



## Cambridge City Council

**To:** East Area Committee 12 September 2013

**Report by:** Simon Payne  
Director of Environment

**Wards affected:** Petersfield, Romsey, Coleridge, Abbey

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

#### **1.0 Executive summary**

- The Committee has an annual budget of £56,200 available to allocate to schemes from its annual Environment Improvement Programme (EIP) budget.
- This report requests that the Committee determine which of the proposed EIP schemes are allocated funding as part of the 2013/14 Environmental Improvement Programme, from those listed in Appendix A of this report
- It also requests that the Committee determine whether to allocate the additional funding required for two existing approved schemes and reallocate the budget currently assigned to two others.

#### **2.0 Recommendations**

The East Area Committee is recommended:

- 2.1 To reallocate the £8,000 currently allocated to the Silverwood Close/Whitehill Estate Verge Parking Prohibition scheme.
- 2.2 To reallocate the £7,500 currently allocated to the Brooks Rd/Perne Road Verge Parking Prohibition.
- 2.3 To allocate an additional £5,000 to the existing approved Catharine St traffic calming project.
- 2.4 To allocate an additional £5,000 to the existing approved scheme to plant street trees on Greville Rd and Chalmers Rd.
- 2.5 To allocate funding of £1400 to the highway schemes in appendix A that have secured Local Highway Improvement (LHI) funding from the County Council.

- 2.6 To allocate the remaining funding to the proposed new projects in Appendix A of this report.
- 2.7 To approve those allocated projects for implementation, subject to positive consultation and final approval by local Ward Councillors.
- 2.8 To note the progress of existing schemes listed in Appendix C of this report.

### **3.0 REASSIGNMENT OF EXISTING ALLOCATIONS**

#### Silverwood Close/Whitehill Estate Verge Parking Prohibition

- 3.1 A consultation has been carried out on Silverwood Close, to determine the level of support for a verge parking prohibition.
- 3.2 It was clear from the response that there wasn't support for such a prohibition and that verge issues were not a real problem, however it did highlight a consensus of opinion that there was an issue with on-street parking capacity and demand for a residents parking scheme.
- 3.3 This issue has been passed to the County Council, which operates residents parking schemes across the city.
- 3.4 Due to the general lack of support from residents to consultations on verge parking prohibitions, it was decided not to take anything forward for the Whitehill Estate.
- 3.5 Alternative measures have been proposed, which involve verge reinforcement, included as a new project specifically for the Whitehill Estate in Appendix A of this report.
- 3.6 Based on the above, it is recommended that the Committee reallocate the £8,000 funding currently assigned to this project.

### Brooks Rd/Perne Rd Verge Parking Prohibition

- 3.7 This project proposed to implement a verge parking prohibition along Brooks Road and Perne Road at a cost of £7,500.
- 3.8 As mentioned above, such prohibitions have yet to be successfully implemented in other areas of the city, having received significant negative response at the consultation stage.
- 3.9 Alternative measures to mitigate the issues caused by verge parking are now being considered, including the potential for reinforcing the verges.
- 3.10 A new project to reinforce the verges on Perne Rd is included in Appendix A of this report.
- 3.11 As such it is suggested that this £7,500 budget should be reallocated to the new projects in Appendix A.

## **4.0 EXISTING SCHEMES REQUIRING ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

### Catharine Street Traffic Calming Project

- 4.1 This scheme, which secured funding from the County Council's Local Highway Improvement [LHI] budget, originally planned to provide two speed cushions on the approach to its junction with Cromwell Road, at a cost of £9,000 [£5,000 EIP, £4,000 LHI].
- 4.2 During the development of the scheme, it became clear that there was a desire to provide a raised table close to the junction with Cromwell Road, to provide further calming measures and a flush crossing point for pedestrians crossing the road at this point.
- 4.3 In fact this need is probably greater than that for the cushions on the approach. However, in order to provide the raised table, traffic calming measures are required on the approach to it, due to its lack of forward visibility.
- 4.4 The total budget now required to deliver this scheme, following the receipt of quotations from Contractors, is £21,000.

- 4.5 The County Council has agreed to increase its allocation from £4,000 to £11,000, leaving a funding shortfall of £5,000.
- 4.6 It is therefore recommended that this Committee allocate an additional £5,000 to deliver this scheme, incorporating the use of County Council funding.
- 4.7 If this additional funding is not allocated, then the two cushions on the approach will be provided within the original £9,000 approved budget.

#### Greville Rd/Chalmers Rd Tree Planting Scheme

- 4.8 This scheme proposed to plant 7 street trees on Greville Rd and 5 on Chalmers Rd with a budget of £5,000, which received a positive consultation response.
- 4.9 However, the trees are located within the public highway and as such Cambridgeshire County Council, as the highway authority, are required to approve their installation and take on the liability for maintaining them.
- 4.10 A commuted sum for maintenance of these trees has now been agreed at £504 per tree, in line with that requested for highway trees adopted on new development sites. This provides a total commuted sum of £6048.
- 4.11 Therefore, in order for this scheme to be deliverable, a total revised budget of £10,000 is now required. It is therefore recommended that the Committee allocate the additional £5,000 necessary to enable implementation.

#### Mill Rd/Cavendish Road Improvement

- 4.12 This project proposes to improve the small informal open space at the junction of Mill Rd and Cavendish Road, which is owned by the City Council.
- 4.13 The proposal also incorporated the provision of a leased disabled parking space to the adjacent shoe shop business, which has a high demand for parking for disabled visitors.

- 4.14 This lease was to be provided free of charge, however the cost of paving and installing a dropped kerb access was to be paid for by the business owner at a cost of £4000.
- 4.15 We have been informed that the business owner is no longer in a position to implement this aspect of the project.
- 4.16 It is therefore suggested that a generic disabled bay be provided for use by any disabled visitor to the area displaying a blue badge, which would be enforced by the civil enforcement officers. This will require a traffic regulation order to make it enforceable and agreement by the City Council as the private landowner.
- 4.17 In order to deliver this scheme, additional funding is required over and above the £15,000 EIP budget currently allocated by East Area Committee.
- 4.18 It is suggested that this project be supplemented with an additional £8,000 of informal open space developer contributions, available to East Area Committee through devolved decision making, to contribute to the soft and hard landscape proposals away from the disabled parking bay.
- 4.19 This decision is included in the separate Committee report on developer contributions and includes a proposal to add a public art scheme at this location.
- 4.20 This additional budget allocation from developer contributions would enable the project to be implemented this financial year.

## **5.0 SUGGESTED SCHEMES FOR THE 2013/14 PROGRAMME**

- 5.1 Initial feasibility work has been carried out on all of the schemes that have been suggested for the 2013/14 Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP).
- 5.2 The table in Appendix A lists all of the schemes that could be feasibly delivered as part of this year's EIP Programme, should they be allocated funding by the East Area Committee.

- 5.3 Any scheme that involves the public highway was submitted to the Cambridgeshire County Council, to apply for funding from its £50,000 Local Highway Infrastructure Budget.
- 5.4 A panel of four city County Councillors met to prioritise these suggestions for the city as a whole and made recommendations to the portfolio holder, County Councillor Mac McGuire.
- 5.5 Schemes numbers 17, 19 and 20 have secured funding from the County Council Local Highway Improvements (LHI) budget for 2013/14 totalling £12,600. This funding is subject to a minimum 10% third party contribution, in this case the Environmental Improvement Programme.
- 5.6 It is recommended that the Committee allocate this contribution, totalling £1,400, to enable those projects to be delivered.
- 5.7 If the funding is not allocated, then the County Council funding will be withdrawn and reallocated to other LHI projects further down the prioritised list of schemes.
- 5.8 The remaining new projects are listed in Appendix A and further details on each scheme can be found in Appendix B.
- 5.9 Some of the schemes for this year's programme have not been included in Appendix A. This is a result of the scheme not being deliverable or the work is being implemented by others. Table 1.0 below provides a summary of these schemes.

Suggested Scheme	Response
Mawson Road – Parking Issues	Road markings within this location are to standard. Enforcement action by County Council requested.
Vinery Road – Improvements to Pedestrian Crossing	Road markings within this location are to standard. Enforcement action by County Council requested.
Petersfield – Salt Bins	Not eligible for Environmental Improvement Programme funding.
Thorpe Way – Landscaping Improvements	The proposed works to the hedgerow has been passed to the Asset Management Team to consider as a potential maintenance measure.
Beche Road/ River Lane Junction – White Lining	Road markings to be painted in order to define the right of way at the junction by the County Council responsible for maintenance of the highway.

1.0. Schemes in development, to be delivered by others, or not feasible.

## **6.0 Background papers**

None

## **7.0 Appendices**

### APPENDIX A

Summary of Feasible EIP Schemes for 2013/14.

