



SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE



AGENDA

To: City Councillors: Meftah (Chair), Ashton, Avery, Blackhurst, Dryden, McPherson, Moore, Pippas and Sanders

County Councillors: Ashwood, Crawford and Taylor

Dispatched: Friday, 28 November 2014

Date: Monday, 8 December 2014

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Meeting Room - CHVLC - Cherry Hinton Village Leisure Centre

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1 **Election of Chair and Vice Chair - SAC**

Election of a Chair requested after the by-election in Queen Edith's on 13 November, now South Area Committee is back to its full membership of nine City Council Members.

The position of Vice Chair is vacant.

2 **Apologies for Absence**

3 **Declarations of Interest**

Members of the committee are asked to declare any interests in the items on the agenda. In the case of any doubt, the advice of the Head of Legal should be sought **before the meeting**.

4 **Minutes** (*Pages 5 - 16*)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2014. (*Pages 5 - 16*)

5 **Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes**

- 6 Open Forum**
Refer to the 'Information for the Public' section for rules on speaking.
- 7 Environmental Data Reports** (*Pages 17 - 30*)
- 8 A Review of Consultation on Accordia Scooter Track**
(*Pages 31 - 46*)

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SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

13 October 2014

7.00 - 9.55 pm

Present

Area Committee Members: Councillors Meftah (Chair), Ashton, Avery, Blackhurst, Dryden, McPherson, Moore, Pippas

Area Committee Members: County Councillors Crawford and Taylor

Councillor Pippas left after the vote on item 14/60/SAC

Officers:

Urban Growth Project Manager: Tim Wetherfield

Safer Communities Section Manager: Lynda Kilkelly

Project Delivery & Environment Manager: Andrew Preston

Committee Manager: James Goddard

Other Officers in Attendance:

Team Leader - Cycling Projects, County Council: Mike Davies

Head of Refuse & Environment: Jas Lally

Police Sergeant: Chris Horton

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**14/52/SAC Appointment of Chair**

The Committee Manager took the Chair whilst the South Area Committee elected a Chair.

Following the resignation of former city councillor Sue Birtles, the position of chair of the South Area Committee became vacant.

The Area Committee was asked if it wished to appoint a Chair or to wait until its next meeting on 8 December, which would be after the by-election in Queen Edith's on 13 November.

Councillor Dryden proposed, and Councillor McPherson seconded, the nomination of Councillor Meftah as Chair. They suggested electing a Vice Chair 8 December.

Resolved (by 4 votes to 2 with 2 abstentions) that Councillor Meftah be Chair for the remainder of the municipal year.

Councillor Meftah assumed the Chair from the Committee Manager at this point.

The Committee Manager advised the committee the election of a Chair could be put on the 8 December meeting agenda at the request of a Councillor after the by-election in Queen Edith's on 13 November when South Area Committee (SAC) was back to its full membership of nine members.

Post meeting note: The deadline for requesting this as an agenda item is close Wednesday 26 November 2014.

14/53/SAC Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Ashwood.

14/54/SAC Declarations of Interest

Name	Item	Interest
Councillor Ashton	14/61/SAC	Personal: Chairman of the Chery Hinton Resident's Association.
Councillor Avery	14/61/SAC	Personal: Lives on the Accordia Estate.
Councillor Dryden	14/61/SAC	Personal: Member of the Chery Hinton Resident's Association.
Councillor Moore	14/61/SAC	Personal: Member of Friends of Nightingale Rec.

14/55/SAC Minutes

The minutes of the 18 August 2014 meeting were approved and signed as a correct record.

14/56/SAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes

14/48/SAC Open Forum “Action Point: Councillor Ashton has written to Netherhall School to ask how South Area Committee and the community can support the school to improve following a recent inspection.

Councillor Birtles to follow this up as no response has been received from Netherhall School.”

Councillor Birtles has previously written to Netherhall and not received a reply.

14/49/SAC Open Forum “Action Point: Councillor Blackhurst to query the progress of pedestrian and cycle access to the busway as this is not in place from the Kaleidoscope site as specified in the planning application. Response to be fed back to South Area Committee and member of public who raised the query.”

Councillor Blackhurst said action was imminent on the Kaleidoscope site.

14/49/SAC Open Forum “Action Point: Councillors Crawford and Taylor to look into feasibility and funding for upgrading County Council Shape Your Place webpages.”

The issue has been resolved.

14/49/SAC Open Forum “Action Point: Councillor Ashton to liaise with Councillor McPherson and member of public who raised the issue of closing Church End and Rosemary Lane to traffic.

Councillor Crawford to raise a Local Highway Improvement request upon receipt of petition text.”

Councillor Ashton met with County Council representatives. Petitioner to give further details in the Open Forum section of the meeting (14/57/SAC).

Councillor Crawford has received acknowledgement of her Local Highway Improvement request from county officers.

Councillor Taylor said the County Council had received 38 Local Highway Improvement requests. The Joint Area Committee would vote on these at its next meeting.

14/57/SAC Open Forum

1. **Mr Carpen said he had liaised with Netherhall School and they were keen to engage with the wider community. The Head Teacher was aware there was an outstanding action to respond to SAC. Mr Carpen asked if the Chair could liaise with the Head Teacher or Chair of Governors to investigate ways of working together.**

2. **Mr Watson updated SAC on the Church End Traffic: Resident's Survey results.**
 - **This survey was prompted by his experience of observing a large volume of traffic using Church End and Rosemary Lane to bypass the traffic lights at the Cherry Hinton High Street junction with Coldhams Lane. Earlier this year, he distributed 71 leaflets to the residents of Church End and Rosemary Lane and set up an e-petition to see how many of his neighbours were also concerned about the volume and speed of traffic. Forty one residents signed the petition.**
 - **Residents of Church End, Rosemary Lane and side roads felt strongly that there was too much traffic through Church End and it was travelling too fast. They also believe that something should be done as a matter of urgency. They feel the best solution would be to make Church End and Rosemary Lane a no through road. Although, they are concerned that this solution would cause them too much inconvenience and are unprepared to commit to this.**
 - **Mr Watson proposed that the council looked at his findings and offered some combination of solutions; then consult with the neighbourhood over their implementation and installation.**

SAC thanked Mr Watson for his efforts to date. The traffic issue had been reviewed in Church End circa 2013 and in Cherry Hinton circa 2002. Residents had expressed the same opinions then: They wanted action taken, but not to be inconvenienced by any actions. Rising bollards and the city 20 MPH project were suggested as options to consider.

3. **Mr Bower said the traffic lights at the end of Coldham's Lane were not responsive to traffic.**

Councillor Blackhurst said busway access to the Kaleidoscope site was pending. Access to Hills Road was at an impasse due to land ownership issues, so no further progress was expected currently.

Councillor Avery said a ramp from Hills Road to the busway was being built opposite the bridge.

4. Mr Taylor made the following points:

- **Requested a breakdown of statistics in Police reports to Area Committees. This would help priority setting.**
- **Suggested Police reports were misleading, community resolutions were a small part of the out of court options available.**
- **Requested further information on Appeal routes eg on anti-social behaviour.**
- **Asked for clearer signage on public space protection orders so members of the public were aware of bye-laws in force.**

5. A member of the public asked why former Councillor Birtles had resigned.

Councillor Dryden said this was for personal reasons.

