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NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

To: **City Councillors:** Todd-Jones (Chair), Price (Vice-Chair), Abbott, Austin, Bird, Gawthrope, O'Reilly, Perry, Pitt, Sarris, M. Smart and Tunnacliffe

County Councillors: Manning, Onasanya, Sales and Scutt

Dispatched: *Wednesday, 10 December 2014*

Date: Thursday, 18 December 2014
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: Buchan Street Neighbourhood Centre, 6 Buchan Street, Cambridge CB4 2XF
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Foyer Display (4pm to 8pm)

Cambridge Northern Fringe East Area Action Plan
Issues and Options Consultation

Julian Sykes (Urban Extensions Project Manager at Cambridge City Council)
and Project Manager (for both Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council) for the preparation of the Cambridge Northern Fringe East Area Action Plan

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Welcome and Introduction (including Declarations of Interest)

'YOU SAID, WE DID, YOU WANT TO KNOW'

3 To Confirm What was Said (Minutes) at the Last Meeting
(Pages 5 - 16)

To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 30th October 2014 as a correct record. *(Pages 5 - 16)*

4 What we Have Done (Action List) *(Pages 17 - 22)*
Members will provide updates on outstanding action points. *(Pages 17 - 22)*

5 You Want to Know (Open Forum)

7.15 to 7.45

COMMUNITY FORUM – JOIN IN THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THESE ITEMS

6 Northern Corridor Area Transport Plan S106 Funding Update

7.45 to 8.30

7 Intermission

8.30 to 8.45

ITEMS FOR DECISION

8 Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods - North Area Committee *(Pages 23 - 38)*

8.45 to 9.30 *(Pages 23 - 38)*

9 Kings Hedges Road & Ramsden Square - Verge Parking Prohibition *(Pages 39 - 66)*

9.30 to 10.00 *(Pages 39 - 66)*

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NORTH AREA COMMITTEE 30 October 2014
6.30 - 9.15 pm

Present:
City Councillors Todd-Jones (Chair), Price (Vice-Chair), Abbott, Austin, Bird, Gawthrope, O'Reilly, Perry, Pitt, Sarris, M. Smart, Tunnacliffe, Manning, Onasanya, Sales and Scutt

Executive Councillor for Environment, Waste and Public Health: Peter Roberts

Officers present:
Safer Communities Manager: Lynda Kilkelly
Urban Growth Project Manager: Tim Wetherfield
Public Realm Manager: Wendy Young
City Ranger: Joe Obe
Committee Manager: Toni Birkin

Also Present:
PS Kevin Misik

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

14/70/NAC Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

14/71/NAC Welcome and Introduction (including Declarations of Interest)

No interests were declared.

14/72/NAC To Confirm What Was Said (Minutes) At The Last Meeting And What We Have Done (Action List)

Minutes of the two meetings (Planning and Main Agenda) of the 28th August 2014 were agreed and signed as correct records.

The following progress with actions was noted:

14/66/NAC: Cllr Manning stated that the bid for a Tesco Express in East Chesterton had gone to committee. Cllr Bird stated that she had emailed Tesco's and was waiting for a reply.

14/68/NAC: Milton Road traffic disruptions. Work was reported to be 2 to 3 weeks behind schedule and was due to be completed at the end of January.

Change to Published Agenda Order

Under paragraph 4.2.1 of the Council Procedure Rules, the Chair used his discretion to alter the order of the agenda items. However, for ease of the reader, these minutes will follow the order of the agenda.

14/73/NAC You Want To Know (Open Forum)

Sue Childs: Is there a plan to replace missing and damaged trees on Gilbert Road and Milton Road?

Councillor O'Reilly offered to speak to the city Council's trees officers and report back.

Action

Mrs Johnson: Supports the above request and suggested including Carlton Way. In addition can action be taken regarding verge parking which damages the trees roots. Even Cambridge Water Company park on the verge. Bus stop bay of often blocked by vehicles.

Councillor Manning stated that utilities repair vehicles were permitted to park on verges.

The Committee suggested that the Chair write to the local MP requesting action to stop verge parking.

Action

Mrs Johnson: Trees recently planted in Carlton Way have died. Please can they be replaced?

Public Question: When the trees are replaced, can smaller varieties be considered as tree roots in Chesterton are a hazard?

Member of the Committee acknowledged that in the past inappropriate planting had taken place in the area.

Yolande Guest: What is to be done about parking across driveways of houses on Milton Road, at Mitcham's Corner where garage access was needed and where the cycle lane access is needed, so that cyclists do not need to cycle on the pavement? Raised kerbs and flower beds would improve the situation.

Councillor Manning stated that obstruction was an offence and residents should contact the Police. If the problem happens frequently, keeping a diary was suggested.

PS Misik suggested raising this at the next meeting when Police priorities were being considered,

Councillor Onasanya suggested that the City Rangers might be able to help.

The Chair suggested Ms Guest had further conversations with Ward Councillors outside the meeting as a way forward.

Councillor Pitt suggested that action could be taken by the City Council Licencing department if the problem was caused by Taxis.

Louise Sanders: The approaches to the light controlled crossing outside the entrance to CCC regularly flooded in wet weather. What could be done about this.

Councillor Todd-Jones agreed to raise the matter with the County Councillor for the area.

Action

Louise Sanders: Several elderly residents who live on Chesterton Road and now deprived of a bus to get them to CRC for beneficial exercise classes. Can anything be done?

Councillor Bird suggested they try Dial-a-ride.

Louise Sanders: Requested an update on the Apart Hotel on the Gilbert Road / Mitcham's Road corner. Residents were originally told by developers that the Gilbert Road aspect would have housing on it in the form of flats and maisonettes, not a great monolithic building.

Councillor Todd-Jones suggested that Ms Sanders raise the matter with the planning case officer.

Mike Sargeant: Currently there are problems with parking around Mitcham's Corner. Pay and Display spaces are ignored in favour of parking in residential streets. What can be done to improve the situation?

Councillor Tunnacliffe stated that he had raised this issue with the parking team. The Pay and Display bays had been installed to help businesses. The area cannot be reviewed at present but will be looked at in due course.

Councillor O'Reilly started that this is a County Council issues but that a conversation with the new Chesterton Co-ordinator might be useful.

Richard Taylor: Milton Road signage update is incomplete. Other problems are not included in the maps or the plans.

Councillor Onasanya stated that she had responded to Mr Taylor's concerns by email and was happy to have further discussions on this matter outside the meeting. Hard copies of the photos were circulated but had not been included in the agenda packs due to their size. She invited further feedback for the consultation process.

Doug Whyte: Residents of Calendar Close were concerned that the new nursery provision in Buchan Street would cause parking problems in the area. In addition, twice a week there appears to be a well-attended event at the Centre which causes parking difficulties for local residents.

Councillor Price was surprised that this had not been raised as an issue at the consultation stage. He agreed to investigate the parking difficulties. He confirmed that improvements to the area around Buchan Street were now noted as a budget proposal.

Action

Councillor Austin stated that the initial plan for the nursery was a half day provision for 12 children. It is intended to serve the local area and not attract high car use.

Richard Taylor: Was still waiting for an answer to a previous question regarding Milton Road junction.

Ward Councillors for the area would discuss this further with Mr Taylor outside the meeting.

Leila Dockerill: Garages are being demolished to make space for additional housing. However, some residents with disabilities are dependent on being able to garage their cars close to their houses.

Councillor Price reassured Mrs Dockerill that well used garages would not be demolished.

Councillor Scutt apologised for arriving late to the meeting due to traffic issues. She offered to respond to any questions from residents outside the meeting.

14/74/NAC Environmental Data Reports

Councillor Roberts, Executive Councillor for Environment, Waste and Public Health, introduced the item.

The committee received a report from the Public Realm Manager regarding environmental data.

The Committee were invited to suggest issues that they would like to see tackled in the neighbourhood area during the upcoming quarter to help shape the activity to be undertaken within the public realm.

Members welcomed the map. Concerns were raised regarding public awareness of the waste policy. People were unaware that bagged dog faeces could be disposed of in any bin.

Members made the following comments in response to the report:

i. Stated that the Environmental Team did a good job and that Cambridge had high standards of street cleansing.
ii. Suggested timing clean-ups of Bramblefields around planned use by pupils of the Shirley Primary School so that they could enjoy clean and safe outdoor space.

The following locations were proposed for additional bins.

iii. Councillor Manning: Halfway between the Coop & Sherbourne Close, Cheney Way area, next to benches on Haling Way, next to benches recently installed on Kinross Road (ie 2 bins), the end of Evergeeens, Mariners Way underpass (after LHI bid is put in).

iv. Councillor Pitt: Recycling area in Campkin Road shops and Milton Road junction.
v. Councillor Manning Kinross Road and Mariners Way underpass.
vi. Councillor Price: Lawrence Way and St Kilda Ave (near new bench). Consult residents re location.
vii. Councillor O'Reilly: Roseford Road/Perse Way junction, Perse Way/Acton Way junction, Frenches Road and a Dog waste bin for Histon Road cemetery.
viii. Councillor Sarris: Fen Road by river (bin plus dog waste bin), St Andrews Rec by bench (bin plus dog waste bin), Grumpy's Green End Road (bin), Union Lane/Scotland Road junction (bin plus dog waste bin -dog waste bin priority) Sherbourne Close (bin plus dog waste bin), Cam Causeway and Franks Lane alley (bin), Echo Grove bus stop (bigger bin), Mermaid Takeaway (bigger or additional bin). Kendal Way
ix. Councillor Tunnacliffe: near new Sainsbury's once completed at Mitcham's Corner.
x. Councillor Scutt: Bateson Road (College exit), Chesterton Road (De Freville bus stop and Old Spring bus stop), Chesterton Lane (near Carlyle Way), Milton Road (near shops at Arbury Road end and near shops at Elizabeth Way end), Victoria Avenue bridge.

