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## Cambridge City Council

### EAST AREA COMMITTEE

**To:** Councillors Herbert (Chair), Wright (Vice-Chair), Benstead, Brown, Hart, Marchant-Daisley, Pogonowski, Saunders, Shah, Smart and Walker

County Councillors Bourke, Harrison, Sadiq and Sedgwick-Jell

*Despatched: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2010*

**Date:** Thursday, 14 October 2010

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** Meeting Room - Cherry Trees Day Centre

**Contact:** Toni Birkin

**Direct Dial:** 01223 7086

### AGENDA

**THE COLUMN ON THE RIGHT SHOWS THE PROJECTED  
START TIME OF THE AGENDA ITEM**

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 7.00PM**

**2 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**.

**3 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 18)**

**4 MATTERS & ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**5 OPEN FORUM 7.10**

**6 UPDATE ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS ISSUES IN EAST AREA: QUESTION AND ANSWER WITH RICHARD PRESTON 7.40**

Head of Road Safety and Parking Services, Cambridgeshire County Council

**7 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE GRANTS 8.10**

(Pages 19 - 28)

Marion Branch, Grants Manager, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

- 8      **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME** (Pages 29 - 46)      **8.25**  
Andrew Preston, Environmental Projects Manager
- 9      **IMPROVE YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD** (Pages 47 - 50)      **8.45**  
Justin Marsh, Recreation Officer
- INTERMISSION**      **8.55**
- 10     **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**      **9.10**  
*The applications for planning permission listed below require determination. A report is attached with a plan showing the location of the relevant site. Detailed plans relating to the applications will be displayed at the meeting. The East Area Committee have agreed that Planning Applications will not be considered before 8.30pm.*
- 10a    10/0763/FUL 38 Thorley Road, Cambridge (Pages 51 - 58)

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**EAST AREA COMMITTEE**

19 August 2010

7.00 - 11.10 pm

**Present:** City Councillors Herbert (Chair), Wright (Vice-Chair), Benstead, Brown, Hart, Howell, Marchant-Daisley, Pogonowski, Saunders, Shah, Smart, Bourke, Sadiq and Sedgwick-Jell

**Officers Present:** Peter Carter – Principal Development Control Manager,  
Wendy Lansdown – Neighbourhood Panel Liaison  
Officer, Cambridgeshire County Council  
Ken Hay – Head of Community Development  
Andrew Preston - Environmental Projects Manager  
Alastair Roberts – Safer Communities Manager  
Toni Birkin – Committee Manager

**Also Present:** Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health,  
Councillor Bick

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**

**10/31/EAC Apologies For Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Walker and County Councillor, Cllr Harrison

**10/32/EAC Minutes of the Meeting of the 17th June 2010**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

**10/33/EAC Matters & Actions Arising From The Minutes**

Residents who raised the following issues at the last East Area Committee have received follow up information.

10/25/EAC Budleigh Close Drains

10/25/EAC Digital Switch over

10/25/EAC Cherry Hinton village Centre

10/28 EAC Grant Funding

### 10/34/EAC Declarations Of Interest

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	
Saunders	9	Personal Interest: Member Cambridge, Past, Present and Future
Pogonowski	7	Personal Interest: Lives next door to the Scout hut mentioned in the report
Sadiq	6	Personal Interest: Was the victim of a burglary by a drug user when living in the area

### 10/35/EAC Open Forum

#### **Q. David Ousby Street Lighting and Parking Enforcement**

What is being done about the lack of street lighting or parking enforcement in the Occupation Road area?

Commuter parking on the forecourt or street directly in front of Cambridge Woodworks is making it impossible to trade. Vehicle access is needed in order for the business to be viable.

**A.** Cllr Wright confirmed that development in this area, which on the boundary of the Abbey and Petersfield Wards, has been scrappy and uncoordinated. The area had been the subject of an Environmental Improvement project in the past. However, that was put on hold due to larger development discussions for the Eastern Gate Area. Suggestions for improvements could be fed into the Eastern Gate consultations.

Members suggested raising this at the Area Joint Committee and Cllr Bourke agreed to take this forward.

**Action: County Cllr Bourke**

#### **Q. Catherine Slack Drug related issues in York Street**

This issue will be covered later with the Safer Neighbourhood item.

### 10/36/EAC Safer Neighbourhoods

The Chair thanked Alastair Roberts, who is retiring shortly, for his service over the years. He praised his quiet effectiveness at tackling anti social behaviour issues.

The Safer Communities Manager introduced the item and Mr Fuller and Sgt Kay Stevens outlining the current position across the four wards. Seasonal trends were discussed. The summer months have again lead to an increase in problems parks and open spaces.