14/58/SAC Cherry Hinton High Street S106 Project

The Committee received a verbal report from the County Council's Team Leader - Cycling Projects.

The report outlined:

- The County Council Cabinet agreed s106 projects in 2013.
- A public consultation was undertaken on options in October 2013. A good level of responses were received.
- The County Council then bid for, and received, Department of Transport funding. This was time limited, so Officers prioritised spending projects requiring Department of Transport funding over s106 ones.
- Work was now being undertaken on s106 projects and a consultation will be undertaken in March 2015.
- County and City Council Officers were jointly working on projects of shared interest.

The Committee made the following comments in response to the report:

- i. Projects such as traffic lights at the Robin Hood junction had been delayed.
- ii. Residents and Councillors were extremely unhappy at the delays to s106 projects.

In response to Members' questions the Team Leader said the following:

- i. He could not guarantee the consultation would go ahead in March 2015 as delays had occurred in the past when the County Council had bid for, and received, Department of Transport funding. Officers would do their best to undertake the consultation as expected.
- ii. The consultation would focus on a number of options, not be a blank sheet like the previous one.
- iii. Undertook to share a detailed report on the 2013 consultation with SAC. Councillors had only seen the summary report.
- iv. The City 20 MPH project would complement county s106 schemes ie there would be join up not duplication of work.
- v. The Department of Transport set deadlines for spending its funding. This needed to be bid for, and spent, within time limits. S106 transport corridor contributions were not time limited, so not given the same priority for officer time.

14/59/SAC Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods - South Area Committee

The Committee received a report from Police Sergeant Horton regarding policing and safer neighbourhoods trends.

The report outlined actions taken since the Committee on 23 June 2014. The current emerging issues/neighbourhood trends for each ward were also highlighted (see report for full details). Previous priorities and engagement activity noted in the report were:

- i. Combat the supply of drugs in the South area.
- ii. Target dwelling burglary in the Cherry Hinton and Trumpington wards.
- iii. Target ASB associated with the "Cambridge Lakes" area.

The Committee discussed the following policing issues:

- i. Drug dealing and drug use affecting Trumpington and Queen Edith's Wards. Also associated anti-social behaviour eg dumping of needles in Queen Edith's Ward.
- ii. Links between alcohol/drugs and violent crime.
- iii. Breakdown of statistics in police area committee reports to help set priorities. The Sergeant undertook to provide these in future reports.
- iv. Work to reduce cycle crime across the city. This could be covered under the umbrella of road safety to address various issues including criminality.
- v. Home safety and crime prevention initiatives across the city, with particular focus on Queen Edith's Ward.

In response to Members' questions the Sergeant answered:

- i. Financial investigations were routinely undertaken when money was seized after drugs busts.
- ii. Burglary was not recommended as a priority. There had been a spike in figures (agenda page 19 due to historic issues that had been addressed).
- iii. The Police had not mapped if dwelling burglaries had occurred in areas without street lighting eg where it had been taken away. They would consider doing so in future.
- iv. It was a political decision by councilors where/not to have street lighting.
- v. Domestic violence was included in violent crime figures. A rise may have occurred due to increased reporting and the growth in numbers of dwelling in the city. A future breakdown of figures may help address this.
- vi. There was no quantifiable link between youth unemployment and violent crime. Repeat offending was more of an issue, the intention was to carry on with early intervention work.

Members of the public made statements and asked a number of questions, as set out below.

1. **Mr Bower supported work to reduce cycle crime across the city.**
2. **Mr John asked why violent crime was not recommended as a police priority.**

Sergeant Horton said that violent crime was always treated as a serious issue. The breakdown of statistics in future would allow SAC to target particular issues/areas.

Sergeant Horton requested a change to the recommendations. He proposed adding road safety to priority 3:

- Address cycling offences with the return of students and darker evenings (will compliment effort against cycle crime **and road safety**).

The amendment was **agreed nem con**.

The following priorities were unanimously **agreed**:

- i. Continue work against Class A dealers.
- ii. Address cycle crime in response to citywide spike.

- iii. Address cycling offences with the return of students and darker evenings (will compliment effort against cycle crime and road safety).
- iv. Dwelling burglary

14/60/SAC 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 said the following:

- i. The legislation allowed the community to request action if they were not satisfied with how their Anti-social Behaviour complaints were being dealt with. Area Committees could recommend areas for consideration which they feel may merit from the introduction of PSPOs Consultation would take place with the Police and Police and Crime Commissioner on any proposed PSPOs.
- ii. The law gave victims a say in offender’s punishment through restorative justice. This was found to be an effective measure against low level crime.

Following discussion, Members **resolved (unanimously)**:

- i. To note the new measures being introduced to address anti-social behaviour, as detailed in the full Strategy and Resources report attached to the Officer’s report.
- ii. Identified areas meriting consideration for Public Space Protection Orders:
 - Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground.

14/61/SAC SAC S106 Devolved Decision-Making: Taking Stock and Moving Forward

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

The report outlined a report is due to be considered by the council’s Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 16 October, which proposes

arrangements for the next rounds of S106 priority-setting. A short presentation was made to the SAC in order to highlight what these recommended changes (if approved) would mean for the South Area.

SAC was not asked to make any priority-setting decisions on 13 October. This was an opportunity to brief councillors on the proposed new arrangements and to provide an update on the progress of S106-funded projects previously prioritised by SAC.

The Urban Growth Project Manager brought the report up to date by saying:

- i. The Executive Councillor for City Centre and Public Places would be happy to meet SAC Members individually or in groups if they have issues. Alternatively, she would be prepared to come to a future SAC meeting if that would be helpful.
- ii. Guidance would be published in future on the developer contributions webpage (www.cambridge.gov.uk/s106).
- iii. A S106 priority-setting report would be brought to a future SAC in early 2015 and would include an update on devolved S106 funding available by contribution type.

A member of the public asked a question as set out below.

1. Mr John asked if s106 funding was ring fenced to particular wards.

Funding was devolved to area committees, not specific wards.

Following discussion, Members **resolved (unanimously)** to note:

- i. The proposed arrangements for the third and fourth priority-setting rounds in 2014/15 and 2015/16.
- ii. The progress being made on S106-funded projects that have been prioritised by the South Area Committee in 2012/13 and 2013/14.

14/62/SAC Citywide 20mph Project - Phase 3 Consultation

The Committee received a report from the Project Delivery & Environment Manager. He also circulated the late Appendix D document.

The report outlined the overall programme for the proposed City-Wide Cambridge 20mph Project. It also brought the project to SAC in order to request feedback and input to the consultation plans for Phase 3 of the project (the South & West/Central Area).