Councillor Roberts suggested that Ward Councillors should discuss this further and agree a list by email.

Ward blitzes were discussed and some members felt that the wards due for the first clean-ups had been selected unfairly. Councillor Roberts stated that all areas would enjoy a clean-ups but that the process had to start somewhere. The new approach would spread resources across Cambridge rather than concentrating on the City Centre. The City Ranger suggested that East Chesterton Church would be willing to assist with area clean up. Encouraging the public to get involved was agreed to be a good idea.

Members of the public proposed the following locations for new bins:
xi. Campkin Road (dog waste bin).
xii. Hawkins Road green.
xiii. Milton Road shops.
xiv. Downhams Lane (cut through area on Woodhead Drive)
xv. Milton Road (near to number 17)

Councillor Roberts stated that accurate maps would allow route optimisation and would increase the frequency and efficiency of public bin collections.

Councillor Pitt disputed the assertions that in the past there were no accurate records for where public bins were located.

The Officer's recommendations were amended as follow, additional working underlined and in bold:

Recommendation One: Enforcement patrols to tackle fly-tipping in the alleyways and footpaths around Kings Hedges (Pulley) Recreation Ground **and St Kilda's Avenue**.

Recommendation Four: Jet wash Milton Road / Green End Road / **Cam Causeway** shops to remove grime and chewing gum from the shop fronts

Resolved (*nem con*):

To agree the following amended priorities, for the North Area for the quarter of October to December 2014:

1. Enforcement patrols to tackle fly-tipping in the alleyways and footpaths around Kings Hedges (Pulley) Recreation Ground and St Kilda's Avenue.
2. Enforcement joint working and patrols to deal with littering from students of Cambridge Regional College in the areas of Campkin Road and Nuns Way Recreation Ground
3. Investigating the feasibility of litter/recycling and dog bins along Kings Hedges Road, as well as litter bins on Scotland Road and dog bins on Nicholson Way and Haviland Way.
4. Jet wash Milton Road / Green End Road / Cam Causeway shops to remove grime and chewing gum from the shop fronts
5. Cleanse of area of Scotland Road and Green End Road junction to remove litter and grime and to investigate the suitability of litter bins in the area.
6. Early morning patrols for dog fouling on Kings Hedges (Pulley) Recreation Ground.

In addition, the Committee instructed Officer's to investigate further action in the following areas:

- Camplin Road _ Tesco area
- Arbury Court – investigation of flytipping and littering issues
- Shirley School / Brambesfield
- Downhams Lane – investigation of litter issues.
- Kingsway – investigation of flytipping.
- Arbury Road / Milton Road Junction

14/75/NAC NAC S106 Devolved Decision-Making: Taking Stock and Moving Forward

The Committee received a report from the Urban Growth Project Manager.

The report outlined the arrangements for the next rounds of S106 priority-setting, which had been agreed following consideration by the Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 16 October. A short presentation was given to highlight what these changes will mean for the North Area and to provide an update on the progress of S106-funded projects previously prioritised by NAC.

Members made the following comments in response to the report:

i. Welcomed the progress made to date.
ii. Stated that the new arrangements in relation to S106 funding for the indoor sports, public realm and public art contribution types would allow larger projects to be delivered.
iii. Welcomed the new approach to tracking progress on existing S106 projects, which will posted on the council's Developer Contributions web page (www.cambridge.gov.uk/S106) in due course.
iv. Accepted that a grant-funding approach to the next (third) S106 priority-setting round was a good idea, provided that this did not limit the area committee's ability to prioritise project proposals in future priority-setting rounds. The Urban Growth Project Managers replied that this risk had been highlighted in the scrutiny committee report earlier that month. He said that, in the next priority-setting report in February 2015, NAC would be reminded of possible proposals which might come forward in the fourth round in order to inform its decisions of which grant-funded options to prioritise in the third round.
v. Raised concerns that that insufficient notice had been given for a public consultation meeting regarding the proposed BMX track improvements next to Brown's Field community centre. The Urban Growth Project Manager apologised and will remind officers of the need to provide more notice of consultation events in future.

In response to members' questions, the Urban Growth Project Manager stated the following:

vi. The improvements to Buchan Street community centre are on target to be delivered in late December 2014.
vii. Scoping of works needed to improve lighting for the Nuns Way multi-use games area had highlighted that it may be more appropriate for the project to be taken forward with Repairs and Renewals funding, rather

than S106 funding. This (and an update on devolved funding available by contribution type) will be confirmed in the report to NAC next February.

viii. Member suggestions of better sign-posting of the Chestnut Grove play area will be passed on to officers scoping those play area improvements and developing the project appraisal. Given that £50k of S106 funding has been allocated to this priority project, the appraisal will be reported to the Area Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition Spokes for sign-off.

ix. Community Development officers continue to liaise with county council counterparts over the county council's proposals for the development of community meeting space at Milton Road Library (an NAC 2nd round priority project). An update on progress will be included in the February 2015 report to NAC.

x. If further scoping work on the detailed proposals for a priority project reveals that more (or less) S106 funding may be needed to deliver the project, this can be considered at the project appraisal stage. Project appraisals for projects over £75k will be reported back to the area committee for approval.

Mike Sargeant: **What is the position regarding Chesterton Sports Pavillion?**

The Urban Growth Project Manager undertook to look into this matter. S106 contributions with specific stipulations about how/where they should be used were outside the scope of S106 devolved decision-making by area committees.

Action

In conclusion, the Urban Growth Project Manager reminded Members that the priority setting of proposals for S106 funding would require the area committee to make some difficult decisions. To enable area committees to decide their local priority projects at a single meeting, ward councillors will be asked to identify their short-listed proposals at the start of that meeting. In the fourth priority-setting round later next year, the area committees will be asked to identify a smaller number of priority projects (compared to the first and second rounds) involving project management/delivery by the council so that the council can implement projects effectively within the available staffing capacity.

14/76/NAC Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

The Committee received a report from the Safer Communities Section Manager.

A report on the introduction of the new Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 was taken to Strategy and Resources Committee on 29 September 2014. The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation at 2.1.4 in the report to "take the report to Area Committees and request that they review if any areas merit consideration for Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs)".

In response to Members' questions the Safer Communities Section Manager and PS Misik stated the following:

i. The Community Trigger gives communities an opportunity to ask for a review of how their anti-social behaviour case has been dealt with if they are not satisfied. The threshold and procedure for making an application will be tested over the next 6 months.
ii. Evidence would be needed to support the three complaint trigger point.
iii. Police had been using the restorative justice options available to them.
iv. Factors taken into account when considering low level events, would include aggravating factors and the level of distress caused.
v. The new powers would be additions to the 'tool bag' of options open to the police.

Members suggested the following areas which might merit consideration for Public Space Orders:

vi. Councillor Sarris suggested, Maitlock Avenue, Mortlock Avenue, Green End Road and Cam Causeway where suggested and door to door begging had been an issue. The Safer Communities Manager said that the Safer Communities Team and the Police were aware these issues and were working to resolve them. Councillor Sales suggested, Fisher Street as an area of low level ASB. PS Misik would discuss this area with PS Wragg.
vii. Councillor Price suggested the area around the Tesco Express in Campkin Road and the MUGA in Nuns Way.
viii. Alexandra Gardens.

Leila Dockerill expressed concerns about young people causing a nuisance on the walkways of flats. She suggested that the Police were not interested and took little action.

Doug Whyte requested a greater Police presence on the streets. He suggested that even in the City Centre, on a Saturday night, there was a lack of a Police presence.

Councillor Manning stated that this was a matter for the Crime and Police Commissioner.

Resolved (by 8 votes to 0 with 1 abstention).

i. The North Area Committee noted the new measures being introduced to address anti-social behaviour, as detailed in the attached report Officer's; and
ii. Suggested that the following areas merit consideration for Public Space Protection Orders.