### APPENDIX B

Details of Proposed Schemes

### APPENDIX C

Progress of Existing Schemes

### APPENDIX D

EIP Eligibility Criteria

## **8.0 Inspection of papers**

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

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**SUMMARY OF FEASIBLE EIP SCHEMES FOR 2013/14**

LHI = County Council Local Highway Improvement Budget

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Promoted by	Ward	Estimated Budget £	Secured funding contributions £	EIP Allocation requested	Risks to delivery
1	Budleigh Close/ Burnside	Landscape Improvements	Local Resident	Coleridge	3,000	-	4,000	Underground services may impede/prevent installation of additional surfacing.
2	Elifleda Road	Construction of two small verge build-outs with tree planting.	Cllr Richard Johnson	Abbey	10,000	-	10,000	Carriageway width and on street parking reduced. Position and depth of underground services may impede/prevent construction works. Proposal to be approved by the County Council.
3	Sturton Street - Streetscape Improvements	Construction of a large footway build-out including planting and installation of new cycle stands.	Cllr Richard Johnson	Petersfield	15,000	-	15,000	Position and depth of the underground services may impede/prevent installation. Approval required from the County Council as highway authority. Loss of pay and display bays and revenue for County Council. Highways drainage issues to be considered.

# APPENDIX A

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Promoted by	Ward	Estimated Budget £	Secured funding contributions £	EIP Allocation requested	Risks to delivery
4	Ditton Lane - Handrail	Guardrail to be installed along the steep section of footway in order to improve pedestrian safety, particularly for the elderly in adverse weather conditions.	Cllr Caroline Hart	Abbey	3,000	-	3,000	Position and depth of the underground services may impede installation. Needs to be approved by the County Council as highway authority.
5	Birdwood Road (between Perne Road and Chalmers Road) - Verge Protection	Badly damaged verges to be reinforced and reseeded.	Councillor George Owers	Coleridge	15,000	-	15,000	Tree roots may impede/prevent installation. Needs to be approved by the County Council as the highway authority.
6	Romsey Recreation Ground - New Notice Boards	Three notice boards to be installed at Ross Street, Vinery Road and Hemingford Road entrances to the park.	Cllr Paul Saunders	Romsey	5,000	-	5,000	
7	Dudley Road - Landscape Improvements	Daffodils to be planted around the existing play area.	Cllr Richard Johnson	Abbey	1,500	-	1,500	
8	Peverel Road	Installation of knee-high rail fencing on two selected grass verges, in order to prevent parking on green spaces.	Councillor Richard Johnson	Abbey	13,000	-	13,000	Position and depth of the underground services may impede installation.

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9	Whitehill Estate - Verge Protection	Badly damaged verges to be reinforced and reseeded. Selected street breakdown in Appendix B.	Cllr Richard Johnson	Abbey	55,000	-	55,000	Tree routes may impede/prevent installation. Approval required by the County Council as the highway authority.
10	Wadloes Road - Planting	Daffodils to be planted on the grass verge, between cycle path and footpath.	Cllr Richard Johnson	Abbey	6,000	-	6,000	
11	Mill Road - Coop Forecourt Improvement	Proposal to improve the area outside the Co-op. Funding from the Co-op also being sort.	Cllr Zoe Moghadas	Romsey	60,000	-	Suggested to be funded from Public Realm Developer Contributions	Existing underground services and tree routes may impede installation. Proposal needs to be approved by landowner and the County Council.
12	Perne Road - Verge Protection	Badly damaged verges to be reinforced and reseeded.	Cllr George Owers	Coleridge	33,000	-	33,000	Tree routes may impede/prevent installation. Needs to be approved by the County Council as the highway authority.

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13	Ross Street - Tree Planting	Construction of footway build-outs at least three locations in order to provide suitable planting sites.	Cllr Paul Saunders	Romsey	15,000	-	15,000	Reduced on street parking leading to a lack of support from local residents. Existing services may impede/prevent installation. Proposal to be approved by the County Council.
14	Coleridge Road/ Mill Road Corner - New Benches	Existing benches to be removed and replaced, plus general landscape improvements.	Cllr Paul Saunders	Romsey	3,000	-	3,000	Lack of support from local residents.
15	Wulfstan Way mobility crossing (jointly funded with South Area)	Required safer route mainly for older people crossing to /from the Cornford GP, or from Wulfstan Way to Budgens chemists.	Cllr Lewis Herbert	Coleridge	3,500	-	1,750	Existing trees roots may make installation difficult.
16	Mill Road phone box removal.	Removal of two existing BT phone boxes in the footway between Willis Rd and Guest Rd. Principle agreed with BT.	Cllr Sarah Brown	Romsey	5,000	-	5,000	

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17	Tiverton Way	Removal of existing raised table and construction of an additional buildout to create a chicane.	Former Cllr Tariq Sadiq	Coleridge	10,000	9,000 (LHI)	1,000	Finding a position for the additional build-out may prove difficult. A chicane is not likely to be as effective as the existing road hump at reducing vehicle speeds.
18	Mill Rd Footway Grants	A grants programme to provide 50% funding to shopkeepers to support improvements to their privately owned public frontage areas.	Ceri Littlechild City Council Mill Rd Coordinator	Petersfield & Romsey	10,000		10,000	
19	Mill Rd Pinch Point	A feasibility study into options to reduce the pinching of road users at the narrowing and bend in Mill Rd outside Cutlacks hardware store.	Cllr Kilian Bourke	Romsey	200	1800 (LHI)	200	
20	Romsey Rec entrance from Hemingford Rd	Measures to slow down cyclists exiting and entering the Rec at Hemingford Rd. Weighted gate a potential option.	Local Resident	Romsey	200	1800 (LHI)	200	Potential lack of local support following consultation

**TOTAL £196,650**

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<b>Scheme Number:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Budleigh Close/ Burnside – Landscape Improvements</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Area next to the existing turning head to be improved. Kerb shall be lifted to achieve standard 125mm height. This should help deter vehicles from mounting the pavement. Replace the surfacing with a porous flexible surface around the existing trees and review use of timber knee rail.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Local resident
<b>Ward:</b>	Coleridge
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£4000
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	Tree roots may impede/prevent installation of additional surfacing
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	-

**Existing layout:**



<b>Scheme Number:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Elfleda Road – Tree Planting</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Planting up to three trees in build-outs on Elfleda Road.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Richard Johnson
<b>Ward:</b>	Abbey
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£10,000
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	Existing footways are 2m wide, including a 0.5m wide grass verge. Existing carriageway is only 5m wide. Footway build-outs would need to be constructed, in order to accommodate trees. On street parking reduced. Position and depth of the underground services may impede/ prevent construction works. Proposal needs to be approved by the Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority.
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	-

**Location Plan:**





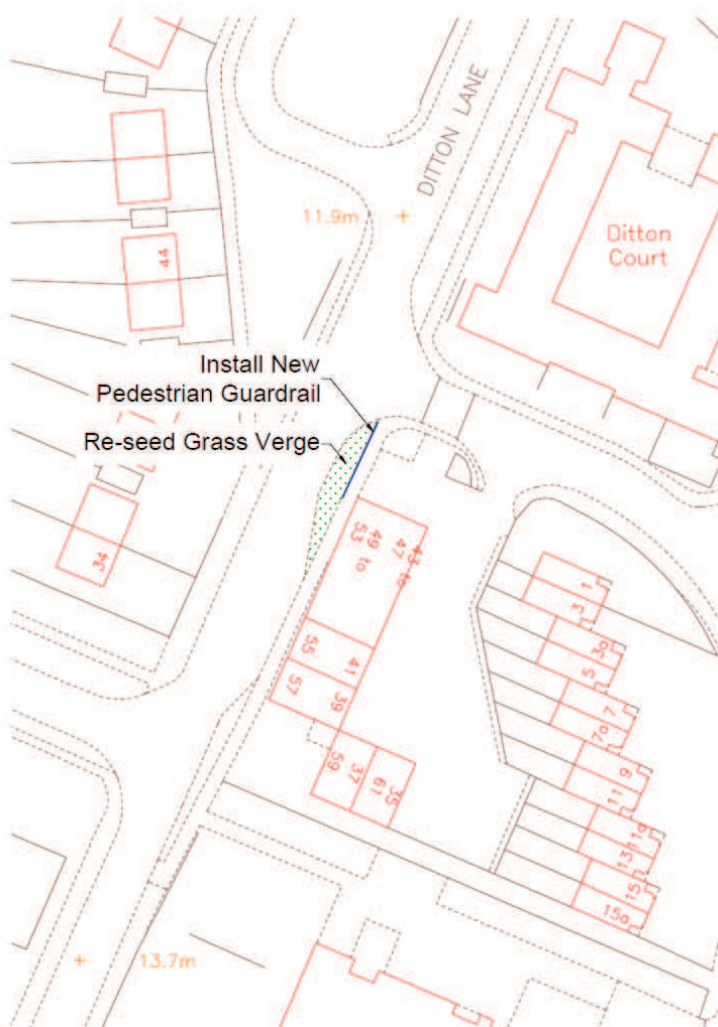
<b>Scheme Number:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Sturton Street – Street Scope Improvement</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Construction of a footway build-out including planting and installation of a new cycle stands to break up the long bland open view along Sturton St. The original proposed location is not feasible in front of the Dobblers Inn pub, as it is positioned between two junctions with Sturton Street. Reducing the width of the carriageway at this point would prevent turning movements required for larger vehicles such as refuse lorries. The revised location further north resolves this issue.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Local resident
<b>Ward:</b>	Petersfield
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£15,000
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	Position and depth of the underground services may impede/ prevent construction works. Proposal needs to be approved by the Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority, particularly given the proposed removal of Pay and Display Bays.
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	Proposal is to help to close down the long view along the street and improve the appearance of the street.