In response to Members' questions the Project Delivery & Environment Manager said the following:

- i. The traffic survey data was accurate.
- ii. The 20 MPH project would only apply to category C roads. It may encroach a little into South Cambridgeshire in order to be practicable.
- iii. By rolling out the project across the city, it would have a greater impact than smaller scale projects. There was a high level of support ie 70%.
- iv. Terrisham Drift (as referred to in the Officer's report) is also known as Hinton Road. The Project Delivery & Environment Manager undertook to cross-reference details with Ordinance Survey data.
- v. Every single registered Cambridge address (personal and business) would get a copy of the questionnaire by post. It was also available on-line.
- vi. Police were part of the project board from day one. Enforcement would be undertaken as per 30 MPH areas.
- vii. The Project Delivery & Environment Manager was working with the County Council Major Projects Team so that City Council projects would complement County Council work.

A member of the public asked a question as set out below.

1. Mr Bower asked for questionnaire process details.

The Project Delivery & Environment Manager responded:

- He would ensure questions were identical in the postal and on-line versions of the questionnaire.
- The 20 MPH project was being phased as it was too large to undertake in one go.
- The impact of the north phase would be evaluated in 2-3 years. The Council will review general speeding issue learning points.

Following discussion, Members **resolved (unanimously)** to:

- i. Note the project programme, and previous approvals from Environment Scrutiny Committee, and to note the proposed consultation area, consultation method, and content for Phase 3.
- ii. Provide comments and recommendations to the Executive Councillor for Planning, Policy and Transport (Councillor Kevin Blencowe) on the proposed consultation arrangements. Particularly with regard to which roads/sections of roads are specifically identified within Question 3 of the Officer's report.

The meeting ended at 9.55 pm

CHAIR

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Environmental Data Report



Cambridge South Area
July – September 2014

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1. Introduction

This quarterly report provides an overview of City Council Refuse and Environment and Streets and Open Spaces service activity relating to the geographical area served by the South Area Committee. The report identifies the reactive and proactive service actions undertaken in the previous quarter, including the requested priority targets and reports back on the recommended issues and associated actions to be targeted in the following. It also includes key officer contacts for the reporting of waste and refuse and public realm issues.

2. Target setting and recommendations

All those at Committee have an opportunity 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.

Following suggestions that are received the relevant teams will consider the suggestions, and will prioritise work, responding reactively where appropriate and programming some work for the future. All suggested targets will be reported back on in the following quarter to update members and the public on the status of the issue. Recommendations will also be presented to the committee for consideration and to aid discussion.

Recommendations

The following are suggestions for members on what action could be considered for priority within the South Area for the quarter of October to December 2014.

1. Enforcement joint working and patrols to deal with illegal camping on green open spaces, including Coe Fen
2. Nuisance vehicles patrols to be carried out at Cherry Hinton High Street and Fulbourn Road layby
3. Jet wash 'local shops' at Wulfstan Way, Anstey Way and Adkins Corner to remove grime and chewing gum from the shop fronts
4. Early morning patrols for dog fouling on Tenby Close, Nightingale Avenue Recreation Ground and Bliss Way.
5. Enforcement patrols for litter and other environmental issues at Cambridge Leisure Park and Hills Road Sixth Form area (recommended at East Area Committee on 15 October 2014)
6. Deep cleanse of Snakey Path and the Tins from Burnside to include removal of graffiti, flyposting, litter, dog fouling, vegetation cut back and sweeping (linked to recommendation of East Area Committee on 15 October 2014)

Members are recommended to endorse the above recommendations or to make proposed amendments, and in doing so to consider the community intelligence questions below to help shape the public realm work.

Community intelligence questions

1. What activities should be considered as part of ward blitzes?
2. What geographical locations would benefit from targeted work? (including public realm enforcement activity and clean-up work by the community payback)
3. What locations for new and replacement general waste, recycling and dog bins (in line with resources available) should be considered?
4. Where and when the dog warden service should patrol in order to target dog fouling?.

3. Routine activity

Streets and Open Spaces teams work closely with residents, community and campaign groups to keep Cambridge clean, green and safe. Street cleansing works to clear shop fronts and maintain all residential streets to a good standard of cleaning by sweeping them regularly. The team empties litterbins and dog bins across the city parks and open spaces, as well as removing graffiti and clearing needles and fly tipping.

The grounds maintenance team maintains all council housing and highway grass and shrub beds across the city, and carries out the maintenance of the city's cemeteries and crematoriums as well as the maintenance of all parks across the city. The City Rangers team provide a street-level, face-to-face contact point for people to raise any cleanliness and public safety issues that they might have concerning their neighbourhood.

The dog warden patrols within Cambridge to increase people's awareness of the requirement to clear up after their pets, as well as collecting stray dogs within the city and works alongside animal charities to deliver educational roadshows. Investigation of instances of environmental crime in public places across the city is carried out by the public realm enforcement team. As well as undertaking enforcement action where necessary, the team provide advice for residents and businesses on issues including fly tipping, litter, waste, illegal advertising, abandoned shopping trolleys, verge parking and abandoned, untaxed and nuisance vehicles.

4. 'Ward Blitz' activity

The City Council has embarked on a campaign of monthly 'ward blitzes' across the City, involving the Council's City Rangers, Rapid Response, Public Realm Enforcement and Street Cleansing teams. These teams will undertake coordinated public realm maintenance, enforcement and educational action, targeting one ward every month in rotation. Working within existing budgets, this action is additional to the routine, day-to-day, work undertaken by these services.

In the South Area, the first ward blitz programme will take place in Cherry Hinton during January 2015 and will involve the following actions:

- Deep cleansing of gulley's
- Cleansing of litter and dog bins
- Cleansing of signage
- Cleansing of recycling centres
- Increased dog warden presence
- Increased public realm enforcement presence
- Joint working with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue, and Cambridgeshire Police
- Free dog microchipping event
- Proactive inspections by pest control in known hotspots

Reports on the results of the 'ward blitz' activity will be presented to Area Committees, who will also have the opportunity to recommend specific issues to be considered for targeting in forthcoming 'ward blitzes'.

5. Specific issues and actions

The following specific issues were identified for targeted action in the July-September 2014 quarter. The following tables summarise the action undertaken and current situation, whether ongoing or completed, for each issue.

Issue	Illegal camping
Action Taken	Regular patrols have been undertaken across the green open spaces within the South area, particularly Coe Fen and the surrounding areas. During July to September ten illegal camps were identified and were served with notices to pack up and leave. Of the ten camps that were served notice, three were not cleared up within the 24 hour notice period and were impounded and cleared by enforcement officers.
Current Situation	Ongoing monitoring

Issue	Nuisance vehicles
Action Taken	Regular checks have been made on the locations where vehicles have been advertised for sale. During July to September one vehicle were found to be advertised for sale on layby outside Cherry Hinton Hall. All registered keepers were contacted and requested to move their vehicle on within seven days. The vehicles were removed by the owners.
Current Situation:	Ongoing monitoring

6. Environmental Data

Private Realm (South Area)

Activity	Investigations	Treatments Carried out	Informal Action / Written Warnings	Statutory Notices Served	Simple Cautions	Legal Proceedings	Comment
Pest Control	45	43	0	0	0	0	
Noise Complaints	61	n/a	*	1	0		*All complaints will generally have at least one such action.
Refuse/Waste Complaints	5	n/a	*	0	0	0	*All complaints will generally have at least one such action.
Other public health complaints ¹	14	n/a	*	0	0	0	*All complaints will generally have at least one such action.
Private Sector housing standards	23	n/a	*	0	0	0	*All complaints will generally have at least one such action. Figures include element of proactive work.