Cam Causeway
Mortlock and Maitland Avenue
Campkin Road
Alexandra Gardens

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm

CHAIR

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COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET

Committee	**North Area Committee**
Date	**30th October 2014**
Circulated on	
Updated on	**03/11/ 14**

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
Trees on Milton Road affected by the bus route			Added to the Action Sheet at the request of Councillor Pitt – and with the agreement of the committee on 3 July 2014.
Developer Contributions and Devolved Decision Making - First Round Priority-Setting for Play Area Improvement	Alistair Wilson, Streets and Open Spaces Asset Manager	Final update requested when projects out to consultation / delivered	To follow: Claire Tunnicliffe e-mailed for an update on 14/05/14
13/81/Open Forum (12) Request action from County Council to improve cycle signage in the North Area.	Councillor Onasanya	Additional updates provided	Further updates to follow (October 2014)
14/9/NAC Open Forum – Request use of enforcement vehicle and penalty notices for pavement parking that causes an obstuction	County Councillor Onasanya		Consultation completed. Results and any further action to follow. 8th April - Update in respect of the pavement parking, Philip Hammer has advised that Civil Parking Enforcement Powers (legislation under the Traffic Management Act 2004) that the Council use are essentially based around "signs and lines". As such the Police still retain the right to enforce against illegal parking and Mr Hammer has advised that if the Police insist we should address parking where no restrictions are in place, to give them his details and he will clarify the matter with them. His details are as follows: Philip.Hammer@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

			Update from Cllr Manning (at 3 July meeting) Suggested Committee write to Community Safety Partnership for an update. **Letter has been sent** **<u>Update November 2014</u>** The requests for enforcement can now be telephoned and reported through to the City Ranger who can take pictures and give this information on to the police for enforcement action.
14/13/NAC – Speed awareness courses for 20pmh offences. Who will provide them and will they be offered locally.	Councillor Ward		**Update:** This matter would remain on the action sheet to allow Officers to discuss the matter further with the Police. There is a local provider of speed awareness courses, and drivers don't have to take them in Cambridge. Details of the company to follow. However whilst national rules allow for speed awareness courses for 20mph violations there is currently no local course set up. Police are investigating what needs to be done to achieve this, and Councillor Ward will report back later - **On-going**
14/26/NAC - Tree roots opposite Co-op Green End Road causing trip hazard	Councillor Manning		**Update**: Additional tree has been added to the list for remedial work but the item is still on-going. Further update: given the cost and the fact that there is now an EIP in that area, and a project I have got added to the Northern Area Corridor Transport Plan pot, it will be done as part of one of these. Officers have confirmed this won't affect either project (in terms of adding extra cost or stopping elements from being done). **Update 5 Dec 14 Cllr Manning :** Initial site visit completed and this matter will be included in a wider feasibility study of the area.
14/40/NAC Open Forum - Investigate the cost of repairs to the bridge at	Councillor Manning		**Update:** E-mailed County Cllr Cearns (West / Central Area Committee) requesting if he could find out the cost of repairs, sent 16.05.14

Jesus Green.			**Update from Cllr Manning (at 3 July meeting)** Cost was likely to be around £330,000 and would form part of railway station project **Update from Cllr Manning 5th Dec 14** Communication on the Milton Road works for the new station was good, albeit that the scheme itself wasn't satisfactory.
14/41/NAC To investigate the possibility if the Crime Figures could display drug related Offences in a separate column of the report.	Councillor Pitt		
ADDITIONAL ACTION – missed off from meeting on 3 July 2014 14/56/NAC Open Forum – Progress on the safety assessment for the junction between Milton Road and the new development between Milton Road and Woodhead Drive	~~Councillor Onasanya~~ Councillors Kevin Price and Mike Todd Jones		**Update from Cllr Onasanya:** I have been informed that although there are currently 88 cluster sites in Cambridgeshire (excluding trunk roads and Peterborough), of which 51 are within the City of Cambridge, this junction is not part of an accident cluster site. During the current cluster site period (Jan 2011 - end December 2013) one injury accident was recorded at the junction. This involved a cyclist filtering along the inside of a line of traffic colliding with a moped that was turning right into the junction. The records also show an injury accident in 2009, this occurred when a learner driver stalled at the junction and was hit from behind by the following vehicle. However, there is no record of a safety audit being carried out on the junction design. I have been informed it is believed that construction predated the start of the safety audit process in Cambridgeshire in 1997. Additionally, the Lead Engineer Road Safety Team Local

			Infrastructure and Street Management have advised they are unaware of any physical changes to the junction layout in the intervening period that would have required a safety audit. **<u>Update Nov 2014</u>** This it is a planning issue the City Councillors are now looking into it. Additionally, the original area specified was not actually correct and as such the reply given was not therefore accurate.
14/66/NAC Update on Mitcham's Corner development	Suggested by Committee 28.08.14		
14/66/NAC Update on bid for Tesco Express in East Chesterton	Suggested by Committee 28.08.14		Update October North Area Committee Cllr Manning – this matter has gone to Committee. Cllr Bird – sent an email and awaiting a reply
14/65/NAC Parking restriction in De Freville area around Milton Rd Library	Councillor Manning agreed to provide update at future meeting		
14/68/NAC Update on traffic flow disruption to Milton Rd as a result of new station development	Chair suggested update at future meeting		Update October North Area Committee Work is currently 2 to 3 weeks behind schedule and was expected to be completed by the end of January.

14/69/NAC Successful traffic schemes in New York	Councillor Manning suggested that he update on this at a future meeting		
14/73/NAC Tree replacement plan Milton Road and Gilbert Road	Cllr O'Reilly to talk to tree officer		
14/73/NAC Chair to write to local MP re verge parking	Cllr Todd-Jones		
14/73/NAC Flooding to light controlled crossing at entrance to Chesterton Community College	Cllr Todd-Jones to ask County Cllr to investigate		
14/73/NAC Parking problems in Buchan Street	Cllr Price to investigate		**Reply from the Neighbourhood Community Development Manager (2nd December 2014)** There is limited parking in the car park at the moment because of the building site and the contractors parking their vehicles and the fact that we are still open to community groups. So I can appreciate there will be some overspill at the moment .Hoping that this will become less of an issue in the new year when we are 'back to normal ', but it is something that we will keep an eye on".
14/74/NAC Progress with Chesterton Sports Pavilion	Urban Growth Project Manager		

Agenda Items Suggested by the Public and, as yet, not delivered

1. Invite County Council Officers/Members to comment on Highway repairs.
2. Discussion on pavement damage/repairs including problems with tree roots.
3. Dual use crossings and the timings of traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing.
4. Report on changes to Brownfields and the impact of changes to the Children and Young People's Participation Service (ChYpPS).
5. S106 Transport Corridor Workshop feedback.
6. Resident Parking.
7. Play Areas including a progress report on Hawkin Road.
8. Location of recycling areas.
9. Improvements to Cycle Paths Yellow Lines
10. Community Events section on every agenda
11. Fen Road
12. New Bridge over the River Cam.
13. Progress on New Primary School.
14. 20mph data monitoring.
15. Recognition/discussion that a large section of the attendees at this meeting do not wish to be filmed.

Agenda Item 8

Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City North Neighbourhood

SAFER NE1GHBOURHOODS
Working in partnership to create a safer Cambridgeshire

December 2014

Matt Johnson, Safer Neighbourhoods Inspector

Lynda Kilkelly, Safer Communities Manager, Cambridge City Council

Creating a safer Cambridgeshire

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1 INTRODUCTION

Aim

The aim of the Neighbourhood profile update is to provide an overview of action taken since the last reporting period, identify ongoing and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future priorities and activity in order to facilitate effective policing and partnership working in the area.

The document should be used to inform multi-agency neighbourhood panel meetings and neighbourhood policing teams, so that issues can be identified, effectively prioritised and partnership problem solving activity undertaken.

Methodology

This document was produced using the following data sources:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident data for August to November 2014, compared to the previous like reporting period (April to July 2014) and the same reporting period in 2013.
- City Council environmental services data for the period August to November 2014, compared to the same reporting period in 2013; and
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing team and the City Council's Safer Communities team.

2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the North Area Committee meeting of 28 August 2014, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Continue with the work against drug dealers: this is a situation which could easily escalate and attracts other, potentially more serious, criminality. As an organisation, we are now putting more resources into this and linking with other Forces; the Met being one.
- Continue with the support of the 20mph limit to assist in embedding it in local culture.
- Address cycle crime & anti-social cycling

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting of 4 September 2014, assigned the actions to be taken and lead officers for each of the priorities. The tables below summarise the action taken and the current situation.

Continue with the work against drug dealers	
Objective	Combat drug dealing in the North area
Action Taken	The North Area team have continued their pro-active work targeting those involved in Class A drug dealing. Many of the individuals identified have links to London-based gangs but the disruption caused by the team's proactivity has prevented the gangs getting a foothold in the city, which in turn has prevented an escalation of gang-related violence. In October, an organised group was taken out in the Victoria Road area, with drugs and circa £3000 being seized. Additionally, a warrant executed in Alice Bell Close under the Misuse of Drugs Act, snared a male with drugs and cash, who was also wanted for a violent attack involving a knife in Campkin Road. These are two good examples of our work over this period. Four persons have been given custodial sentences and we anticipate more as the justice system finalises some of our earlier enforcement activities. Whilst we have been enforcing the law and disrupting criminal activity, we have sought to safeguard vulnerable local residents (addicts or otherwise) who are being preyed upon by these gangs or are vulnerable to exploitation, through the use of practical measures such as the provision of alarms and