**Location Plan:**



<b>Scheme Number:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Ditton Lane – Safety Improvement</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Existing section of footway is steep and considered to be unsafe for the elderly in adverse weather conditions. In order to improve pedestrian safety, it is recommended to install railings on the existing grass verge, along the footway boundary. Also it is proposed to re-seed the existing verge.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Caroline Hart
<b>Ward:</b>	Abbey
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£3000
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	Position and depth of the underground services may impede the installation and increase cost. Proposal to be approved by the Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority.
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	-

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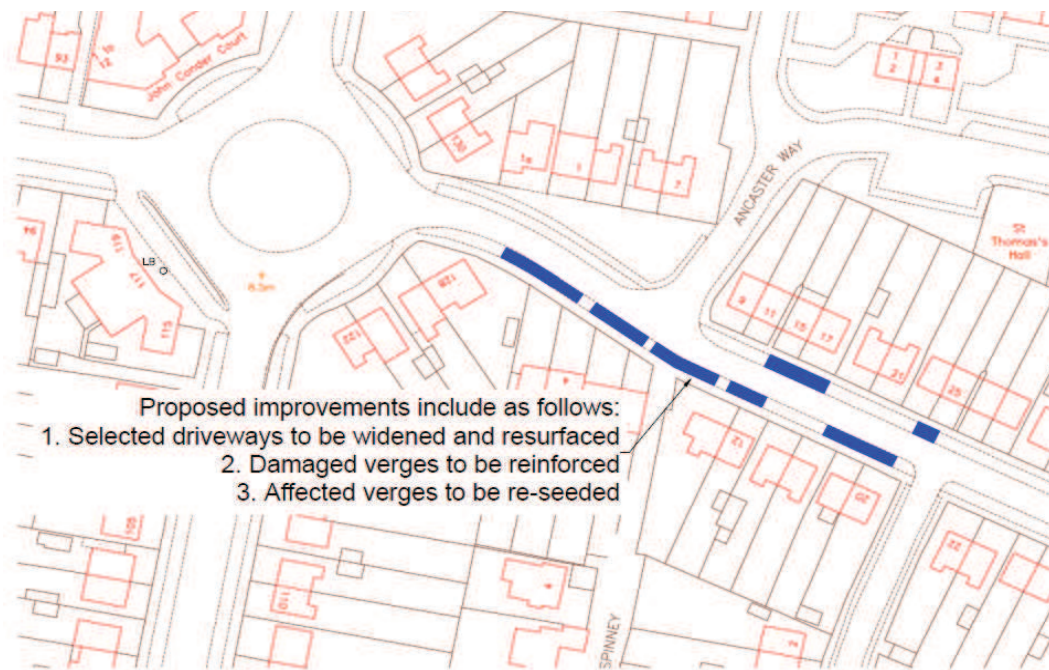


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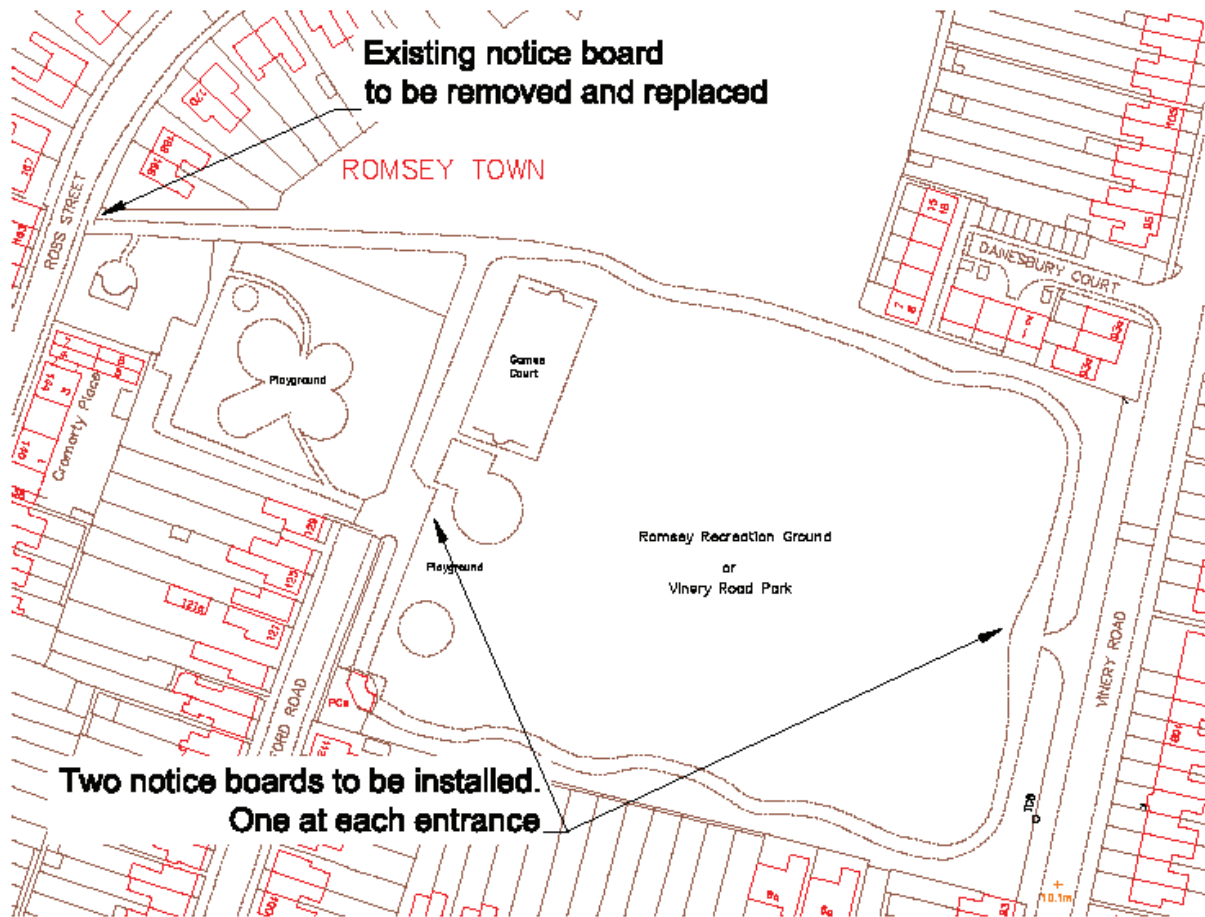
<b>Scheme Number:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Birdwood Road – Verge Protection</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Grass verges across the Birdwood Road, between Perne Road and Chalmers Road, have been damaged due to vehicular over-run.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Cllr George Owers
<b>Ward:</b>	Coleridge
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£15,000
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	Existing tree routes, street furniture, position and depth of the underground services may impede installation and increase cost. Proposal to be approved by the Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority.
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	Some of the existing driveways are too narrow, which means that nearby verges are likely to be driven over. Regarding verge reinforcement, the system to be used is known as plastic ground reinforcement system. It is modular grid system, which is durable and water permeable. All less affected areas of grass verges to be re-seeded in order to improve overall visual aspect of the verges and thereby the road.