¹ Other public health complaints includes odour, smoke, bonfires, filthy and verminous

Public Realm Data

Public Realm Enforcement (South Area)

Activity	Investigations	Written Warnings	Statutory Notices Served	Fixed Penalty Notices Issued	Simple Cautions	Legal Proceedings	Comment
Abandoned vehicles	16	n/a	n/a	1	0	0	Includes 13 abandoned and 3 untaxed vehicles
Nuisance vehicles	2	2	n/a	0	0	0	All reports were for vehicles for sale on the public highway
Verge parking	6	5	n/a	n/a	0	0	Applies to Mowbray and Fendon Road only
Derelict cycles	11	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Domestic waste	10	4	0	0	0	0	
Trade waste	2	1	0	0	0	0	
Litter	1	0	0	1	0	0	
Dog control orders (including fouling)	6	0	n/a	0	0	0	
Illegal camping	10	n/a	10	n/a	0	0	
Illegal advertising	7	7	n/a	0	0	0	

Stray dogs (South Area)

Activity	Number of cases	Rehomed	Destroyed	Claimed	In Kennels	Comment
Stray dogs	5	1	1	3	0	Seven other stray dog calls were received, but the dogs were collected by their owners before the dog warden attended

Summary of public realm enforcement data

- Two untaxed vehicles were impounded by the Public Realm Enforcement team following a number of reports, including Cambridgeshire Police. Neither vehicle was claimed and both vehicles were destroyed for being untaxed on the public highway. One abandoned vehicle was seized from Rathmore Road, and a fixed penalty issued for abandoning a vehicle.
- Of the two nuisance vehicles one was located on Cherry Hinton High Street outside the school and this area has been introduced as a regular patrol area to tackle the issue of nuisance vehicles.
- Six cases of verge parking along Mowbray Road and Fendon Road were investigated, owners of five of the cars received written warnings and one case was withdrawn as an incorrect vehicle registration was supplied to officers.
- Eleven derelict cycles were removed from across all three wards. The number of cycles removed as abandoned in the South area varies between 10 to 20 a quarter.
- There were 10 domestic waste investigations conducted in the area between July and September, which resulted in four warning letters. There was one repeat cases of dumping domestic waste on Rialto Close and one at Colville Road Public Recycling point.
- Trade waste from two businesses was found illegally dumped in and around the ward, including one incidents of dumping at a public recycling point. Both businesses complied with the requests from enforcement regarding their compliance for waste duty of care and no further action was taken.
- One fixed penalty was issued and subsequently paid for littering from a motor vehicle on Queen Edith's Way.
- Three cases of dog fouling were reported to the dog warden, following patrols in the areas no suspects have been identified and to date no formal enforcement action has been taken. Repeat incidents of fouling were reported at Tenby Close, and this area has been introduced as a regular patrol area to tackle the issue of dog fouling.
- Ten illegal camp sites were found within the South area, predominantly on Coe Fen. Statutory notices were served on all sites and subsequently the Council impounded four tents that were not removed within the allotted time period.
- Seven incidents of illegal advertising were identified, including five estate agent boards, the majority of the advertising was removed by those responsible within the specified time period, one banner and two estate agent boards were not and these were impounded by the Council.

Operations cleansing data by ward (South Area)

Activity	Total number of incidents	Ward			Comments
		Cherry Hinton	Queen Edith's	Trumpington	
Fly-tipping	40	20	10	10	
Offensive graffiti ²	2	0	1	1	
Detrimental graffiti ³	3	0	1	2	
Needles	479	475*	0	4	*Relates to one incident
Shopping trolleys	3	1	1	1	Number of impounded trolleys was 1

Summary of fly-tipping reports:

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- Of the 40 instances of fly-tipping there were four incidents in Anstey Way, and six other locations recorded two fly tipping incidents each, the remainder were single locations across the South area
- The incidents of offensive graffiti were sexual references sprayed at locations
- In Cherry Hinton 475 needles were found in Daws Lane by a member of the public and were removed by the Rapid Response Team

² Offensive graffiti includes but is not limited to that which contains swear words, reference to religion, racist, reference to a person / naming a person, drawings of human body parts, words of reference to human body parts and reference to sexual activity. The service aim is to remove this type of graffiti within 5 working days.

³ Detrimental graffiti is graffiti that contains but is not limited to general tags, drawings not falling under the above criteria, and words not classified as offensive. The service aim is to remove this type of graffiti within 5 working days.

7. Proactive and community work

During the period July to September the following proactive and community work has been undertaken.

Task	Dog microchipping
Action Taken	As part of an ongoing programme of dog education throughout the city, free dog microchipping events have been held in conjunction with the Dogs Trust. On 28 August an event was held on Cherry Hinton Hall, on 16 September an event was held at Trumpington Pavilion and on 23 September an event was held at Hanover and Princess Court. The Dog Warden successfully microchipped a total of 18 dogs at the events.
Current Situation	Ongoing – part of a programme of ongoing work

Task	Wintercomfort Volunteer Work
Action Taken	The City Ranger for the South Area has undertaken a programme of work with volunteers from Wintercomfort over the period of July to September which included cutting back vegetation, clearing footpaths and opening up access to alleyways on Wulfstan Way, Fulbourn Old Drift, Colville Road, Leete Road, Mallett Road, Anstey Way and Hullatt Road as well as some other local areas.
Current Situation	Ongoing – part of a programme of ongoing work

8. Key contacts

Area	Contact	Telephone Number	Email
Pest Control	Refuse and Environment	01223 457900	env.health@cambridge.gov.uk
Noise			
Private Sector Housing			
Refuse / Waste			
Stray and lost dogs	Customer Service Centre	01223 457900	dogwarden@cambridge.gov.uk
Dog fouling (report of problematic owners)			
Dog fouling (request for clearance)	Customer Service Centre	01223 458282	wasteandstreets@cambridge.gov.uk
Litter			
Fly tipping (Public land)			
Graffiti			
Needles			
Abandoned, untaxed and nuisance vehicles	Customer Service Centre	01223 458282	streetenforcement@cambridge.gov.uk
Illegal camping			
Illegal advertising			
Abandoned bicycles	Customer Service Centre	01223 458282	wasteandstreets@cambridge.gov.uk cityrangers@cambridge.gov.uk
Out of Hours	Emergency calls	0300 3038389	n/a
City Ranger	John McAspurn	01223 458282	cityrangers@cambridge.gov.uk
Public Realm Manager	Wendy Young	01223 458578	Wendy.young@cambridge.gov.uk
Cleansing Manager	Don Blair	01223 458575	Don.blair@cambridge.gov.uk
Environmental Health Manager	Yvonne O'Donnell	01223 457951	yvonne.odonnell@cambridge.gov.uk

9. Resources

The following are suggestions that members of the South Area Committee and residents and businesses may wish to consider or request for the upcoming period:

Recycling and general street litter bins

A small quantity of recycling and general street litter bins are available for each ward, as follows:

Cherry Hinton: 11
Queen Edith's: 11
Trumpington: 10

We would like to receive suggestions for where bins should be installed on the street and will investigate the suitability of all suggested locations. We will also be undertaking a review of where bins are currently installed to see how they are used.