	supportive measures, such as partnership work with housing providers.
Current Situation	Intelligence would suggest that gangs involved in the supply of drugs are currently unable to establish themselves in Cambridge; they are being disrupted through police action which means they are regularly having to relocate and are unable to establish a base. However, the lack of overall "control" by any individual group means that more individuals / gangs are trying to operate in the City. The proactive work continues to ensure there is no danger of the London "gang culture" spilling over into Cambridge.
Lead Officers	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Continue with the support of the 20mph limit to assist in embedding it in local culture	
Objective	Address road safety issues (including 20mph compliance) in the North area
Action Taken	The North Area team have conducted high visibility laser speed enforcement activity on a weekly basis at various locations within the 20mph area. Additional support was gained for the Chesterton area by bidding for resources from our Road Policing Unit. Operation "Safe Passage" (addressing all aspects of road safety) has continued at hotspots around the North and we have supported this with our staff.
Current Situation	We have had surprisingly few complaints about speeding / road safety over the last few months, albeit there are areas which continue to attract concern; Green End Road, Fen Road and Northfields Avenue being the principles. We have followed up the complaints we have received and in many cases these have been found to be a perception of speeding, rather than actual speeding. Compliance across the 20mph is not complete but we are seeing reduced speeds as the community and visitors adjust to the new speed limits. We continue to work with partners and local interest to achieve safer roads locally.
Lead Officers	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Address cycle crime and anti-social cycling	
Objective	Address cycle crime and anti-social cycling
Action Taken	As with the drug dealing, cycle issues are city-wide problems and other area teams have also prioritised similar work. Together with the East Area team, we have carried out two warrants in relation to the handling of stolen bikes and arrested 5 individuals. We have recovered 3 stolen bikes as a result of pro-active targeted stop-searches and have been able to return them to their owners. PCSOs from the North Area team have been active with the Lights Instead of Tickets (LIT) campaign, which targeted various anti-social cycling offences. 304 tickets were issued and 151 words of advice provided between 27th October and 22nd November. Arbury Road, Milton Road and Mitcham's Corner were our areas of focus within the North. Whilst the focused campaign has finished, LIT remains business as usual.
Current Situation	Difficult to qualify but colloquially local culture does seem to be changing, for example more cyclists seem to have lights. Cycle crime is still high, with a couple of groups of youths targeting cycles on pretty much a nightly basis.
Lead Officers	Sergeant Jason Wragg, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

- The City Council's Safer Communities team held two ASB workshops at St. Luke's School for Years 5 and 6. The local PCSO helped to deliver these and they were very well received by students.

- Letter drops were conducted by the Safer Communities team in Campkin Road, Nuns Way, St. Kilda Avenue flats and Perse Way, in response to complaints of ASB, and follow-up action was undertaken on the responses received.

- The Safer Communities team issued 2 Notices of Seeking Possession on grounds of ASB. The team also worked with 2 young people in East Chesterton and they have signed up to Acceptable Behaviour Contracts. Meetings were held for residents in King's Hedges and East Chesterton and the team also dealt with reports of vandalism on Lawrence Way, which was resolved following words of advice with the perpetrators, and ASB in Northfields Avenue and Nuns Way, which was passed to other agencies following strong words of advice with the perpetrators.

- It is pleasing to see crime figures look very good, with most types falling again. In particular it is great to see the number of burglaries has reduced in most wards; undoubtedly the fact that many of our principle burglars are currently imprisoned has made a difference. One particular burglar that has just been imprisoned has been active in the North Area; this should have a significant and positive impact as we move forward. That said, we cannot afford to be complacent, particularly as darker nights signal a rise in this type of crime. We will continue to target and disrupt those who we know to be engaged in burglary.

- Violent crime is also down after an apparent rise over the summer and in comparison to the same period last year. This is positive, as many other parts of the City have seen a rise as we strive to record *all* crimes that we become aware of, including those where the victim refuses to co-operate.

- Despite a very warm autumn and the passing of Halloween and Bonfire nights, ASB has remained stable.

- Class A drug enforcement and disruption activity continues as various groups continue to try to establish themselves within the City. Cycle crime is another area that remains worthy of police focus due to its volume. However, we will concentrate our policing activities on safeguarding, focussing on those who are a threat, risk or harm to themselves or others.

4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CURRENT CRIME & ASB INCIDENT LEVELS BY WARD

			Dwelling Burglary	Other Burglary	Violent Crime	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
AREA	*City North*	Aug 14 – Nov 14	46	29	147	7	6	32	132	55	93	235	782	453
		Aug 13 – Nov 13	60	39	176	10	12	50	108	55	107	201	818	455
		Apr 14 – Jul 14	37	29	173	7	13	30	123	57	100	248	827	451
WARDS	*Arbury*	Aug 14 – Nov 14	21	5	40	3	2	6	29	10	14	73	203	94
		Aug 13 – Nov 13	13	8	40	2	1	11	25	14	23	61	198	85
		Apr 14 – Jul 14	12	6	40	4	6	8	32	23	20	60	211	107
	East Chesterton	Aug 14 – Nov 14	11	5	31	0	2	11	23	8	28	66	185	134
		Aug 13 – Nov 13	15	19	41	5	2	18	21	3	31	48	203	108
		Apr 14 – Jul 14	10	5	44	0	2	9	31	7	31	78	217	124
	King's Hedges	Aug 14 – Nov 14	6	11	57	1	2	11	31	29	31	54	233	135
		Aug 13 – Nov 13	15	9	69	3	7	11	14	34	34	53	249	167
		Apr 14 – Jul 14	7	11	60	1	4	9	23	19	34	65	233	140
	West Chesterton	Aug 14 – Nov 14	8	8	19	3	0	4	49	8	20	42	161	90
		Aug 13 – Nov 13	17	3	26	0	2	10	48	4	19	39	168	95
		Apr 14 – Jul 14	8	7	29	2	1	4	37	8	15	55	166	80

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DATA

Arbury

Abandoned vehicles

- August to November 2014: 6 reports, which included
  - 4 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 1 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
  - 1 CLE26 notice issued to offenders on behalf of the DVLA for not displaying a valid tax disc on a public highway
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 6 reports

Fly tipping

- August to November 2014: 44 reports, which included 1 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- Offences at Stretten Avenue accounted for the formal warning letter sent
- Hotspots: Cockerell Road (6) and Molewood Close (9)
- August to November 2013: 88 reports

Derelict cycles

- August to November 2014: 6
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 12

Needle finds

- August to November 2014: None
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: None

East Chesterton

Abandoned vehicles

- August to November 2014: 6 reports, which included
  - 2 vehicles not on site following inspection
  - 1 vehicle subsequently destroyed following non-payment of the DVLA fine
  - 2 vehicles held pending further investigation
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 6 reports

Fly tipping

- August to November 2014: 14 reports
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 20 reports

Derelict cycles
- August to November 2014: 6
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 10

Needle finds
- August to November 2014 2012: 1
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 69

King's Hedges

Abandoned vehicles
- August to November 2014: 5 reports, which included
    - 2 vehicles not on site following inspection
    - 3 vehicle subsequently claimed by their owners
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 5 reports

Fly tipping
- August to November 2014: 36 reports, which included 4 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
- Offences at Larkin Close, Campkin Road, Walker Court and Nuns Way accounted for 4 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: Campkin Road (5)
- August to November 2013: 57 reports

Derelict cycles
- August to November 2014: 3
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 5

Needle finds
- August to November 2014: None
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 1

West Chesterton

Abandoned vehicles
- August to November 2014: 5 reports, which included 5 vehicles not on site following inspection
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 5 reports

Fly tipping

- August to November 2014: 13 reports, which included
    - 2 formal warning letter issued to domestic offenders
    - 1 formal warning letter issued to trade offenders
- Offences at Carlton Way accounted for 2 of the formal warning letters sent
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 21 reports

Derelict cycles
- August to November 2014: 8
- Hotspots: None
- August to November 2013: 10

Needle finds
- August to November 2014: 2512
- Hotspots: Milton Road (2500)[1] and Cutter Ferry Path (12)[2]
- August to November 2013: None

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue with work against drug dealers

- Continue to address cycle theft

[1] 2500 mixed new and used needles were removed from a void property on Milton Road in October 2014. These needles posed no risk to the public as the property had been locked. The removal works was requested by City Homes and completed by Streets and Open Spaces operations staff following a risk assessment. This needle find was reported to the Drug and Alcohol Action Team.
[2] 12 used needles were removed from a bin as it was being emptied along the Cutter Ferry Path in November 2014. This needle find was reported to the Drug and Alcohol Action Team.

Extract from Minutes of the 28th August 2014 North Area Committee

Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods - North Area Committee

The Committee received a report from Acting Inspector Wragg regarding Policing and Safer Neighbourhood Trends.

The report outlined actions taken since the North Area Committee of the 8 May 2014. The current emerging issues/neighbourhood trends for each ward were also highlighted (see report for full details).

Members of the public and members of the committee made the following comments:

Councillor Price: Is the increasing in violent crime due to better reporting methods?

Acting Inspector Wragg: A lot of officer discretion has been taken out of the reporting system and this could be one reason that the figures for violent crime appear to have gone up. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) figures have decreased and it is felt that these incidents are now being recorded as violent crime instead. To emphasise this, the A&E department has not reported any increase in this type of incident.

Safer Communities Section Manager: As this is a pattern across the City, the Alcohol and Violent Crime Group are undertaking some detailed analysis on the figures.

Councillor Sarris: Is there any more detail on the high number of needle finds in Nuffield Road?

Safer Communities Section Manager: This was an unusual case that I am unfortunately unable to go into more detail on, however no-one was put at risk. With a large find such as this a lot of work is undertaken with the ASB team to identify the users involved.

