primary School in Nuffield Rd
	Gilbert Rd	Chesterton Community College in Gilbert Rd
	Green End Rd	Shirley Infant School site in Green End Road
	Courtney Way	The Castle Special School in Courtney Way
	Ascham Road	Milton Road Primary School
County buildings	Ascham Road	The Roger Ascham site
Library	Ascham Road	Milton Rd Library
Public open space	Church Street	Chesterton Recreation Ground
	Church St	St Andrews Churchyard
	Riverside Bridge	City owned green space land on both sides
	Scotland Rd	Play Area
	Discovery Way	Play Area
	Green End Rd	Play Area
	Carlyle Road	Alexandra Gardens
	Chestnut Grove	Play area at rear of Elizabeth Way
	Logan's Way	Logan's Meadow Local Nature Reserve
	Bramblefields	Local Nature Reserve
	Cam Causeway - Fen Rd	Green space between them
	Victoria Road	Victoria Park
	Stourbridge Common	Stourbridge Common
	Ditton Meadows	Ditton Meadows/Ditton Fields
Sporting facility	Milton Road	Cambridge City Football

Churches	Church St	St Andrews Church
	Green End Rd	Methodist Church
	Chesterfield Rd	St Georges Church
	Milton Rd	St Lawrences RC Church
Community	Green End Road	Brown's Field Youth and Community Centre
Centres		
	St Andrews Rd	St Andrews Hall
Pubs	High Street	Haymakers
	High St	Dog and Pheasant (Saigon City)
	Water Lane	Green Dragon
	Water St	Penny Ferry
	Ferry Path	The Old Spring
	Chesterton Rd	The Boathouse
	Chesterton Rd	The Tivoli
	Chesterton Rd	The Waterman
	Chesterton Rd	The Portland Arms
Allotments	Chesterton Hall	Allotments at rear
	Crescent	
	Pakenham Close	Allotments
	Nuffield Rd	Allotments
	Kendal Way	Allotments on both sides
Privately	Water St	Two Tees boatyard
owned		
buildings		
	Water Lane	Boathouse by Green Dragon Bridge
	High St	Chesterton Working Men's Club
	Nuffield Rd	Medical Centre
	High St	Launderette
	High St	Post Office

Appendix 1. The Localism Act 2011.

CHAPTER 3 Assets of community value

- 88. Land of community value
- (1)For the purposes of this Chapter but subject to regulations under subsection (3), a building or other land in a local authority's area is land of community value if in the opinion of the authority—
 - (a)an actual current use of the building or other land that is not an ancillary use furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, and
 - (b)it is realistic to think that there can continue to be non-ancillary use of the building or other land which will further (whether or not in the same way) the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.
- (2)For the purposes of this Chapter but subject to regulations under subsection (3), a building or other land in a local authority's area that is not land of community value as a result of subsection (1) is land of community value if in the opinion of the local authority—
 - (a) there is a time in the recent past when an actual use of the building or other land that was not an ancillary use furthered the social wellbeing or interests of the local community, and
 - (b)it is realistic to think that there is a time in the next five years when there could be non-ancillary use of the building or other land that would further (whether or not in the same way as before) the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.