At present we are in the second year of a three year replacement project for new and replacement bins on the city's streets and open spaces, and once the second phase is finished we will then run a similar scheme for new bins on the city's parks and open spaces.

Dog bin provision

A number of dog bins are available for each ward, as follows:

Cherry Hinton: 4
Queen Edith's: 4
Trumpington: 3

We would like to receive suggestions for where bins should be installed on the parks and open spaces and will investigate the suitability of all suggested locations. We will also be undertaking a review of where bins are currently installed to see how they are used.

Pocket ashtray distribution

Locations of where pocket ashtrays should be distributed from are welcomed by the Public Realm Enforcement team.

10. Appendices

Photographs of Coe Fen camping: Before and after tent removal



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To: South Area Committee
Report by: Asset Manager - Streets and Open Spaces
Wards affected: Trumpington

A Review of Consultation completed on the 'Accordia' Junior Scooter Track

1. Executive summary

1.1 South Area Committee, on the 13th January 2014 approved a project for the creation of a Trim Trail and Scooter Park at the Accordia development off Brooklands Avenue.

1.2 At a previous South Area Committee Open Forum, members of the public had queried progress on the scooter park element of the approved project.

1.3 It was also been stated at the Open Forum, that children on the Accordia Estate wanted somewhere safe to play and there have been concerns raised regarding traffic and road safety as many children played in the road, riding scooters.

1.4 It was agreed on the 23rd June at South Area Committee that a further consultation would be undertaken so that residents could have their input on specific design proposals for the scooter facility and therefore establish whether or not there was support for the scooter track.

1.5 This report summarises and responds to the consultation comments received.

1.6 The report recommends that the project continues to be progressed and developed.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The South Area Committee Chair is asked to approved the continuation of project PR032e – Accordia Trim Trail and Scooter Park, which is included on the Council's Capital & Revenue Project Plan.

2.2 And that the total cost of the scooter park project remains at £30,000 which is funded from developer contributions.

3. Background

3.1 South Area Committee, on the 13th January 2014 approved a project, after considering the Urban Growth Manager's report on Devolved Decision-making and Developer Contributions: 2nd Round Priority-Setting which included for a Trim Trail and Scooter Park at the Accordia development.

3.2 This project has been raised and supported by local residents' who requested the project and supported it , with expressions of concerns over the lack of a safe area for local young children to use their scooters in.

3.3 At the South Area Committee on the 23rd June, 2014, it was reported to Councillors by Officers' that further consultation would be undertaken so that residents could have their input on specific design proposals for the scooter facility and to establish whether or not there was continued support for the scooter park.

3.4 As a consequence of this commitment, an online consultation was hosted on the City Council's website and it ran from 26th August until the 17th November 2014.

3.5 This online consultation was supplemented by a paper based questionnaire, and this was circulated to addresses within the Accordia development.

3.6 A public drop in session was held on the 1st November from 10am to 12 noon, at the County Bowls Club on Brooklands Avenue, where Officers' outlined the proposed designs. The session was intended to allow the opportunity for questions, prior to completing the questionnaire. This session was attended by approximately 35 people.

3.7 Officers' using the consultation sought views on two sites with four options. Appendix A details the two locations considered.

3.8 The consultation was intended to give respondents the opportunity to say whether or not they support the plans associated with the proposed scooter park and to comment on the four design options. These are detailed in Appendix B

3.9 A copy of the consultation paper is available at Appendix C.

3.10 There are 87 responses received to the consultation. The total number of properties at Accordia is approximately 390 and this roughly calculates out at a 22 % response rate.

3.10.1 of the 87 responses received:-
47 supported the need for a junior scooter facility;
33 did not support the need for a junior scooter facility; &
7 were unsure.

3.11 As a consequence of the consultation and having given the responses consideration, Officers' now have a better understanding as to whether or not the junior scooter facility is supported.

3.12 Those respondents who did not support the junior scooter facility cited the following reasons. Officers' response is in italics directly below:-

3.12.1 It is not needed and would be better elsewhere:
There is an established use of scooters on the Accordia development, as expressed and stated by those that raised the project. There is also ongoing evidence of use of scooters from the Children and Young People Participation Service who conduct regular activities and workshops on site. Officers' have considered a range of locations and believe linking the scooter park to an existing play area is the most effective use of available land.

3.12.2 Limited demand once publicity has died down; children only use scooters for limited time and most children are now older:
There is evidence that there is continued use of scooters in the immediate area. The use of scooters is not new and considered to be over 20 years old (Micro scooter since 1996), growing in use and considered an established pass time for pre-teens.

3.12.3 There should be no more building on Accordia, there is a preservation order on Accordia, and an Article 4:

Planning advice received during project feasibility is as follows:-

Under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended), Part 12, Development by Local Planning Authorities, Class A.

Development is permitted for the erection or construction and the maintenance, improvement or other alteration by a local authority or by an urban development corporation of:

(a) any small building, works or equipment on land belonging to or maintained by them required for the purposes of any function exercised by them on that land otherwise than as statutory undertakers;

(b) lamp standards, information kiosks, passenger shelters, public shelters and seats, telephone boxes, fire alarms, public drinking fountains, horse troughs, refuse bins or baskets, barriers for the control of people waiting to enter public service vehicles, electric vehicle charging points and any associated infrastructure, and similar structures or works required in connection with the operation of any public service administered by them.

If the local authority maintain the land otherwise than as statutory undertakers, then planning permission is not required.

The Accordia development is governed by an article 4 which means a planning application may be required for development that would otherwise have been permitted development. Advice received indicates this only relates to housing and dwelling adaptations.

3.12.4 The facility will attract young adults and vandalism; it will add to noise disturbance and bring Anti-Social Behaviour:

These are legitimate concerns, however previous experience and knowledge has shown that the installation of multi-use games area, skate parks & youth shelters does not increase the incidences of Anti-Social Behaviour. For example, recent similar installations at Cherry Hinton Ground and Nuns Way Recreation skate parks have not prompted an increase in Anti-Social behaviour.

3.12.5 Maintenance and policing will be an issue:

The aftercare and repair will be incorporated into existing play area maintenance. It is not anticipated this will increase costs or be burdensome.

3.12.6 Effect on the natural environment/destroy the peace and quiet/noise can disrupt wildlife:

The introduction of a scooter park is unlikely to contribute greatly to increasing any cumulative impact. The scooter park is considered by Officers' to be another play offer and therefore deemed to have minimal additional impact on an area of land with an already established use.