Councillor Benstead (Chair of City Council Licensing Committee and member of East Area Committee): How much of the ASB and alcohol related crime is associated with the Mitcham's Corner area of West Chesterton?

Acting Inspector Wragg: As the area is heavily policed and a lot of enforcement work is undertaken with licenced premises, surprisingly little is directly associated with Mitcham's Corner. What ASB is present is mostly low level.

Councillor Pitt: Burglary is still a concern in the area.

Acting Inspector Wragg: Lots of day to day work is undertaken in this area, and it is a local priority in the North and the East.

Councillor Bird: 'Laughing gas' canisters are still being found in the area. What is being done to address this?

Acting Inspector Wragg: The Police are making ongoing enquiries and retail premises have been spoken to. It is not illegal to have these canisters but it is illegal to sell them to under 18's.

Lil Speed: I am concerned that we will be losing our PCSO. Engagement with local residents is important and it would be a good idea to set up more Street Surgeries.

Acting Inspector Wragg: Two additional PCSO's will be starting in the area shortly and will engage with local residents as part of their regular patrols. Street Surgeries have been held in Arbury Court but unfortunately they were not well attended.

Michael Bond: Nitrox Oxide canisters are an ongoing issue and are very dangerous. So called 'legal highs' are simply substances that have not been properly tested and education is needed to address the problem.

This comment was noted.

Councillor Sarris: It is hard to address the issue unless the Police can identify who is selling the product. The Metropolitan Police are working with Trading Standards to address the issue which is a good way forward.

This comment was noted.

Mr Whyte: The redesigned Hills Road junction has not been a success. The lack of a filter lane causes delays.

This comment was noted.

Shirley Fieldhouse: The 20mph limit on Green End Road has resulted in slower traffic and has been successful.

This comment was noted.

Resident: More publicity regarding Area Committee meetings is required. I had no idea that they happened.

This comment was noted.

Councillor Manning: I have looked at successful traffic schemes in New York and will report back to a future meeting.

This comment was noted.

Acting Inspector Wragg thanked the Chair for his letter regarding enforcement and penalty notices for vehicles parking on pavements and causing an obstruction. It was noted that the bulk of enforcement work in this area was undertaken by the County Council and local bye-laws were in place to help address the issue. The Police become involved if there is a specific obstruction caused, but unfortunately an 'obstruction' can be difficult to define.

Councillor Smart: Are the Police actively enforcing the new 20mph limits in the City?

Acting Inspector Wragg: As this has been a recent change it is taking time to embed within the City. Education is the first step but enforcement is taken where necessary. With regards to cyclists, every winter a scheme is undertaken to educate about the dangers of having no lights.

Councillor Smart: Does this mean that a softer approach is taken with cars compared to cycles?

Acting Inspector Wragg: No. Speeding tickets for cars are also given out routinely as part of the Police's day to day work. The Police do not take a side in the car vs cycle debate.

Councillor Manning: A dangerous driver is of more concern than a dangerous cyclist. The Association of Chief Police Officer (ACPO) guidance on pavement cyclists should be followed.

Acting Inspector Wragg: Poor signage and dangerous roads can lead to cyclists using the pavements and we therefore follow the ACPO guidance and use discretion where required.

Councillor Sarris: It is a difficult balance as many members of the public do have safety concerns regarding ASB cycling on pavements.

This comment was noted.

Councillor Austin: Cycle theft in the City is a big issue and it is now becoming more and more difficult to get cost effective bike insurance because of this.

It was agreed that separate votes would be taken on the recommendations.

The Committee:

Resolved (unanimously) to prioritise the following:

i. Continue with the work against drug dealers: this is a situation which could easily escalate and attracts other, potentially more serious, criminality. As an organisation, we are now putting more resources into this and linking with other Forces; the Met being one.

ii. Continue with the support of the 20mph limit to assist in embedding it in local culture.

Councillor Todd-Jones proposed the following amendment to recommendation iii):

Delete and replace with:

Address cycle crime: this has gone up and focussing on this will also assist in addressing anti-social cycling

3 members voted in favour of this proposal

Councillor Sarris proposed the following amendment to recommendation iii):

Delete and replace with:

Address cycle crime and anti-social cycling

8 members voted in favour of this proposal

Councillor Manning proposed the following amendment to recommendation iii):

Delete and replace with:

Address cycle crime

1 member voted in favour of this proposal

The Committee:

Resolved to prioritise the following:

iii. Address cycle crime and anti-social cycling.

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Cambridge City Council

To: North Area Committee 18/12/2014

Report by: Simon Payne,
Director of Environment

Wards affected: Kings Hedges

KINGS HEDGES ROAD AND RAMSDEN SQUARE
VERGE PARKING PROHIBITION
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (EIP) PROJECT

1.0 Executive summary

- This report asks the Committee to consider local public responses to a proposed Traffic Order that would prohibit parking on highway verges within Ramsden Square and the south-eastern extent of Kings Hedges Road, and determines whether it wishes to move forward with the scheme in whole, or in part, or not.

2.0 Recommendations

The North Area Committee is recommended to:

2.1 Consider local consultation responses to a proposal to prohibit verge parking in Ramsden Square and part of Kings Hedges Road;

2.2 Determine whether to proceed with the proposal to formal statutory draft Traffic Order stage on both, or either, of these two roads.

3.0 Background

3.1 At its meeting of 1 August 2013, North Area Committee considered a list of potential new Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP) projects across the four north area wards. The Committee was asked which projects it would like to see progressed within the funding available.

3.2 Area Committee agreed to support a bid for a scheme to introduce a verge parking restriction for Ramsden Square and the south-eastern

end of Kings Hedges Road, in Kings Hedges ward (**Appendix A**), in order to reduce vehicular damage and enable the condition of verges in these areas to recover to a good standard. Officers indicated that the likely cost would be in the region of £3,000, and the Committee approved the allocation of this level of funding to the project.

4.0 Development of proposals and consultation

4.1 Cambridgeshire County Council acts as Highway Authority for all publicly adopted local roads within Cambridge (excluding the M11 and A14) and its advice was sought on the form of draft Traffic Order needed to introduce a restriction as requested. The effect of the Order would be to make it an offence to park on areas of highway grass verge within the area identified. Enforcement would be undertaken by County Council Civil Enforcement Officers as with other parking restrictions across Cambridge.

4.2 Given that vehicular obstruction of footway areas also constitutes a parking offence, the area restricted under the Order would include adjacent areas of footway, to ensure that these areas can also be kept clear by the Highway Authority. Whilst notable damage is also being caused to areas of verge adjacent to property driveway entrances, driving over highway verges does not constitute a highway offence and so cannot be enforced under the Order. Consequently it would not prove practicable to address this issue as part of this project. A separate Environmental Improvement Programme bid could, however, be considered to improve the condition of such damaged areas in any future potential programme round.

4.3 A public consultation exercise was undertaken with residents and ward councillors between 21st August and 10th September 2014. Consultation leaflets were distributed to all local addresses within the respective areas (**Appendix B**), and respondents were asked to indicate whether they were supportive of the proposal, or otherwise, for their respective area.

5.0 Consultation feedback

5.1 A summary of responses to this consultation exercise is attached as **Appendix C**. The response rate was encouraging, with questionnaires being completed and returned for approximately 18% of those residencies having received one.

5.2 The key findings were that for Kings Hedges Road the majority of respondents (approximately two thirds) would be in favour of introducing a formal restriction on verge parking, but in Ramsden Square opinion appears to be evenly balanced at 48% support both for and against.

5.3 **Appendix C** also sets out the most frequently raised comments from residents in response to the proposals; and there are differences as well as similarities in responses for each road concerned. Common themes include concerns about access and safety, and potential knock-on effects likely to arise; but also support for improvements to the verges as a valuable local amenity.

6.0 Officer comments

6.1 Whilst damage from vehicular parking occurs to verges in both Kings Hedges Road and Ramsden Square, the extent differs, and the environmental character of the area differs too. As a significant transport corridor across the north of the city, Kings Hedges Road is wide and has a mandatory cycle lane running along the north side and short sections of the south, which prohibits parking on the carriageway in these areas. Some marked on-street parking bays exist, where there are no on-street cycle lanes marked, and in many cases these extend in front of property entrances. Most properties either have, or have the opportunity to establish, some capacity to park off-street – but this may be insufficient to meet the level of local demand.

6.2 Ramsden Square is a residential loop with two points of access and egress and, although narrow, there is some evidence of traffic using it as a short-cut to avoid congestion and delay on Milton Road and Kings Hedges Road. Again most properties have established off-street parking facilities, either within the property itself; or via dedicated parking areas on each of the estate's four corners. In around half a dozen cases residents are parking within the curtilage of their properties but due to the lack of properly constructed facilities, the associated vehicle ingress/ egress is resulting in damage to verge areas. This is a comparatively low speed environment and parking on the road generally functions satisfactorily, though can restrict forward visibility for traffic travelling around the estate corners.

6.3 The degree of current verge parking in both roads may be as due to convenience as practicality. The introduction of restrictions, as proposed, might encourage residents lacking off-street parking facilities to establish such facilities, either through the proper

channels; or not. As a classified road, applications for new vehicular accesses in Kings Hedges Road would require planning consent; which could dissuade residents. It is likely that a significant proportion of displaced vehicles would park on other areas of highway; most likely uncontrolled adjacent roads and verge areas. This, unfortunately, appears an inevitable consequence of taking a localised, rather than area wide, approach to the issue.