**Location Plan and Selected Photos of Existing Location:**



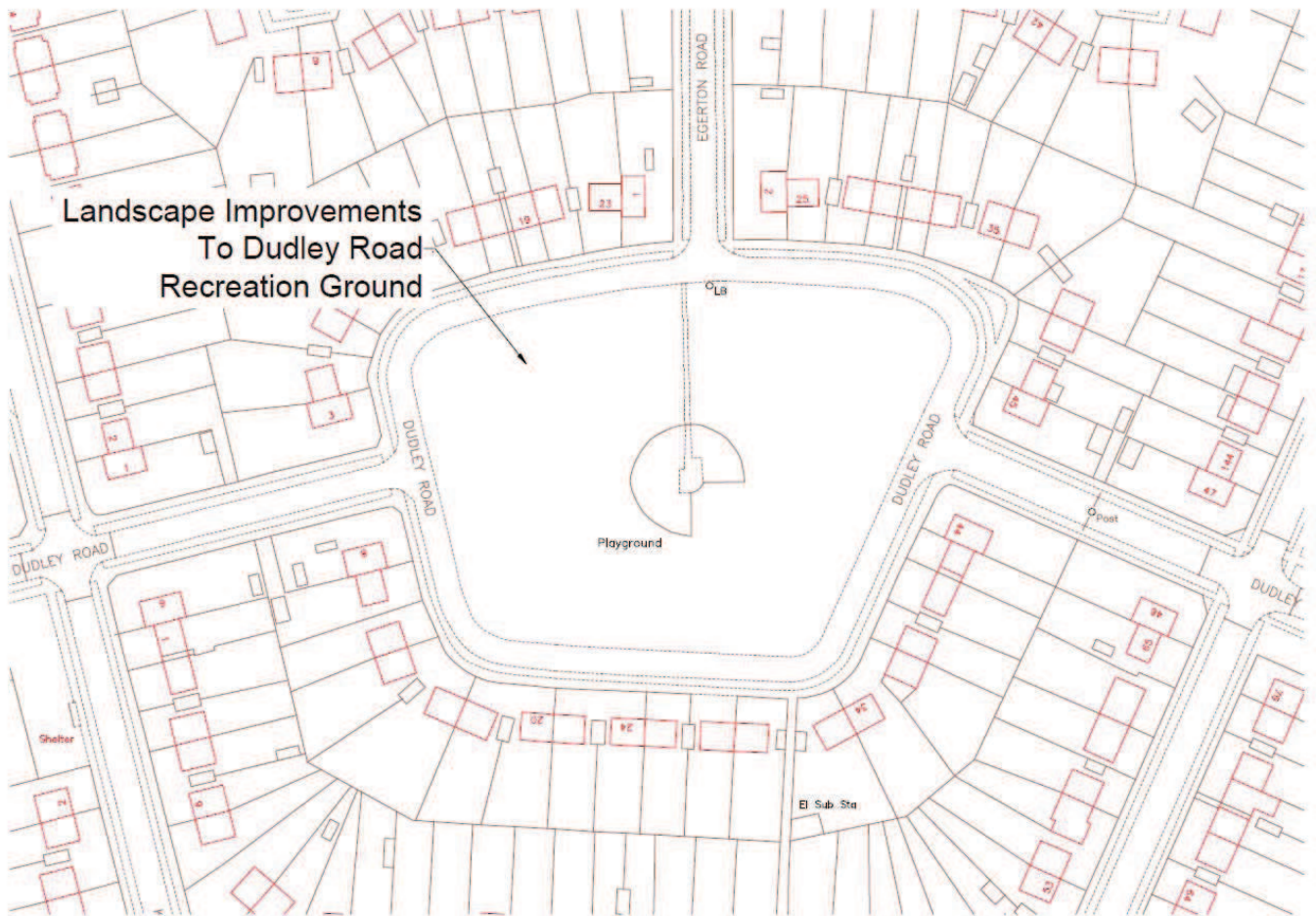
<b>Scheme Number:</b>	6
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Romsey Recreation Ground – New Notice Boards</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Existing notice board at Ross Street entrance to the recreation ground to be removed and replaced with the new one. Also two notice boards are considered at Vinery Road and Hemingford Road entrances to the park.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Cllr Paul Saunders
<b>Ward:</b>	Romsey
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£5,000
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	-
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	It has been suggested that existing notice board at Ross Street entrance should be repaired, however taking into account its current condition, it is proposed to remove it and replace it with the new one.

**Location Plan:**



<b>Scheme Number:</b>	7
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Dudley Road – Additional Planting</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Proposal to plant daffodils around existing play area, on the existing grassed island, on Dudley Road.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Cllr Richard Johnson
<b>Ward:</b>	Abbey
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£1,500
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	-
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	-

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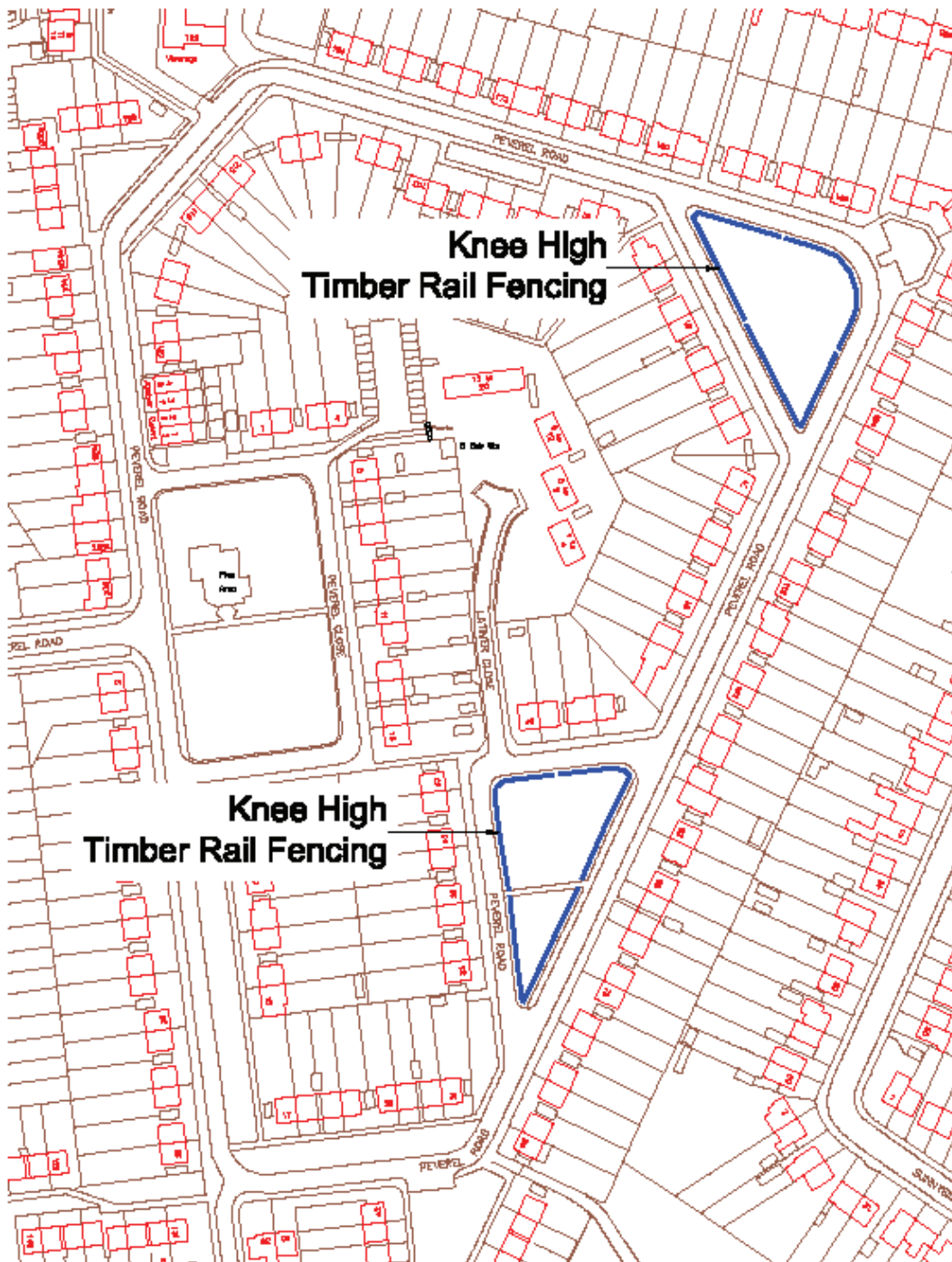


**Proposal:**



<b>Scheme Number:</b>	8
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Peverel Road</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Installation of a knee-high timber rail fencing, in order to prevent vehicles parking on two triangular shaped grass verges.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Cllr Richard Johnson
<b>Ward:</b>	Abbey
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£13,000
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	Position and depth of the underground services may impede installation
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	-

**Location Plan:**



<b>Scheme Number:</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Whitehill Estate – Verge Protection</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Verges affected by vehicle over-run to be appropriately re-profiled, reinforced and re-seeded.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Cllr Richard Johnson
<b>Ward:</b>	Abbey
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	Whitehill Road - £31,000 Galfrid Road - £1,200 Thorleye Road – 10,500 Stansfield Road – 12,300 <b>TOTAL = £55,000</b>
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	Existing tree routes, street furniture, position and depth of the underground services may impede installation and increase cost. Proposal to be approved by the Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority.
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	Proposed verge reinforcement system is known as plastic, modular grid system, which is durable and water permeable.