- 3.12.7 This moves the existing problem of skaters to a different area of Accordia, where those residents will suffer:
Officers believe the proposals overcome the concerns raised about somewhere safe to play and the concerns regarding traffic and road safety as many children play in the road riding scooters. The scooter park is considered by Officers to be another play offer and therefore deemed to have minimal additional impact on an area of land with an already established use.
- 3.12.8 Already have adequate play facilities on site for younger users which is not currently maintained or age appropriate:
Agreed, however this does not overcome the concerns raised about somewhere safe to play and the concerns regarding traffic and road safety as many children played in the road riding scooters. Officers' do not agree that it is not maintained.
- 3.12.9 Devalue the surrounding property:
Officers' are not aware of any link that would establish that an additional piece of play equipment installed into an existing play area will devalue a property value.
- 3.12.10 Concrete is not sustainable/carbon footprint lessens the green space:
Concrete is the preferred material to ensure that the project is low maintenance and therefore low cost. Concrete can be coloured. It is agreed there is a loss of open space, however this in an area designated for play.
- 3.12.11 People from outside Accordia drawn in:
Play areas are intended to support communities and extending the use to residents outside the Accordia development is justified on the basis that these are publicly accessible spaces.
- 3.12.12 Concerned at the cost and that it is too expensive;
A request for quotation exercise has been completed and all proposals are within the defined budget.
- 3.12.13 ACRA does not support this;
ACRA collectively, has not expressed a view on this proposal. Individual committee members, however, have.
- 3.12.14 There are already safe paths for scooters; Accordia site does not have enough paths for such a trail:
There are no safe paths for scooters in the Accordia development. The use of a scooter on both the footpath and the

highway is not deemed safe. The provision of a dedicated facility overcomes the use of footpaths.

3.12.15 Need to consider other types of play; Different type of facility needed; Need natural play instead; Appearance is not natural:
The current proposals could be coloured as in the skate park at Jesus Green. There may well be an argument for more natural play but this is outside the scope of this project and it is project is intended to address the needs of scooter users

3.13 Those respondents who supported the junior scooter facility cited the following reasons; Officers' response is in italics directly below

3.13.1 It's a safer place for the children to play than on the streets:
Officers' believe the proposals overcomes the concerns raised about somewhere safe to play and the concerns regarding traffic and road safety as many children played in the road riding scooters. According for ROSPA, scooters should not be used on the road. The rough surface and potholes and kerbs are not safe or the small wheels and can throw users into the ground. This is particularly dangerous in the vicinity of moving vehicles.

3.13.2 Good addition to existing play space:
The scooter park is considered by Officers' to be another play offer and therefore deemed to added play value to an area of land with an already established play use.

3.13.3 Makes it a more exciting/interesting place to play:
The scooter park is considered by Officers' to be another play offer and therefore deemed to added play value to an area of land with an already established play use.

3.13.4 Easier to supervise:
Officers' believe the proposals will allow close supervision and overcomes the concerns raised about somewhere safe to play and the concerns regarding traffic and road safety as many children play in the road riding scooters.

3.13.5 Don't believe that it will attract older children:
There will always be a change in demographics and the addition of a scooter park allows for other young people to be able to access a scooter facility.

- 3.13.6 Children would love it:
The scooter park is considered by Officers to be another play offer and therefore deemed to added play value to an area of land with an already established play use.
- 3.13.7 Can be used in winter:
The construction proposed would allow all year round use.
- 3.13.8 A progressive idea within safe limits:
Agreed, 10,000 scooters per week are sold up to Christmas.
- 3.13.9 Scooting would be less noisy in this area then on the street:
The sounds of children playing on scooters would be maintained in an already designated area of the Accordia development
- 3.13.10 Excellent for younger children:
A scooter track fits into an already established play area expanding the range of choice of pre-teens provision.
- 3.13.11 Looks great/a great idea
Modern play design makes no distinction between different types of fixed structures and placing a concrete track adjacent to metal play equipment follows this design philosophy.

3.14 Officers have read all responses to the consultation and considered the points that arose. Officers' believe all concerns have been addressed in this report.

3.14.1 There is overwhelming practical reason for this project to proceed to a full project appraisal:-

- I. Scooters are very popular and are considered a rite of passage for pre-teens – up to now there has been very little provision for this established trend within the City;
- II. According for Royal Society for the Protection of Accidents (ROSPA), scooter should not be used on the road. A scooter track would provide a safe place to play;
- III. A scooter track would give residents the opportunity to propose a legitimate location to play when scooters should not be used on narrow or crowded pavements to avoid inconveniencing others;
- IV. The practice of placing scooter parks into new developments will increase in frequency and likely to form part of the city play strategy; &

- V. Great lengths have been made to reduce the appeal of the scooter track to older children. As one resident commented: “if we dumb down the design any more we will have a blanket!” Signage will be located to signify the intended age range of the users.

4. Implications

(a) **Financial Implications**

A full project appraisal will be completed which will cover the financial elements of this project. The project appraisal will be considered by Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition Spokes at a later date.

(b) **Staffing Implications**

There is no staff implication associated with this project

(c) **Equality and Poverty Implications**

An equalities impact assessment has not completed at this stage.

(d) **Environmental Implications**

A climate change rating of –L is applied to indicate that the proposal has a low negative impact. The loss of open space and the use of concrete in the build have contributed to this rating.

(e) **Procurement**

A Request for Quotation exercise has been completed and the costs of this project are known. No further procurement is anticipated.

(f) **Consultation and communication**

No further consultation is anticipated. A communication plan will be developed if the project is approved at the Project Appraisal stage.

(g) **Community Safety**

Respondents to the consultation have raised concerns about the increased likelihood of anti-social behaviour associated with the Junior Scooter Park. These are legitimate concerns. Previous experience and knowledge has shown that the installation of multi-use games area, skate parks & youth shelters does not increase the incidences of Anti-Social Behaviour. Recent installations at Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground of a Panna goal and skate park have not prompted an increase in Anti-Social behaviour.

5. Background papers

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- Urban Growth Manager’s report on Devolved Decision-making and Developer Contributions: 2nd Round Priority-Setting

6. Appendices

Appendix A – Location plans identifying the two sites considered

Appendix B – A summary of all responses received

Appendix C – A copy of the consultation.