6.4 In Ramsden Square it seems most likely that displaced vehicles would remain parked within the estate on areas of carriageway. This might help discourage use of the estate as a short-cut, as suggested in a number of resident responses. In Kings Hedges Road, parked vehicles appear likely to displace into adjacent areas including Ramsden Square, Campkin Road and roads off it, Lovell Road, St. Kilda Avenue and Garry Drive – which them-selves all face some parking pressures of their own.

6.5 Prior to introducing any Traffic Order restriction on verge parking in these areas, the County Council would need to undertake due statutory process, including a further round of local and statutory consultation, and formal advertisement. Objections received at that stage would require determination, most likely by the new Cambridge Joint Area Committee, before a legal Traffic Order could be made, sealed and the restrictions introduced.

7.0 Implications

(a) Financial

Some £3,000 has been allocated by North Area Committee from its budget for Environmental Improvement Programme projects and this will be sufficient to cover the costs of public consultation, formal statutory Traffic Order making process, and implementing the restrictions as proposed. The County Council would be responsible for all ongoing maintenance and enforcement costs, and consequently no ongoing revenue implications to the City Council are currently foreseen. It is hoped there would be a reduction in overall spend in the longer term as the need to repair areas of damaged verge reduces.

(b) Staffing

The project delivery team within the Streets and Open Spaces Service will provide the staffing for the project. County Council resources will also be required to progress the legal Traffic Order process.

(c) Equal Opportunities

Please refer to equalities impact assessment (**Appendix D**).

(d) Environmental

If implemented, and adhered to, the project could deliver a significant improvement to the condition of verge areas in these two roads, enhancing their amenity and aesthetic value, and reducing surface water run-off. This would be slightly offset by a minor addition to highway signing to indicate the restrictions. Overall, therefore, the proposal has been rated as +M (medium positive environmental impact).

(e) Procurement

Highways works associated with the project will be procured in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

(f) Consultation and communication

It is recognised that consultation, communication and engagement contributes significantly to the success of any project. The approach employed in this instance is set out in this report. Since only a relatively small area within Kings Hedges ward is included in this proposal it was considered appropriate to target informal consultation just at those residents directly affected. Should the proposal progress to a more formal Traffic Order stage, more comprehensive consultation would be undertaken.

(g) Community Safety

Overall, officers consider that the proposal would have a neutral impact on community safety. Whilst some respondents to the recent consultation exercise have suggested that road safety would be reduced if more vehicles were to park on-street, there is no direct evidence to support this. Ramsden Square, particularly, is a low speed (20mph maximum) solely residential environment. Vehicles manoeuvring on and off highway verges are considered to pose an equal if not greater hazard to other highway users, and a greater

hazard to pedestrians and cyclists (particularly children) than vehicles parking on-street.

8.0 The way forward

8.1 Of the two areas considered, damage to verge areas as a result of vehicular parking, along with local resident support for improvements, is more evident in Kings Hedges Road than in Ramsden Square. Given that these two roads lie immediately adjacent to one another, however, it is very likely that the introduction of restrictions in one street would result in some displacement of parking into the other.

8.2 Area Committee is asked whether, in light of the consultation feedback received and outlined in **Appendix C**, and the potential implications set out in this report, it wishes to proceed to formal Traffic Order stage with a scheme to introduce a restriction on verge parking in either of these roads, either in whole or part, or not at all.

9.0 Background papers

Agenda and minutes of North Area Committee meeting 01/08/2013

10.0 Appendices

APPENDIX A
EIP bid as supported by North Area Committee on 01/08/2013

APPENDIX B
2014 Resident consultation leaflet

APPENDIX C
Summary of 2014 consultation responses

APPENDIX D
Equality Impact Assessment

11.0 Inspection of papers

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

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Scheme Number:	**7**
Scheme Title:	**Ramsden Square / Kings Hedges Road Verge Parking**
Scheme Description:	Verge Parking Restriction to stop the parking on grass verges on Kings Hedges Road and in Ramsden Square. (excludes any grass seeding of damaged verges)
Promoted by:	Cllr Kevin Price
Ward:	Kings Hedges
Estimated Budget:	£3,000
Risks to Delivery:	Verge parking restriction advertised and objections received.
Further Scheme Information:	Proposal is for a verge parking restriction only. Verge parking problem on Kings Hedges Road is generally in an area between Lovell Road and No. 10 Kings Hedges Road. There is also a verge parking issue in Ramsden Square.

Location Plan:

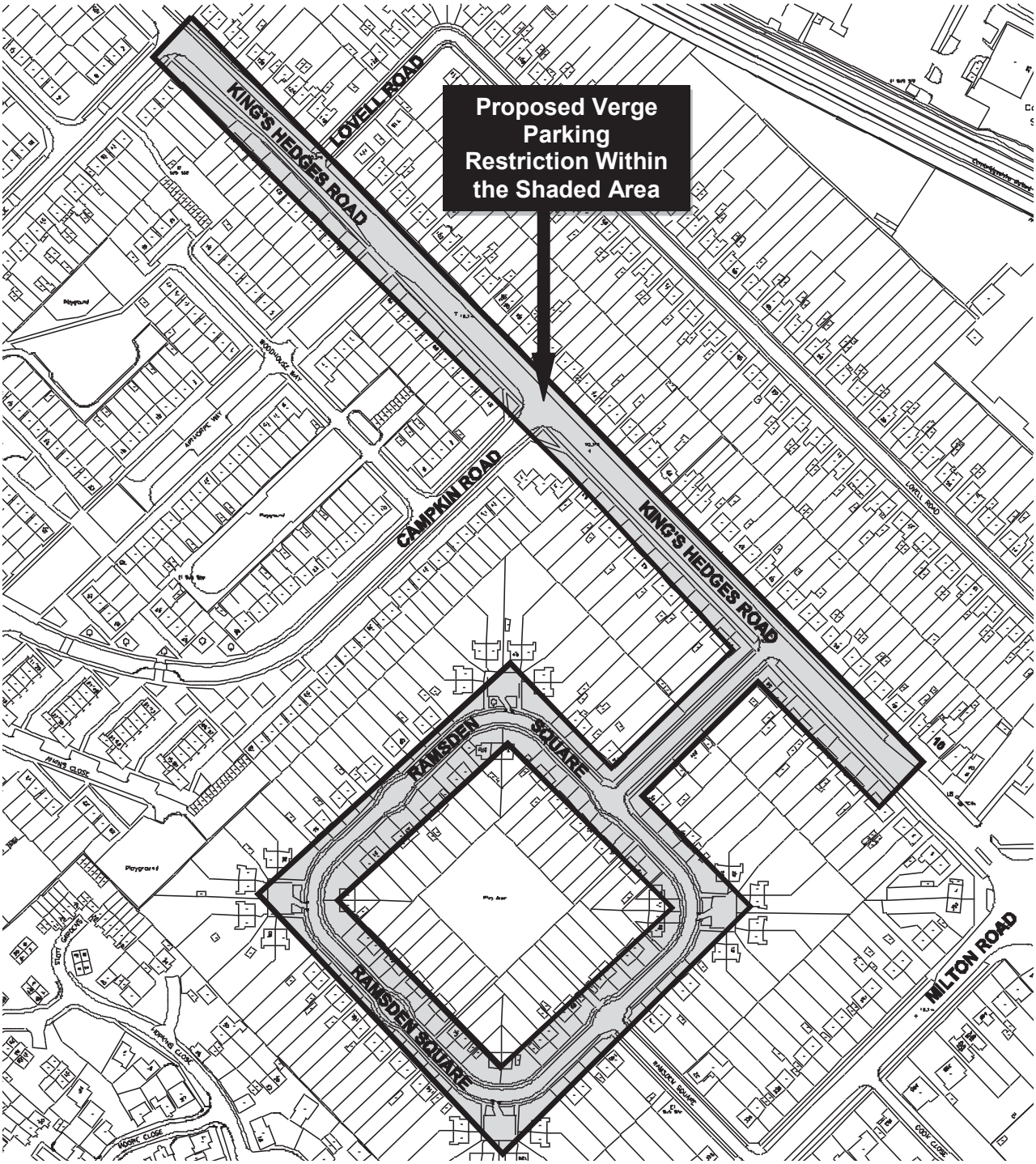

Photo of Typical Verge Parking Issue (near Campkin Road):-

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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Ramsden Square / Kings Hedges Road Verge Parking Project

Residents' Consultation

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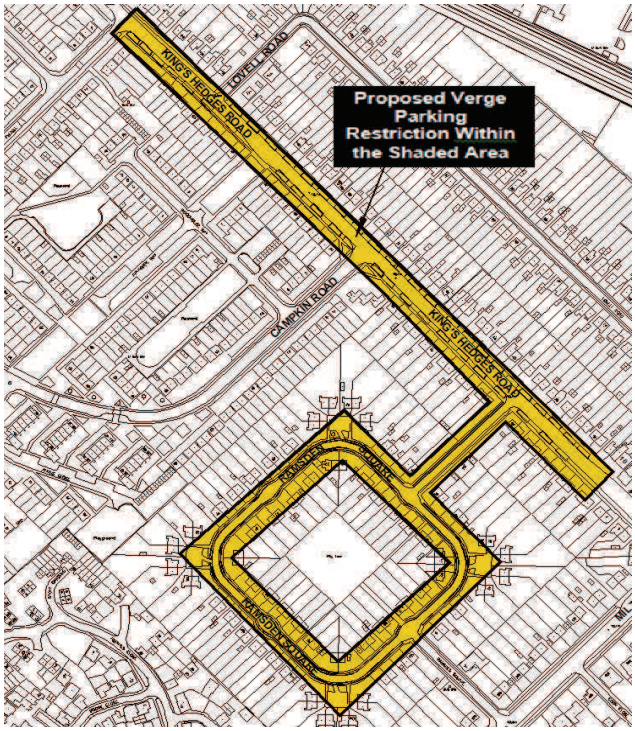

The type of signs that would be used to show the stretches of road where verge parking is prohibited.