### **Tiverton house**

Members discussed the previous priority of "*promotion of community cohesion in Tiverton Way in response to complaints of localised anti-social behaviour, focused around the Forum*". Members felt that many of the issues were unresolved and the problems may be being masked by the summer break. Residents plan to arrange a social event with students to involve them in the local community. A meeting with the Dean of Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) had proved difficult to arrange. However, members were pleased to learn of plans to employ evening staff and to instigate additional tenancy controls.

### **Q. Mr Green**

The problems of Tiverton House could be seen as an indication of problems to come in the CB1 area unless an agreement can be reached with ARU about their responsibility for young people they house in the City.

**A.** The Chair supported this suggestion.

### **Q. Mr Bower**

Can Ward Councillors be invited to any meetings with ARU?

**A.** This was seen as a good suggestion.

Cllr Benstead expressed concern about the removal of Tiverton House as a priority. If it is not identified as a priority when the new and returning students arrive in autumn there will be no resources to deal with any problems that arise. Members suggested that student accommodation across the City could be problematic. Cllr Howell stated that Tiverton House created more issues due to it's inappropriate location in a quiet residential area. Student parking continues to cause problems with ARU reluctant to deal with students who bring cars to the City in contravention of the university rules. The Student union was suggested as a means of engaging the students. Members felt that this priority should be reinstated.

### **Speed Reduction**

Limited action has been taken in relation to the speed reduction priority and this project needs to be re-invigorated. Implementation will be challenging. However, a recent speed survey in Coleridge Road shows a marked improvement on the figure of twelve months ago. Details of the survey are available if members would like to see them.

Cllr Smart asked if the monitoring had identified a real problem that warranted the resources being expended on this issue. Cllr Bourke suggested that quantitative data was needed. Cllr Howell expressed frustration at that a plan had been agreed but not implemented. Enforcement had been promised but not delivered and it was now necessary to refocus and to push ahead with initiatives that would make a difference.

Mr Fuller suggested that clear information was difficult to obtain. For Health and Safety reasons, officers carrying out enforcement work were highly visible which allowed driver to slow down to avoid sanctions. Members agreed that reducing the inner city speed limit to 20 miles per hours would be a good idea.

The impact of national cuts to the Road Safety Budget was discussed. Cllr Sadiq asked if resources had been forthcoming from the County. Cllr Harrison had been taking the lead on this and in her absence no update was available.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour York Street**

A growing number of complaints have been received about anti-social behaviour in the York Street area.

#### **Q. Catherine Slack Concerns over Drug Dealing**

Ms Slack raised residents' concerns about drug taking and drug dealing of class A drugs in the East Area. She explained that she was a member of two neighbourhood watch groups and attended the Petersfield Area Community Trust (PACT) annual meeting where she had heard concerns from local residents about drug dealing. She told the committee that she had witnessed drug deals and drug taking in broad daylight and was aware of other crime associated with the drug use occurring. She said she was aware some action was being taken as a mobile CCTV camera had been installed in one location where dealing had been taking place. She asked if this had relocated the problem to neighboring areas. She suggested that children were finding needles in play areas.

**A.** Sgt Stevens encouraged anyone with information to come forward and report it as this was an identified priority and the resources could be directed to the situation.



PCSOs and Neighbourhood Policing Team Officers were aware of the problem and had been seeking to disrupt activity through both high visibility and plain-clothes patrol, including stop and search of subjects and vehicles. Limited success had been achieved. As Ms Slack stated, many of the problems are thought to be related to a single individual. Outreach teams are seeking to engage drug users and Streetscene have increased litter picks in the area.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour Thorpe Way and Jack Warren Green**

Cllr Hart asked how much information was needed if a crack house was suspected. All concerns of this kind should be reported. Cllr Wright was concerned that any action took a long time and the public perception was that nothing was being done. Sgt Stevens confirmed that all reports are taken seriously and the more information gathered, the easier it is to establish what is happening and to take action.

Joint working with Registered Social Landlords was discussed and agreed to be producing results. The Problem Solving Groups was also suggested as a way forward.

Cllr Pogonowski was concerned that the report was lacking in specific information. Sgt Stevens is happy to give members additional information or to meet with them to discuss concerns.

### **Q. Mr Green Section 30**

The report does not contain an update on Section 30. Why?

**A.** As reported at the last East Area Committee, consultation is on going in licensing issues. There is currently a low level of reporting regarding street drinking related problems.

Mr Fuller agreed to circulate any proposed changes to the Cumulative Impact Zone.