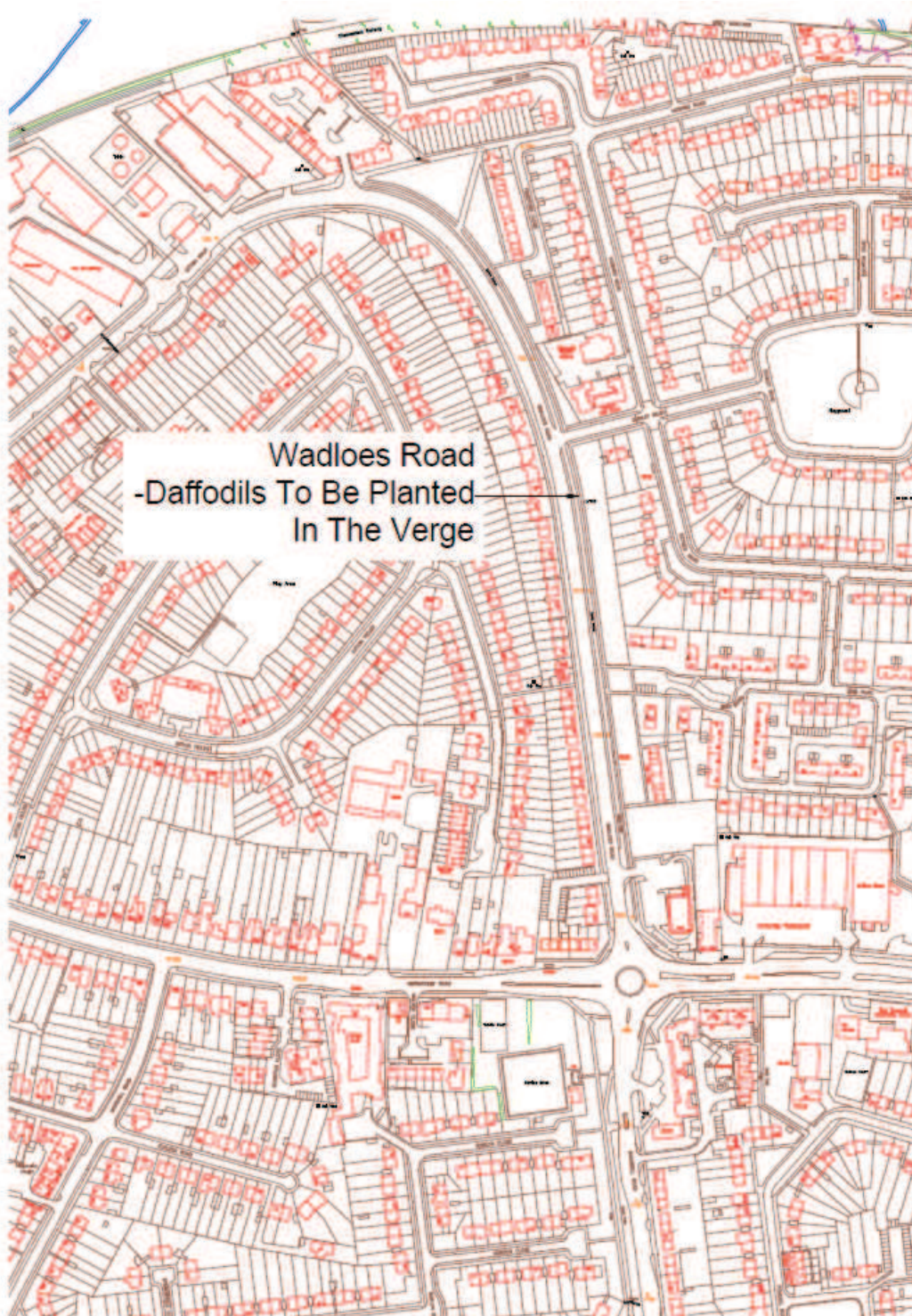
**Location Plan:**

**Photos of Some Existing Locations:**



<b>Scheme Number:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Wadloes Road - Planting</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Proposal to plant daffodils in the grass verge between cycle path and footpath.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Richard Johnson
<b>Ward:</b>	Abbey
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£6,000
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	-
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	-

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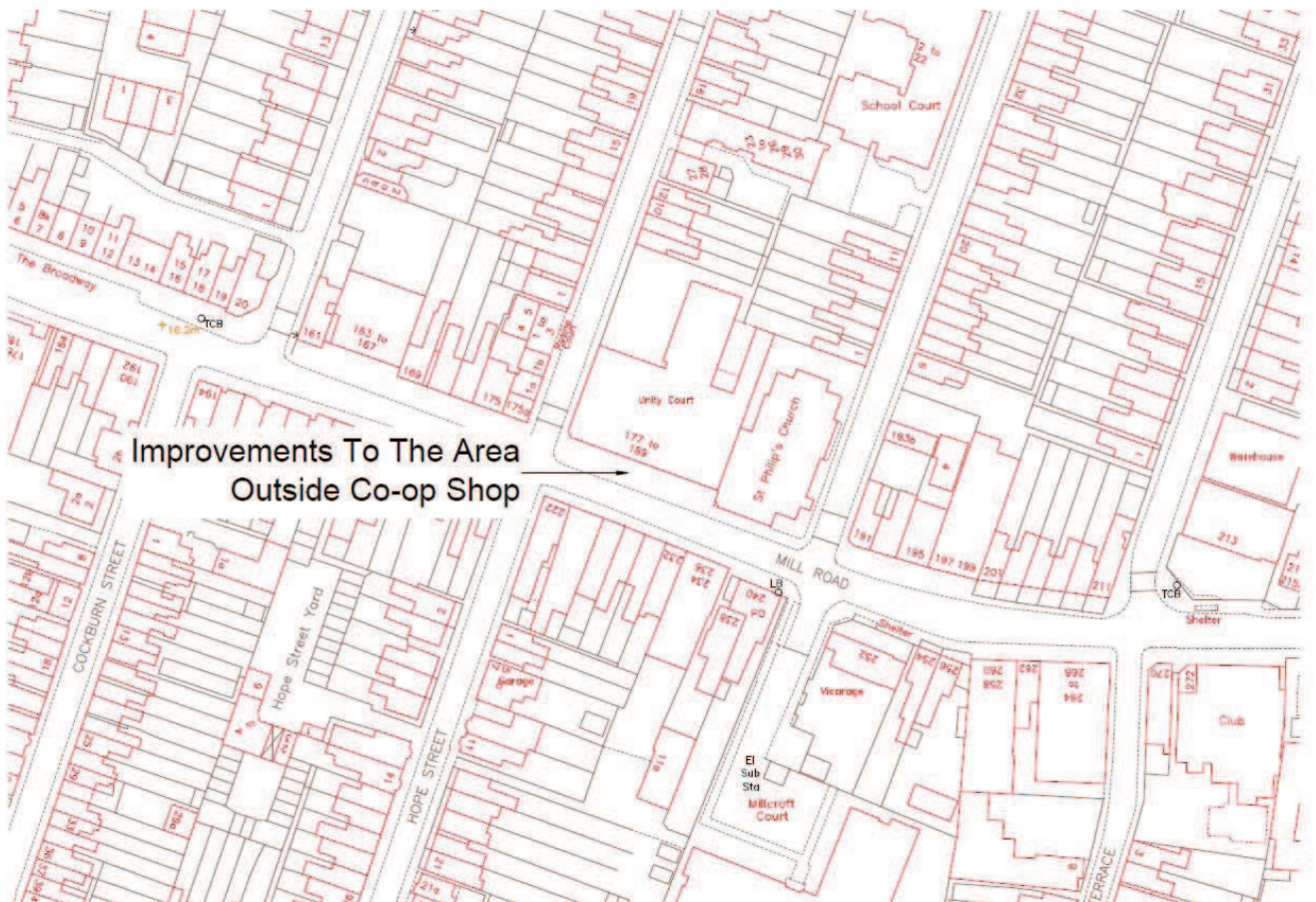


Proposal:

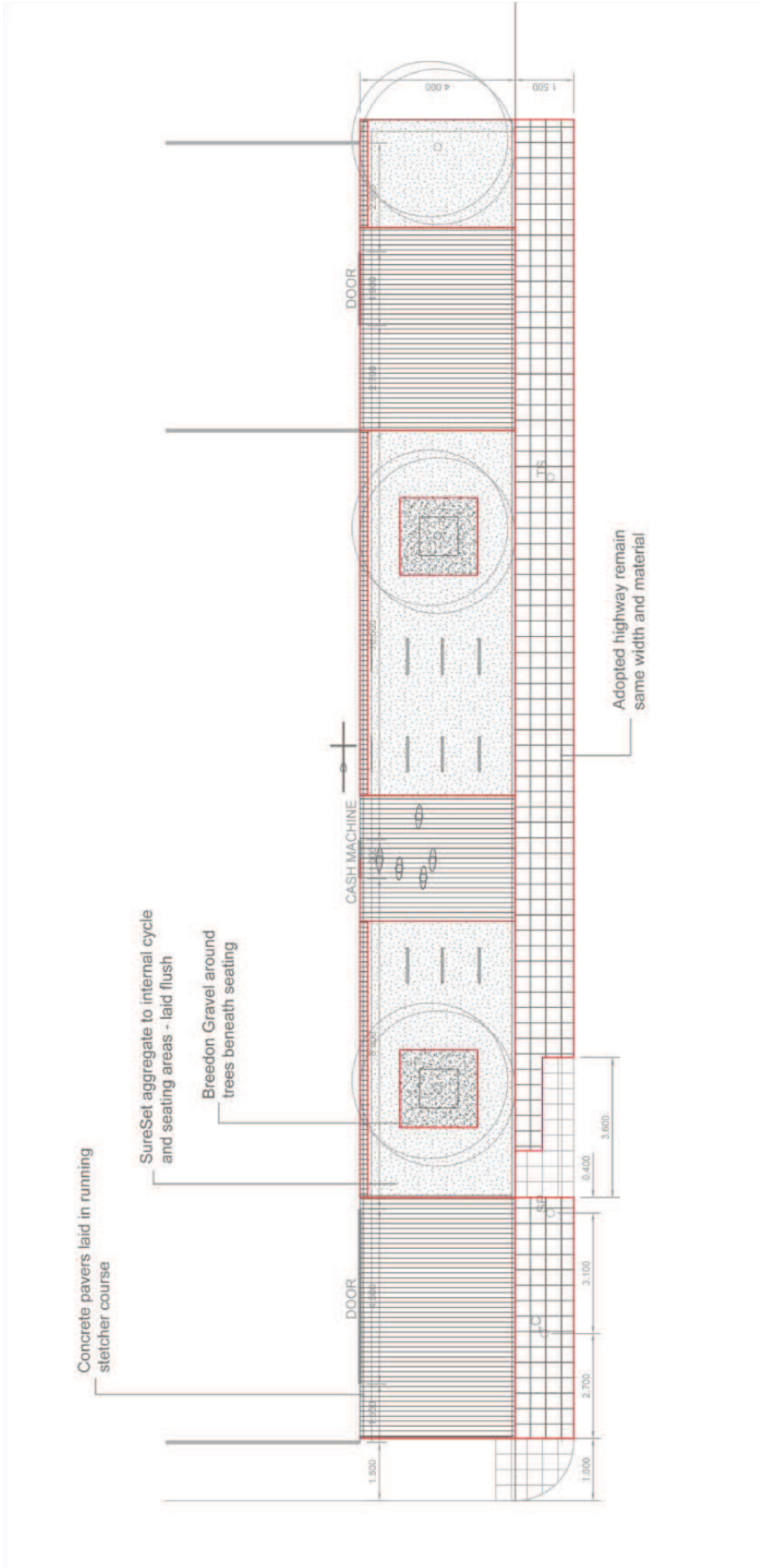


<b>Scheme Number:</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Mill Road – Improvements to Co-op’s Forecourt</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	The area directly outside the Co-op shop to be resurfaced. Proposal includes concrete pavers, resin bound gravel and self-binding gravel. Seating areas to be rearranged and new benches to be provided. New cycle stands to be installed in more convenient locations. Forecourt layout to be amended accordingly to improve foot traffic flow as well as visual aspect.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Cllr Zoe Moghadas
<b>Ward:</b>	Romsey
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	Proposed to be funded by Public Realm Developer Contributions
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	Existing underground services and well developed tree routes may impede construction works. As it is a private forecourt, the scheme needs to be approved by the owner(s). Also proposal need to be approved by the County Council.
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	Financial contribution from the land owner being sort

**Location Plan:**



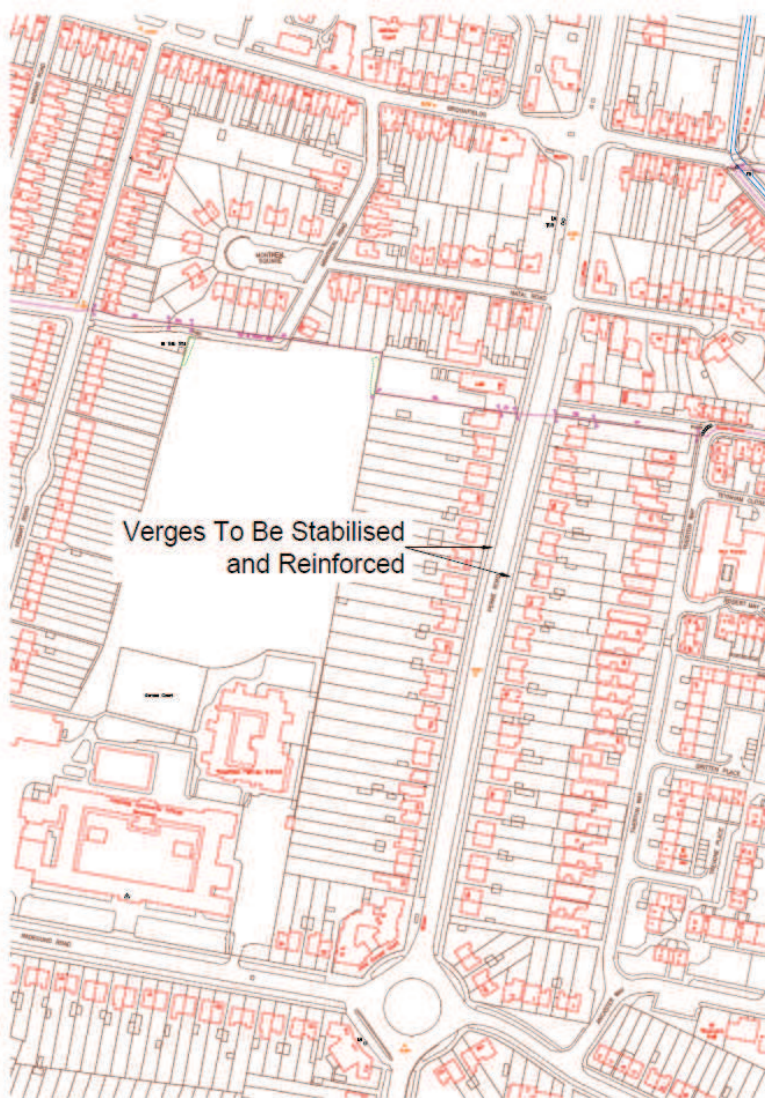
**Proposal:**



Option B  
 Flush areas using SureSet and Breedon, and alternative block to entrances and ATM.  
 No change to adopted highway width

<b>Scheme Number:</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Perne Road (between Radegund Road and Brookfields) – Verge Protection</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Grass verges on Perne Road have been badly damaged by vehicular over-run. In order to protect them, proposed are the following works: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Affected verges to be reinforced,</li> <li>2. Selected verges to be reseeded.</li> </ol>
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Cllr George Owers
<b>Ward:</b>	Coleridge
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£33,000
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	Existing tree routes, street furniture, position and depth of the underground services may impede installation and increase cost. Proposal to be approved by the Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority.
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	Regarding verge reinforcement, the system to be used is known as plastic ground reinforcement system. It is modular grid system, which is durable and water permeable. All less affected areas of grass verges to be re-seeded in order to improve overall visual aspect of the verges.

**Location Plan:**



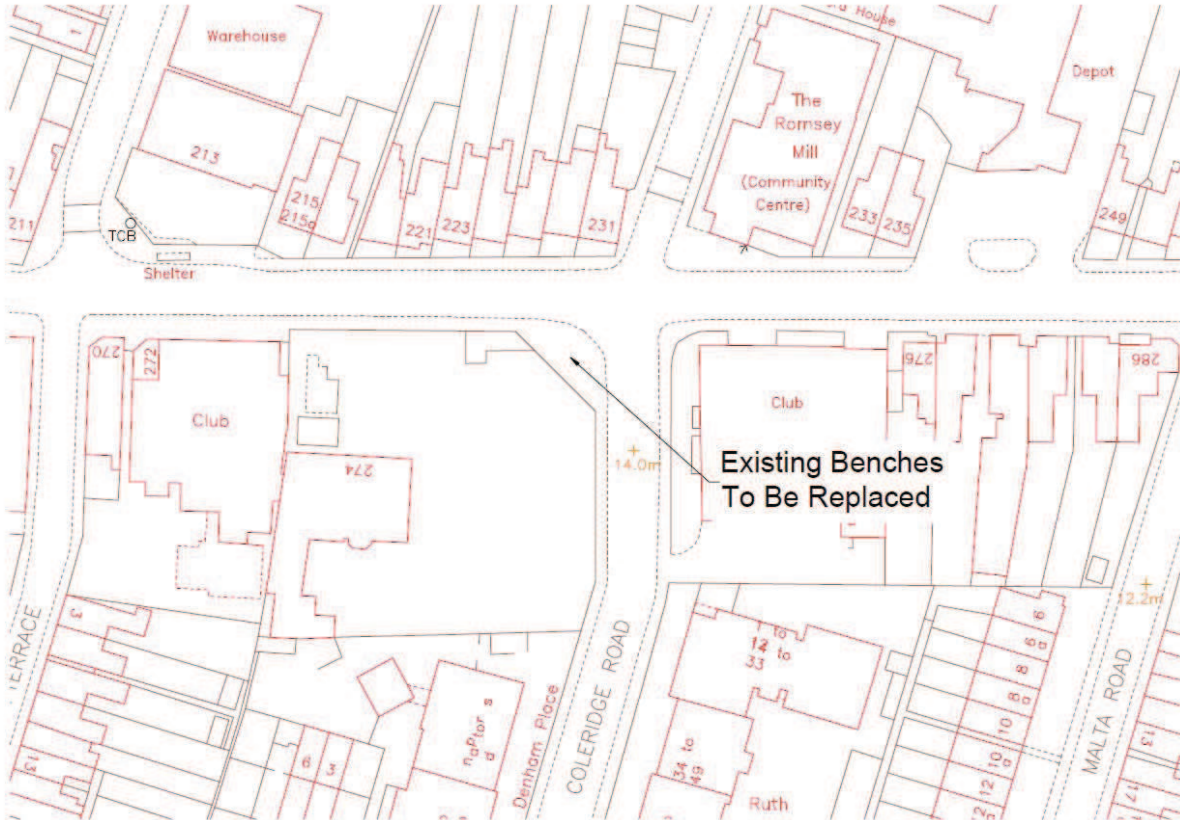
<b>pScheme Number:</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Ross Street – Tree Planting</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Planting four trees on Ross Street
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Paul Saunders
<b>Ward:</b>	Romsey
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£15,000
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	Footway build-outs in at least three locations, in order to incorporate tree planting. This would reduce the carriageway width and on street parking. This may lead to a lack of support from local residents. Position and depth of the underground services may impede/ prevent construction works. Proposal needs to be approved by the Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority.
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	-