Badly damaged verge on Kings Hedges Road

We want to hear your views on this proposal - if you are in support or oppose it. If you are able, please let us know by email at eipprojects@cambridge.gov.uk (clearly stating the road you live on); or alternatively, fill out the survey on the back of this leaflet and return it to the FREEPOST address below by Friday, 19 September 2014. All responses will be reported to the North Area Committee meeting on 30 October 2014 at which a decision will be made on the scheme.

Project Delivery Team, Streets and Open Spaces, Cambridge City Council

telephone: **01223 458511**, e-mail: **eipprojects@cambridge.gov.uk** or write to us at:

Ramsden Square/Kings Hedges Road Verge Parking Project, Freepost RTGU-HXRA-REBZ, Cambridge City Council, Mill Road Depot, Cambridge, CB1 2AZ

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Are you for or against the proposal to restrict parking in Ramsden Square?

☐ For

☐ Against

Any additional comments?

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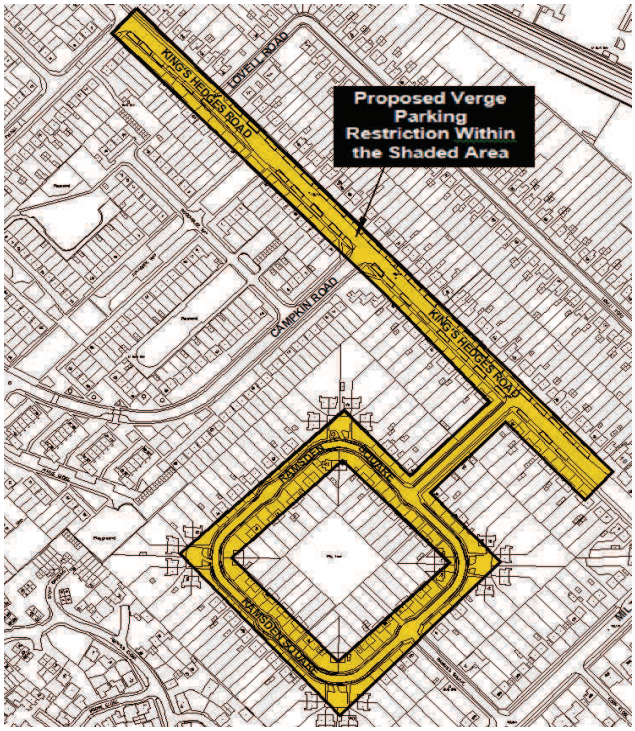

The type of signs that would be used to show the stretches of road where verge parking is prohibited.

Badly damaged verge on Kings Hedges Road

We want to hear your views on this proposal - if you are in support or oppose it. If you are able, please let us know by email at eipprojects@cambridge.gov.uk (clearly stating the road you live on); or alternatively, fill out the survey on the back of this leaflet and return it to the FREEPOST address below by Friday, 19 September 2014. All responses will be reported to the North Area Committee meeting on 30 October 2014 at which a decision will be made on the scheme.

Project Delivery Team, Streets and Open Spaces, Cambridge City Council
telephone: **01223 458511**, e-mail: **eipprojects@cambridge.gov.uk** or write to us at:
Ramsden Square/Kings Hedges Road Verge Parking Project, Freepost RTGU-HXRA-REBZ,
Cambridge City Council, Mill Road Depot, Cambridge, CB1 2AZ

Ramsden Square / Kings Hedges Road Verge Parking Project

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Are you for or against the proposal to restrict parking on a section of Kings Hedges Road between St Kilda Avenue and near Milton Road?

☐ For

☐ Against

Any additional comments?

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Ramsden Square / Kings Hedges Road Verge Parking Project

Results of Residents' Consultation

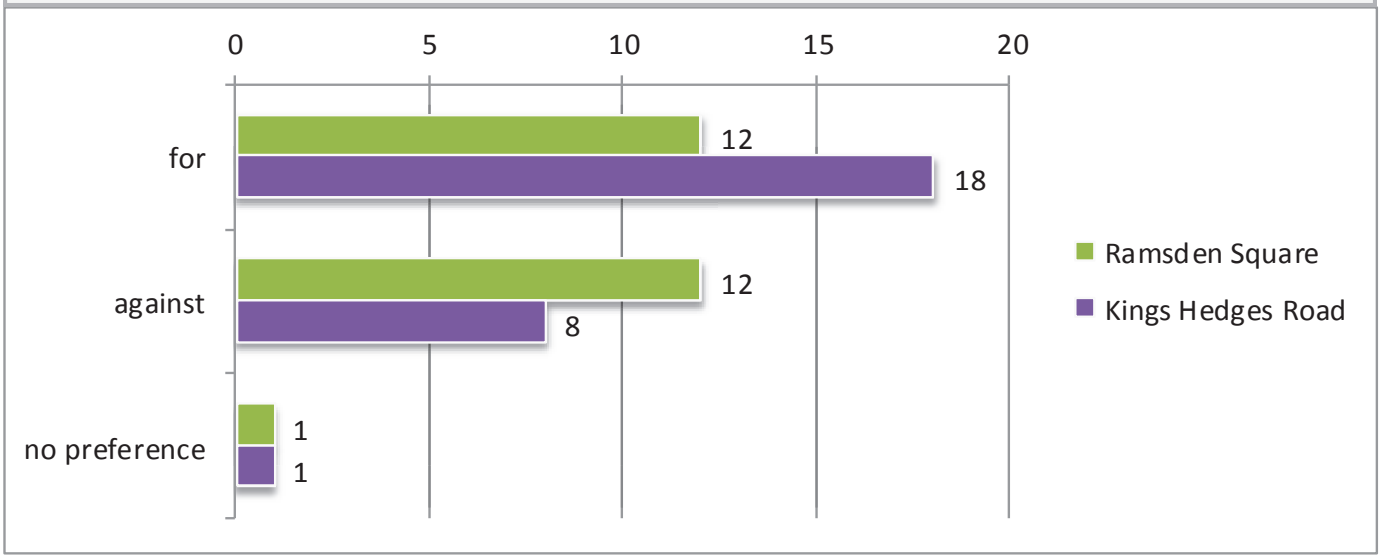
October 2014

A consultation was undertaken between 21st August and 10th September 2014. About 300 leaflets were delivered to all the residents of Ramsden Square and the stretch of King Hedges Road affected by this scheme. The leaflets were tailored to the two areas, and residents asked for views/comments on the scheme in their particular street.

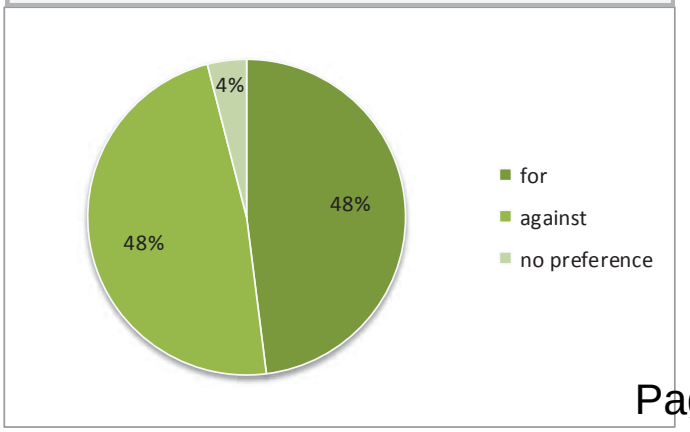
The results of the survey are given below. The key findings include:

- Total number of responses: 53 (18% response rate)
- Just under half of Ramsden Square residents are in favour of the scheme but just under half are not.
- About two-thirds of Kings Hedges Road residents are in favour of the scheme and a third are not.