7. Inspection of papers

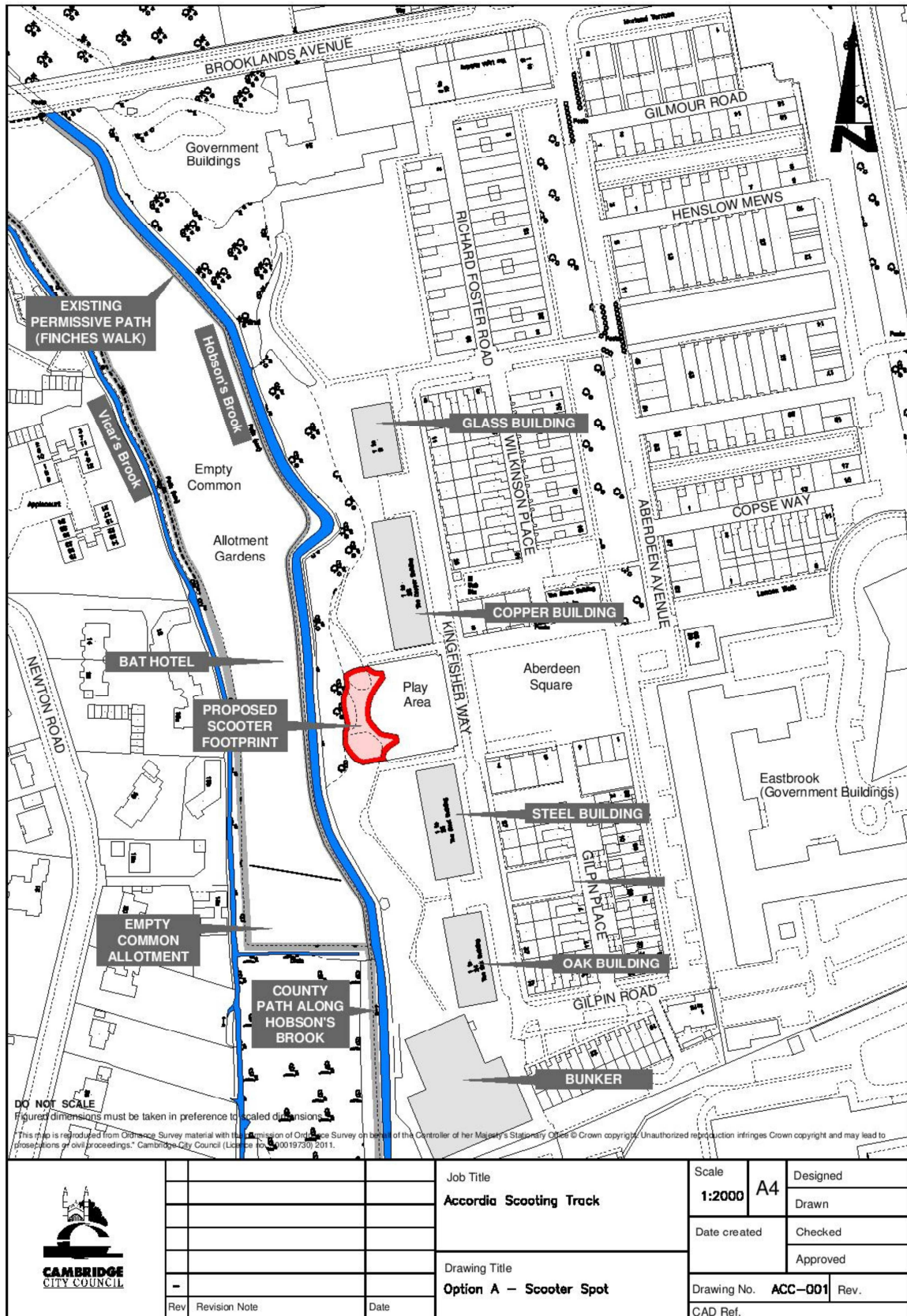
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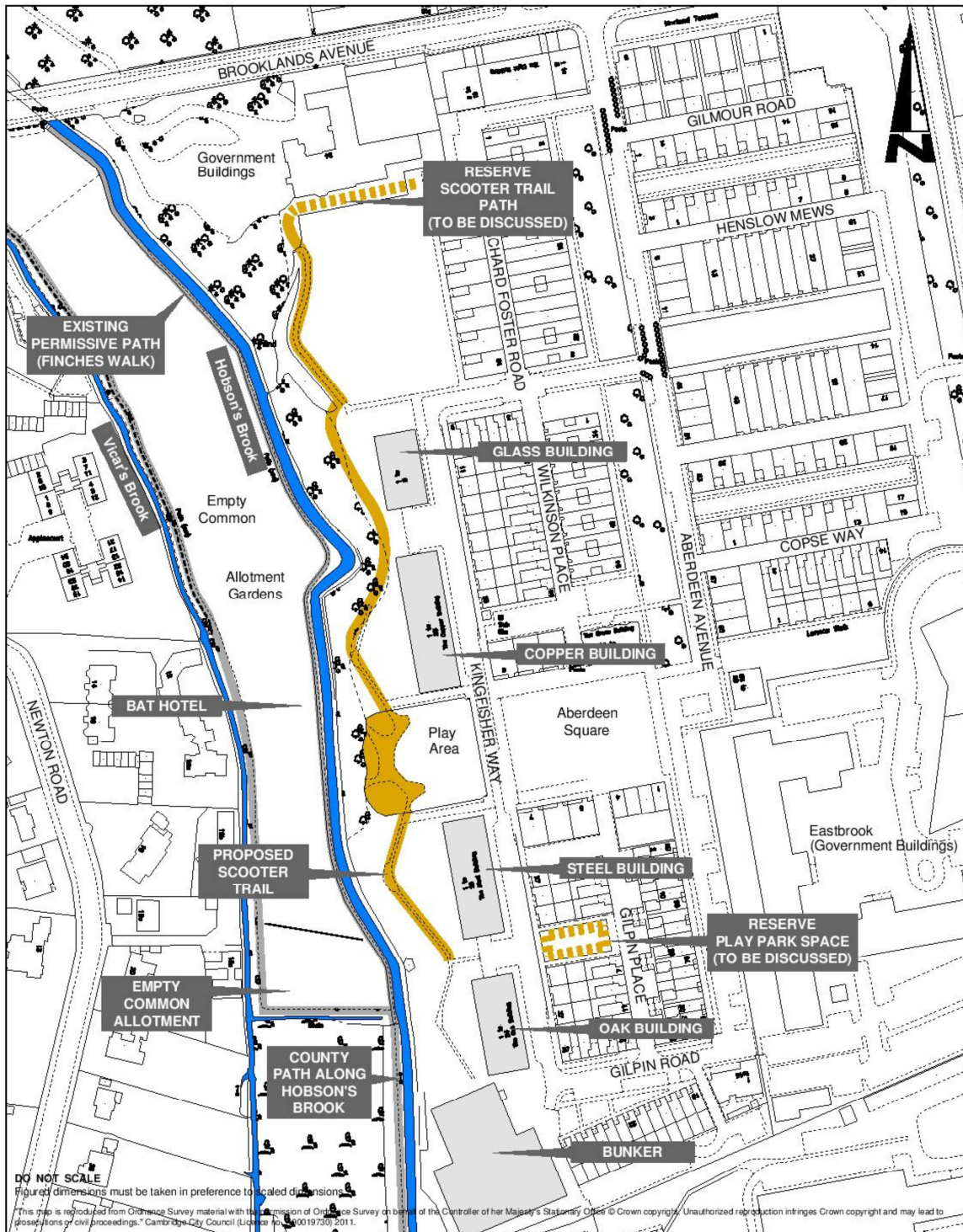
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Appendix A – Location plans identifying the two sites considered Plan 1




Appendix A – Location plans identifying the two sites considered Plan 2



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Appendix B – A summary of all responses received

Comments not supporting the scooter park (these comments have been grouped for the purposes of reply in the main report)