**Existing layout:**

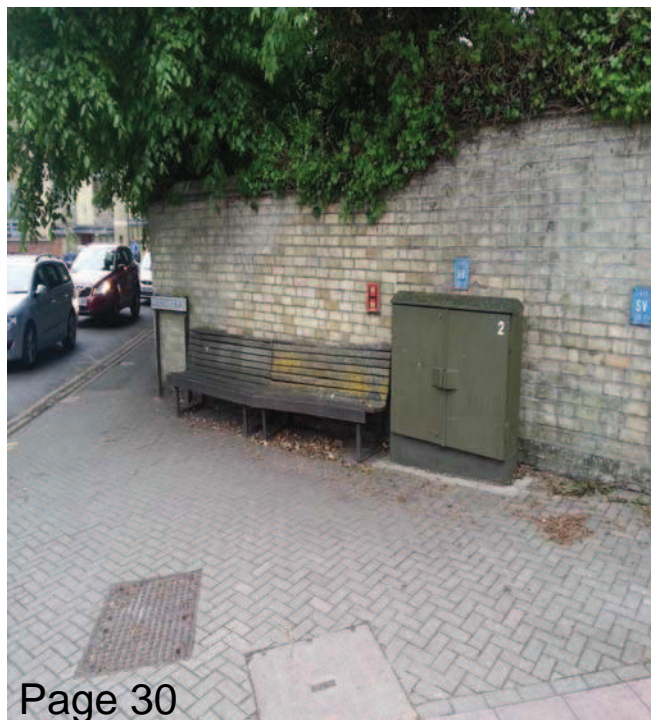


<b>Scheme Number:</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Coleridge Road/ Mill Road – Improvements to Existing Footway</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Existing benches have been damaged. It is proposed to remove and replace them with either one longer bench or two new shorter benches. Bench(es) to comprise back and arms.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Cllr Paul Saunders
<b>Ward:</b>	Romsey
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£3,000
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	-
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	-

**Location Plan:**



**Photo of Existing Location:**



<b>Scheme Number:</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Wulfstan Way – new mobility crossing</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Proposal includes construction of a new mobility crossing to/ from Cornford GP, or Wulfstan Way to Budgens chemists. Existing dropped crossing on the West side to be widened in order to reduce cyclist – pedestrian conflict. Dropped crossing on the opposite side to be constructed. Suitable tactile paving to be installed.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Cllr Lewis Herbert
<b>Ward:</b>	Coleridge
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	<b>£3,500 [£1750 East Area EIP £1750 South Area EIP]</b>
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	Proposed location of the new pedestrian crossing is very restricted by existing tree locations. Dropped kerb and tactile paving on the East side would have to fit in a narrow gap between two existing trees. Providing this was feasible, tree routes would need to be adequately protected. Proposal to be approved by the County Council.
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	-

**Existing layout:**

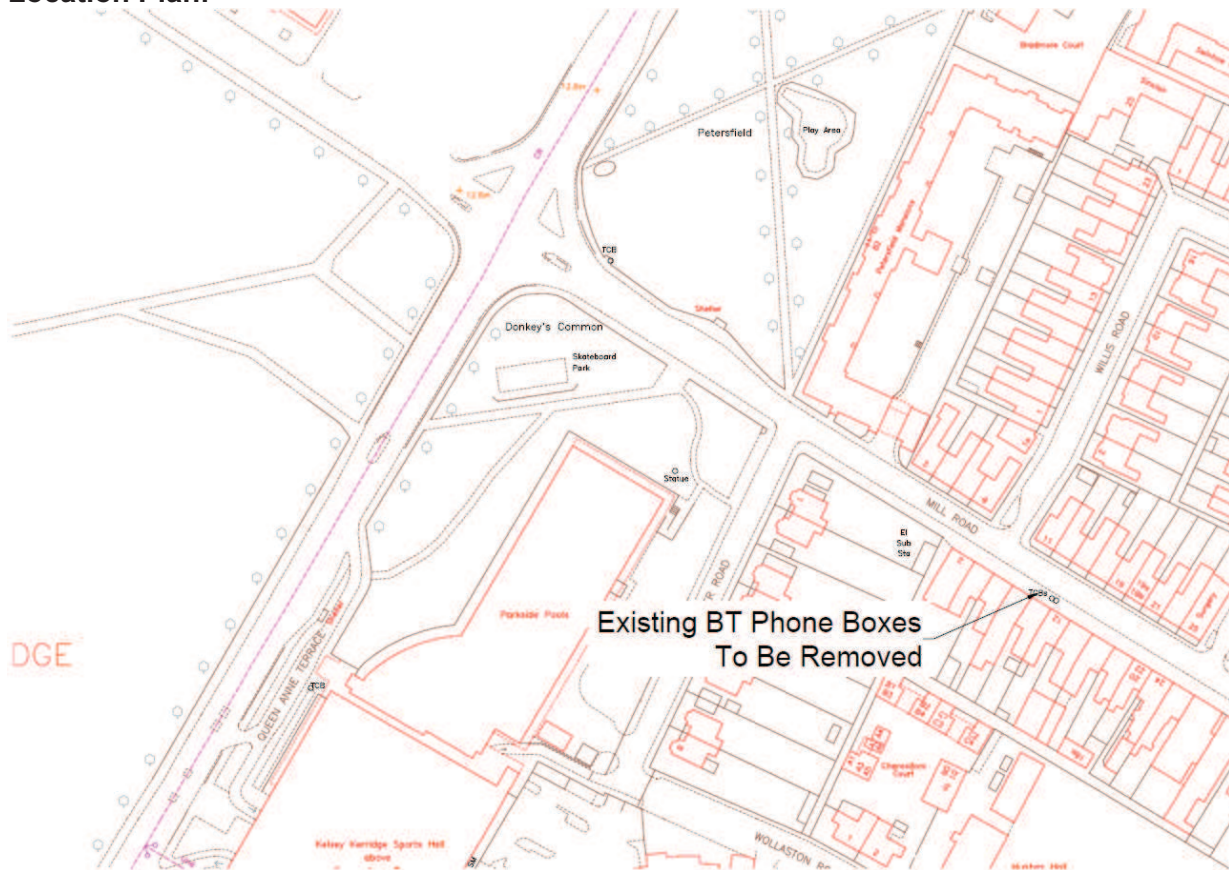






<b>Scheme Number:</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Mill Road – Removal of two phone boxes</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Proposal includes removal of two existing phone boxes, as they are not being used and clutter the existing footpath.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Cllr Sarah Brown
<b>Ward:</b>	Romsey
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£5,000
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	Approval in principle already provided by BT.
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	-

**Location Plan:**



**Photo of Existing Location:**



<b>Scheme Number:</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Tiverton Way</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Removal of the existing speed table and construction of an additional build-out.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Former Cllr Tariq Sadiq
<b>Ward:</b>	Coleridge
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£10,000 [£1,000 EIP £9,000 LHI]
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	Agreeing the location of the additional build-out may prove difficult based on the location of private accesses and resident agreement.
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	Construction of a second build-out has been proposed in order to slow traffic down, due to concerns expressed over the noise and vibration caused by the existing raised table.