Cllr Pogonowski proposed a minor amendment to the wording of the priority for Thorpe way and Jack Warren Green adding the words in bold and to read as follows:

- Youth related anti-social behaviour, **drug misuse** and criminal damage in the public areas of the Thorpe Way estate and Jack Warren Green.

This was agreed unanimously.

The recommendations for Neighbourhood Priorities were considered.

**RESOLVED** (unanimously)

- Youth related anti-social behaviour, drug misuse and criminal damage in the public areas of the Thorpe Way estate and Jack Warren Green.
- Anti-social behaviour in the York Street playground and adjacent streets linked to drug misuse.
- Promotion of community cohesion in Tiverton Way in response to complaints of localised anti-social behaviour, focused around the Forum

Cllr Wright proposed that the following recommendation be abandoned as it was a poor use of resources:

- Continue with Speed reduction plan.

Cllr Howell requested a named vote on this issue.

Following clarification on eligibility to vote, the following supported abandoning the speeding priority:

Cllrs Wright, Smart, Brown, Saunders, Shah, Hart and County Cllr Sedgewick-Jell.

Those in favour of retaining the speeding priority:

Cllrs Howell, Herbert, Pogonowski, Benstead, Marchant-Daisley and County Cllrs Bourke and Sadiq.

The Chair used his casting vote and the priority was retained.

**RESOLVED** (7 votes to 7 and Chairs casting vote)

- To continue with Speed reduction plan.

**Agreed Priorities:**

- Youth related anti-social behaviour, drug misuse and criminal damage in the public areas of the Thorpe Way estate and Jack Warren Green.
- Anti-social behaviour in the York Street playground and adjacent streets linked to drug misuse.
- Promotion of community cohesion in Tiverton Way in response to complaints of localised anti-social behaviour, focused around the Forum

- Continue with Speed reduction plan.

### **10/37/EAC Community Facilities in the East Area**

Cllr Bick (the Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health) introduced the item. Cllr Bick considered it appropriate that the Area Committee should be consulted and involved in the scrutiny of proposals to invest the available resources as they had a better idea of where the money should be used to create the biggest impact.

The purpose of the report was to enable members of the Area Committee to consider options for funding improvements to community facilities in the east of the city. Also, to recommend to the Executive Councillor a preferred approach to the scrutiny of potential projects and to the allocation of the funds from planning obligations on developers, also known as Section (s)106 contributions.

£800,000 was available for investment in community facilities. This money has come from developers of new housing projects and was required to mitigate the impact of their developments. An initial trawl for suitable community projects in which to invest had identified five potential schemes. Members have also indicated that each ward, all of which have experienced growth, should benefit from investment.

Before answering questions on the report, the Head of Community Development responded to questions submitted by Geri Bird some of which related to the report on community facilities.

#### **Q. Gerrie Bird on behalf of the Cambridge Forum of Disabled People and Friends with Disabilities**

Has the promised review been done?

**A.** The report being considered by the Area Committee represented the launch of the review.

**Q.** Can 106 money be used for improvements to community centres for disabled people?

**A.** A minimum requirement for all schemes would be compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and this is built into the criteria for grant aid. However, applicants are encouraged to go further than compliance and to

seek best practice. In addition all relevant planning applications are considered by a DDA panel.

**Q.** Can we stipulate its no good without the viewing of disabled people – viewing inside of premises under the DDA.

**A.** When designing community facilities the City Council tries whenever possible to have the direct involvement of people with disabilities from the outset and we would encourage other organisations to do the same. If either the Forum or Friends Groups wished further involvement we would be happy to discuss this with them.

**Q.** Has there been a review by Cambridge City Council on the contract of SLM at Cherry Hinton Village Centre?

**A.** The review process for the award of the contract for 2013 has started under the leadership of Debbie Kaye, Head of Arts and Recreation. A meeting to discuss issues with the Village Centre and the Friends Group has been organised for 1<sup>st</sup> September at which there would be an opportunity to ask Debbie for an update.

The Head of Community Development outlined the proposed projects and spending split in the report.

**Q. David Ousby**

Petersfield Area Community Trust had been working with Ken Hay and the Development Trusts Association (DTA) on identifying development opportunities for a community facility for Petersfield but to-date they had not been able to identify a suitable community centre for investment. The report from the DTA would be available in the autumn. Mr Ousby suggested that commuted sums should be rejected in future in favour of on site provision of community facilities.