1. Not Needed/ Would be better elsewhere/limited demand once publicity has died down
2. There should be no more building on accordia
3. Add to noise disturbance
4. Attract antisocial behaviour/Graffiti/older children/make existing problem worse
5. Maintenance and policing will be an issue
6. Effect the natural environment/distroy the piece and quiet/noise can disrupt wildlife
7. This moves the existing problem of skaters to a different area of Accordia, where those residents will suffer
8. There is a preservation order on Accordia
9. Already have adequate play facilities on site for younger users which is not currently maintained or age appropriate
10. Accra 'does not' support this
11. Devalue the surrounding property
12. Concrete is not sustainable/carbon footprint lesses the green space.
13. Alterior motive to move skateboarders away from Aberdeen Av -
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14. In 12 months eyesore with graffiti
15. Preservation order on Accordia
16. People from outside Accordia drawn in
17. Concerned at the cost
18. No more building at Accordia with promise of extent of play equipment
19. Add to noise disturbance
20. Limited demand
21. ACRA does not support this
22. Waste of money
23. Too costly
24. Plenty of space elsewhere
25. Using existing paths creates difficulty for elderly
26. Children only use scooters for limited time and most children are now older
27. There are already safe paths for scooters
28. Need to consider other types of play
29. Low traffic flow in the area
30. Concern over maintenance
31. Appearance is not natural
32. Attraction of young adults and vandalism

33. Residential area already suffers noise and ASB
34. Should be notice displayed in the play area re: under 14s
35. Totally opposed - will destroy current peace and quiet
36. It will be noisy
37. Put elsewhere
38. Not needed/ Would be better elsewhere
39. Accordia site does not have enough paths for such a trail
40. Noisy
41. Should be for all ages
42. No longer pre-school children now
43. Facility needs policing
44. Different type of facility needed
45. Need natural play instead
46. Extra noise instead
47. A small number will use it
48. Make it harder for people with disabilities to move about
49. Not a pressing need

Comments supporting the scooter park

1. It's a safer place for the children to play then on the streets
2. Good addition to existing play space
3. Makes it a more exciting/interesting place to play
4. Easier to supervise
5. Don't believe that it will attract older children
6. Children would love it
7. Can be used in winter
8. A progressive idea
9. Scooting would be less noisy in this area then on the street.
10. excellent for younger children
11. Looks great/a great idea

Junior Scooter Facility Questionnaire

This survey is also available online at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/FTX2M2BS

1. Do you support the need for a junior scooter facility in the Kingfisher Way open space?

Yes No Not Sure

2. Please use the space below to explain your answer:

3. If you answered yes to question 1, which one of the design options is your preferred one?

A B C D None

4. What is it about your preferred option that you like?

5. Please use the space below for any other comments or suggestions you have on the proposed facility.

Please return your completed form to us at:

Freeport RTGU-HXRA-REBZ
Asset Management
Cambridge City Council
Mill Road Depot
Mill Road
CB1 2AZ

Or drop it off in the survey response box at the following address:

Accordia Supermarket
65 Aberdeen Ave
Cambridge
CB2 8DL



Kingfisher Way Open Space

Junior Scooter Facility Consultation

We are interested in obtaining your views on plans to develop a junior scooter facility for children on the open space off Kingfisher Way (see location plan opposite). These plans have arisen as a result of residents' concerns over the lack of a safe area for local young children to use their scooters in. Funding for these facilities has come from developer contributions, which we have secured through the major development schemes taking place in the city.

We hope you will use this consultation opportunity to say whether or not you support the plans and to comment on the four design options outlined overleaf. Of the four options, A and C are located within the existing open space play area; and B and D make use of the existing open space wider path network but with additional trail extensions.

To respond to this consultation, please complete and return the questionnaire on the back of the form or online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FTX2M2BS>
.....using the QR code below.

The deadline for returns is **17th November 2014**



You are also invited to attend a **public consultation event on the 1st November at 10am-12am** at the Cambridge and County Bowling Club on Brooklands Avenue, where you will have the opportunity to see the four design options in full and to talk to us in person. Please confirm your attendance with the below contact details.

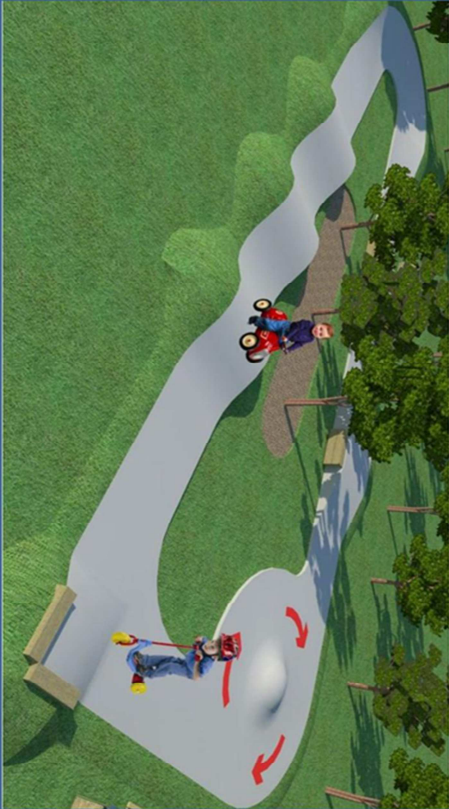
If you have any questions please call Declan on 01223 457000 or email parcs@cambridge.gov.uk



Option A

Small concrete scooter track within the existing play area.

This proposal is based within the existing play area and offers a smooth concrete circuit with low roll over bumps that will be fun for younger children (toddlers to preteens) but defers older users as it will lack challenge. The natural features of the site will be used where possible and excavated material reused to create the mounds.



Option C

Small concrete scooter bowl within the existing play area.

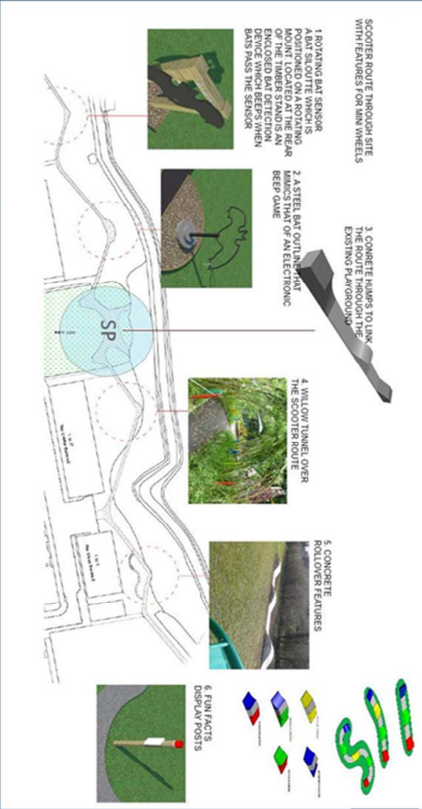
This proposal forms a central feature with a range of transitions and surfaces for the use of scooters. It is specifically designed to suit younger users rather than to attract older children who would seek more challenging spaces.



Option B

Option B. Scooting surface provided along the existing path.

This proposal creates distinct features for scooter use over a longer route. The trail will include a willow tunnel, low roll over bumps and interactive and educational features themed around the bats in the area. The smooth concrete surface will form scooter-friendly sections along the existing path.



Option D

Scooting surface provided along sections which loop off the existing path.

This proposal forms a tarmacadam path linking scooting zones with features that include a sundial and butterfly shaped area all made from a range of materials including reclaimed timber, steel and concrete to compliment those materials already present on the site.



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