**Location Plan:**



**Selected Photo of Existing Location:**



<b>Scheme Number:</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Mill Rd Footway Grants</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Removal of the existing speed table and construction of an additional build-out.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Ceri Littlechild – City Council Mill Rd Coordinator
<b>Ward:</b>	Petersfield and Romsey
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£10,000
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	See below

## **Proposed Grant Programme**

### **Background**

At a meeting of the Mill Road Traders' Association in March 2013, the group agreed on the submission of a petition to call for improved maintenance and strategic repairs to the pavements along Mill Road. It was felt that the condition of the pavements had deteriorated to the point of being dangerous, but also reflect badly on the area and deterred customers from visiting. Mill Road is very busy, an important economic contributor and supports a large number of local residents. The Traders' Association felt that Mill Road's pavements were not given high enough priority by the County Council. That petition was submitted on the 5<sup>th</sup> April and had 157 business signatures on it.

As part of the pavements are owned by the shopkeepers themselves, rather than the highway authority, the Traders' Association asked whether there was any possible financial support or incentive scheme available through the City Council's Environmental Improvement Programme to help them renovate their shop fronts and support the repair work that will be undertaken by the County Council.

### **Basis for the proposed grant scheme budget**

A fund of £10,000 made available as a grant scheme for Mill Road businesses. The fund will be used to pay for 50% of the cost of pavement refurbishment (preferably to coincide with works undertaken by the County Council in relation to publicly owned highway footpath, anticipated in 2014).

The estimate of £10k is based on recently received quotations to have shop fronts repaved (£1700 + VAT for a 60sqft area). If on average the majority of shops have paving of 30sqft (£850 + VAT) and that the EIP scheme gives 50% of the cost, then £10k allows for approximately 20 shops to receive support.

### **How would the grant be awarded?**

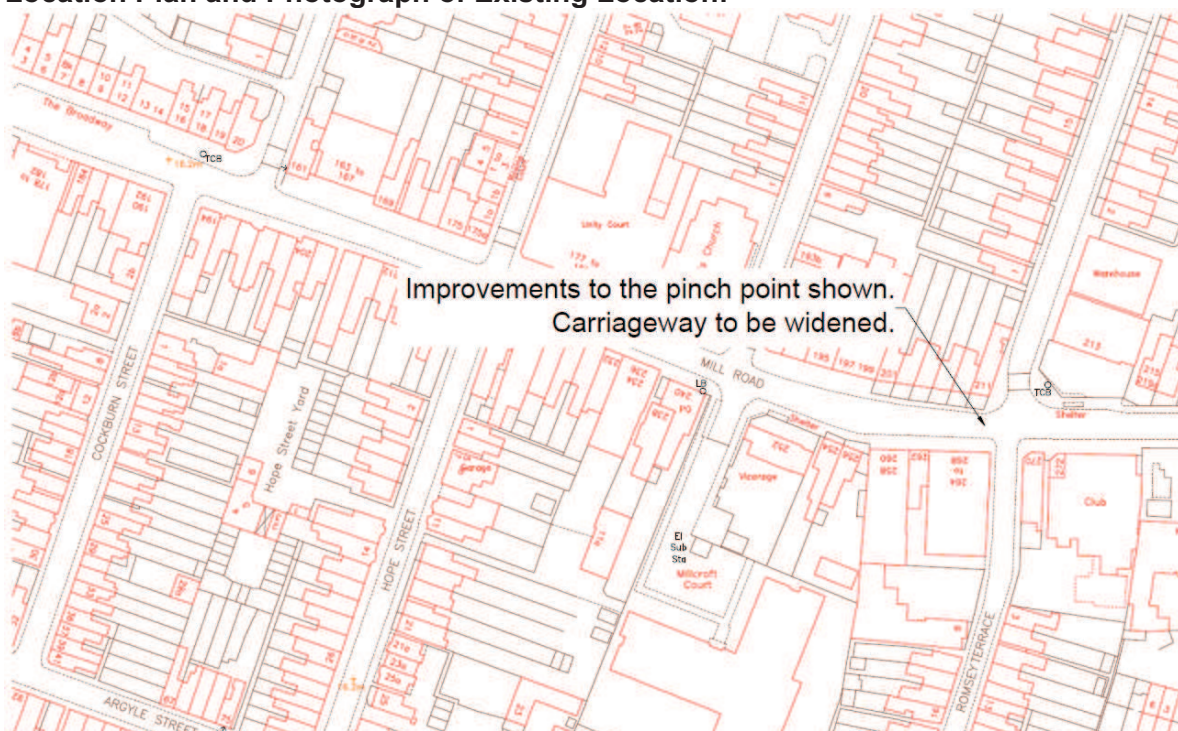
Applications from business owners received within a set period, followed by all applications considered by a panel, made up of two Ward Councillors from each Ward and City Council officers. The panel will consider each application based on a priority rating scheme that takes account of the existing condition of the pavement outside the shop.

The application will be required to include details of the materials used and specification for the repair, and a drawing of the proposed works. Support could be provided by a City Council engineer as part of the support package. Businesses will have to obtain at least 2 quotations for repairs from a list of approved contractors, so that we can ensure best value. A minimum standard of repair will have to be met.

No more than 50% of the cost could be provided and payment would be made immediately on completion of the works.

<b>Scheme Number:</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Mill Road/ Romsey Terrace junction improvements – feasibility study</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	Proposal includes improvements to the pinch point at Mill Road/ Romsey Terrace junction. In order to widen the existing carriageway, the existing kerbline in the vicinity of the junction would need to get altered.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Cllr Kilian Bourke
<b>Ward:</b>	Romsey
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£2,000 [£200 EIP £1,800 LHI]
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	Position and depth of the underground services may impede/ prevent construction works. As the footway width would need to be reduced, the minimum width of 1.8m would have to be kept.
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	-

**Location Plan and Photograph of Existing Location:**



<b>Scheme Number:</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Scheme Title:</b>	<b>Hemingford Road – improvements to the park entrance</b>
<b>Scheme Description:</b>	It is proposed to improve pedestrian safety by installing a weighted gate at the existing entrance to the park, in order to slow down cyclists entering and exiting the park.
<b>Promoted by:</b>	Local resident
<b>Ward:</b>	Romsey
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	£2,000 [£200 EIP £1,800 LHI]
<b>Risks to Delivery:</b>	Lack of support from the local residents following consultation.
<b>Further Scheme Information:</b>	-

**Location Plan:**



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**PROGRESS OF EXISTING APPROVED EIP SCHEMES**

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Promoted by	Ward	Approved Budget £	Completion Expected	Comments
1	Mill Road/ Cavendish Road	Hard and soft landscaping improvements	Ward Cllrs	Romsey	15,000	Mar-14	Additional Informal Open Space contributions sort to make the current proposal deliverable.
2	Riverside Railings Refurb	Refurbishment of 140m of riverside railings.	Ward Cllrs	Abbey	25,000	Mar-14	Consultation planned to take place once the riverside moorings issue has been resolved.
3	Whitehill Estate Verge Parking Prohibition	Introduction of TRO to prohibit verge parking.	Ward Cllrs	Abbey	8,000	No longer being progressed	Budget suggested to be returned to the EIP pot for reallocation.
4	Chalmers Road and Greville Road Tree Planting	Planting of 7 trees on Greville Road and 5 trees on Chalmers Road.	Ward Cllrs	Abbey	5,000	Mar-14	Additional funding for maintenance requested.
5	Garlic Row/ Stanley Road rat run reduction	Measures to reduce rat running from Garlic Row to Stanley Road via Oyster Rd.	Ward Cllrs	Abbey	4,000	TBC	Objections to existing TRO received and proposal needs to be reviewed.
6	Whitehill Road Planting	Landscape improvements to grass island on Whitehill Close.	Ward Cllrs	Abbey	9,750	Nov-13	Proposal to be approved by the local residents.
7	Information board beside the Cellarer's Chequer on Beche Rd	Lectern to be install beside historic building.	Ward Cllrs	Abbey	2,000	Mar-14	Proposal to be approved by the conservation architects.
8	Leper Chapel Signing	Signage directing visitors from Riverside to Leper Chapel.	Ward Cllrs	Abbey	1,500	Mar-14	Proposal to be reviewed.
9	Gwydir Street dropped kerb	Disabled access to be improved by constructing new dropped crossings.	Ward Cllrs	Petersfield	5,000	Dec-13	One more crossing to be constructed.
10	Catherine Street Crossing Issues	Traffic calming measures to be introduced in order to reduce vehicle speeds and improve pedestrian safety.	Ward Cllrs	Romsey	5,000	Nov-13	Proposal approved. Additional funds are required to enable implementation.

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## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

**As agreed by the Executive Councillor (Environment) on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2003 with amendments agreed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2005.**

### **Essential Criteria:**

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

### **Desirable criteria:**

- Active involvement of local people.
- The project will benefit a large number of local people.
- 'Partnership' funding.
- The 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).

### **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 (S106 funding should pay for this resource)

### **Other Information:**

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.

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