Total Number of Residents Responses to Survey



Ramsden Square residents responses



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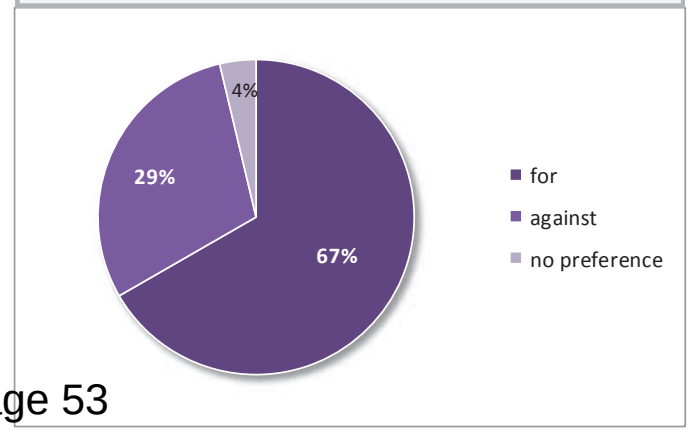

Ramsden Square / Kings Hedges Road Verge Parking Project

Ramsden Square

1. Comments from residents (✗ = negative ✓ = positive)

- ✗ It is already hard at times to drive around the square squeezing through parked vehicles.
- ✗ Moving cars onto the road will cause obstructions for other road users - particularly large vehicles.
- ✗ On street parking will make the Square less safe especially for children.
- ✗ It is better to park on the verge than in the road, reducing visibility.
- ✗ Remove the verge and replace with parking spaces.
- ✗ How will it be enforced as most verge parking is in evenings and at weekends?
- ✗ Nowhere to park outside house, so spaces should be created for residents with no driveways.
- ✓ Strangers park on verge outside house and make it difficult to reverse from drive.
- ✓ Good idea but parking must be restricted on the corners of the square.
- ✓ Some residents park on verge instead of own driveway.

2. General Issues

- Part of the Square is used by traffic as a short cut, an issue that has been raised with the County Council.
- Some residents who support the scheme are concerned about its knock-on effects.
- The introduction of on-street parking restrictions in some areas, along with verge parking restrictions, may be necessary.

Kings Hedges Road

1. Comments from residents of Kings Hedges Road (× = negative ✓ = positive)

- × Where are we to park our cars?
- × Marked area for on-street parking runs across driveways/dropped kerbs - these will be blocked by inconsiderate drivers.
- × It is dangerous for cyclists to negotiate around cars parked on the road; some drivers will park in the cycle lane.
- × It is dangerous to get in/out of a car parked on this busy road - especially for children; on-road spaces are too narrow.
- × Cars parked in the road will block visibility for drivers exiting driveways.
- × Houses with multiple tenancies means multiple cars (in one example there are 5).
- × Verge damage was not caused by cars but by gas board.
- ✓ Grass is destroyed, mud blocks the drains, ruts look unsightly and are a trip hazard.
- ✓ Verge parking obstructs view of the road.
- ✓ Hope it will be enforced.

2. General Issues:

- Those against the scheme commented significantly more than those in favour.
- Cars park on the verge adjacent to parking spaces and in some locations double park on the verge.
- There is no legal on-street parking on the northern side of the road due to the cycle lane.

Kings Hedges Road

Ramsden Square

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Cambridge City Council Equality Impact Assessment

Completing an Equality Impact Assessment will help you to think about what impact your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service may have on people that live in, work in or visit Cambridge, as well as on City Council staff.

The template is easy to use. You do not need to have specialist equalities knowledge to complete it. It asks you to make judgements based on evidence and experience. There are guidance notes on the intranet to help you. You can also get advice from Suzanne Goff, Strategy Officer on 01223 457174 or email suzanne.goff@cambridge.gov.uk or from any member of the Joint Equalities Group.

1. Title of strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service:

Kings Hedges and Ramsden Square

Proposed Prohibition of Verge Parking
Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP) project

2. What is the objective or purpose of your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service?

Following a request from a local Ward Councillor, and consideration by North Area Committee, a project has been included in the Council's Environmental Improvement Programme to investigate the introduction of a Traffic Order that would restrict vehicular parking on areas of grass highway verge in Ramsden Square and the south-eastern end of Kings Hedges Road in order to reduce damage.

Preliminary consultation has been undertaken with local residents living in these areas in order to identify their views on the proposal; with responses having been received from approximately 18% of residents.

North Area Committee will consider the consultation results on 18 December 2014 and determine whether or not to continue to pursue the proposal.

If supported, the County Council (as Order making authority) will undertake a further and more formal round of consultation with a list of statutory consultees, including appropriate interest groups. All representations received will be considered, and if necessary determined, prior to a decision being taken on whether to implement the restriction(s) or not.

This EqIA sets out the current thinking on the potential impacts, and will be re-assessed and updated in response to feedback received as the process progresses.

3. Who will be affected by this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service? (Please tick those that apply)
■ Residents ☐ Visitors ☐ Staff
A specific client group or groups (please state): None

4. What type of strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service is this? (Please tick)
■ New ☐ Revised ☐ Existing

5. Responsible directorate and service
Directorate: Environment Service: Streets & Open Spaces

6. Are other departments or partners involved in delivering this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service?
☐ No ■ Yes (please give details): Cambridgeshire County Council (as Highway and Traffic Order making Authority)

7. Potential impact

Please list and explain how this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service could **positively** or **negatively** affect individuals from the following equalities groups.

When answering this question, please think about:

- The results of relevant consultation that you or others have completed (for example with residents, people that work in or visit Cambridge, service users, staff or partner organisations).
- Complaints information.
- Performance information.
- Information about people using your service (for example whether people from certain equalities groups use the service more or less than others).
- Inspection results.
- Comparisons with other organisations.
- The implementation of your piece of work (don't just assess what you think the impact will be after you have completed your work, but also think about what steps you might have to take to make sure that the implementation of your work does not negatively impact on people from a particular equality group).
- The relevant premises involved.
- Your communications.
- National research (local information is not always available, particularly for some equalities groups, so use national research to provide evidence for your conclusions).

(a) Age (any group of people of a particular age, including younger and older people – in particular, please consider any safeguarding issues for children and vulnerable adults)

If implemented, the proposal would lead to an improvement in verge condition and appearance with less mud and other detritus deposited on vehicular accesses (often used as informal crossings points) and footways.

Inevitably it will require some people to park vehicles further away from where they live; which could prove less convenient for younger and/or older people. No specific concerns in this regard have been raised as part of the recent consultation exercise, however.

The proposed development route for the proposal is laid out in section 2 of this assessment, including a further round of consultation as part of the statutory process. Further opportunities exist to consider the impacts of the proposal, along with possible mitigation measures, and would be considered on merit on an individual basis should the need arise.

(b) Disability (including people with a physical impairment, sensory impairment, learning disability, mental health problem or other condition which has an impact on their daily life)
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(c) Gender
No specific impact envisaged.

(d) Pregnancy and maternity
No specific impact envisaged.

(e) Transgender (including gender re-assignment)
No specific impact envisaged.

(f) Marriage and Civil Partnership
No specific impact envisaged.

(g) Race or Ethnicity
No specific impact envisaged.

(h) Religion or Belief
No specific impact envisaged.

(i) Sexual Orientation
No specific impact envisaged.

(j) Other factors that may lead to inequality – in particular – please consider the impact of any changes on low income groups or those experiencing the impacts of poverty (please state):

8. If you have any additional comments please add them here

9. Conclusions and Next Steps
• If you have not identified any negative impacts, please sign off this form. • If you have identified potential negative actions, you must complete the action plan at the end of this document to set out how you propose to mitigate the impact. If you do not feel that the potential negative impact can be mitigated, you must complete question 8 to explain why that is the case. • If there is insufficient evidence to say whether or not there is likely to be a negative impact, please complete the action plan setting out what additional information you need to gather to complete the assessment.
All completed Equality Impact Assessments must be emailed to Suzanne Goff, Strategy Officer, who will arrange for it to be published on the City Council's website. Email suzanne.goff@cambridge.gov.uk

10. Sign off
Name and job title of assessment lead officer: John Richards, Project Leader, Project Delivery & Environment team Names and job titles of other assessment team members and people consulted: N/A Date of completion: 20 October 2014, key dates updated 1 December 2014 Date of next review of the assessment: N/A

Action Plan

Equality Impact Assessment title: **Kings Hedges and Ramsden Square – Proposed Prohibition of Verge Parking**

Date of completion: **20 October 2014, key dates updated 01/12/2014**

Equality Group	**Age**
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	Having to park further away from home.
Action to be taken to address the disadvantage or negative impact	Further consultation as part of statutory process, opportunities for representations to be considered, and possible mitigation measures investigated.
Officer responsible for progressing the action	John Richards
Date action to be completed by	February / March 2015

Equality Group	**Disability**
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Action to be taken to address the disadvantage or negative impact	Further consultation as part of statutory process, opportunities for representations to be considered, and possible mitigation measures investigated.
Officer responsible for progressing the action	John Richards
Date action to be completed by	February / March 2015

Equality Group	**Gender**
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	
Action to be taken to address the disadvantage or negative impact	
Officer responsible for progressing the action	
Date action to be completed by	

Equality Group	Pregnancy and Maternity
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	
Action to be taken to address the disadvantage or negative impact	
Officer responsible for progressing the action	
Date action to be completed by	

Equality Group	Transgender
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	
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Equality Group	Marriage and Civil Partnership
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	
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Officer responsible for progressing the action	
Date action to be completed by	

Equality Group	Race or Ethnicity
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	
Action to be taken to address the disadvantage or negative impact	
Officer responsible for progressing the action	
Date action to be completed by	

Equality Group	Religion or Belief
Details of possible disadvantage or negative impact	
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Officer responsible for progressing the action	
Date action to be completed by	

Equality Group	Sexual Orientation
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