**A.** The Head of Community Development explained that it was not always possible or desirable to seek the provision of community facilities on small to medium sites as it tended to result in the delivery of facilities with limited scope and space. The general practice was to consider an onsite option for developments of 100 units and above, and to undertake an option appraisal to see if improving existing community facilities would provide a better and more comprehensive solution – essentially treating each development on its merits. Nevertheless, finding land or buildings in which to invest in or near to the city centre was extremely difficult.

Members discussed problems with the spending split. Deprived wards, such as Abbey, could fall further behind while areas such as Petersfield could be generating a lot of funding without reaping the benefits due to a lack of space and projects with investment potential. However, the DTA consultant's report was expected shortly which could highlight opportunities in the Petersfield area. Cllr Pogonowski suggested that neighbouring wards could be considered together to arrive at a better result. The Chair suggested that Petersfield's needs could be addressed with the next phase of spending.

The Head of Community Development explained how the proposals had been arrived at and members agreed the recommendations.

**RESOLVED** (10 votes to 0) to recommend the following to the Executive Councillor

- £400,000, subject to project appraisal, to be made available for:
  - a) Improvements to the Flamsteed Rd Scout Hut.
  - b) Refurbishment of the St Martins Centre, Suez Road.
  - c) Refurbishment of the Stansfield Rd Scout Hut in Abbey.
  - d) Community facilities at the Emmanuel United Reformed Church, Cherry Hinton Rd.
  - e) Community facilities at the refurbished and modernised St Philips Church, Mill Rd
  
- The remaining £400,000 to be allocated as set out in the table below:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Total Accrued Contributions/ £</b>	<b>% Split</b>	<b>Proposed Split after top-slice/ £</b>
Abbey	130,000	16.25%	<b>65,000</b>
Coleridge	230,000	28.75%	<b>115,000</b>
Petersfield	356,000	44.50%	<b>178,000</b>
Romsey	84,000	10.50%	<b>42,000</b>

The Executive Councillor agreed the decision.

**10/38/EAC Environmental Improvement Programme**

The Environment Projects Manager introduced the report and gave an update on current projects as per the report.

The location of the crossing on Perne Road has been changed and is now much closer to the original location. The two bus stops will also be relocated and further consultations will be needed. It is possible that there may be objections and residents may not want a bus stop outside their house. A Road Safety Audit will also be required to be carried out by the County Council.

The officer gave an update on Staffordshire Street and explained the increase in the expected costs.

Members agreed to proceed with these schemes as per the officer's recommendations at an estimated cost of £85,000

### **New Schemes to be Implemented**

The Environment Projects Manager asked for guidance on which projects from Section 5.0 of the report should proceed for implementation subject to positive consultation.

The Chair suggested that the committee should approve all of the smaller projects. This suggestion was rejected.

Cllr Wright was concerned that there was very little on offer for the Abbey Area and suggested investigating alternative sources of funding.

Members discussed the kerbs, verges and corners in the Abbey area which have suffered considerable damage. A recent report had looked into the problems but some of the solutions suggested were undeliverable.

The Environment Projects Manager reminded members that verges are the responsibility of the County Council as the Highway Authority. Timber knee rail fencing had been proposed as a solution, but was rejected, as the County Council would not accept the future maintenance liability. The Environmental Improvement Programme can only cover capital costs and not on-going maintenance costs.

The high cost of minor projects was discussed and Cllr Howell asked for a sample detailed breakdown to be available for the Perne Road project. It was noted that much of the cost of implementing new traffic regulation orders was

due to the legal requirements to advertise planned changes carried out by the County Council. Members agreed to take an active role in promoting schemes.

Members approved consultation on all projects with, Highway Verges (5.1 of the report), being the highest priority. The remaining schemes are all to be seen as a priority. However, 5.6 Ashbury Close and Golding Rd Cycle Route will only be implemented if funding is available following completion of the other projects.

**RESOLVED** (unanimously) to support all projects as below:

**1. Staffordshire Street**

Agreed to implement the improvement scheme at an estimated cost of £85,000 and agree to the County Council developing a residents parking scheme for Staffordshire Street.

**2. Perne Road**

Agreed to carry out public consultation and present the results to the next Area Committee, once a new location is agreed with the promoting Councillor.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** (by 4 votes to 2) to implement the following subject to positive consultation in the following order of priority.

**First Priority (Item 3)**

**3. Highway Verges**

The current estimated costs for implementing these improvements are as follows:

Abbey Ward

Rayson Way - £3,000

Rawlyn Road - £8,500

Galfrid Road - £6,500

£18,000

Romsey Ward

Greville Road - £16,500

Coleridge Ward

Birdwood Rd & Chalmers Rd - £59,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED SCHEME COST - £93,500

**Second Priority (Item 4 to 8 are of equal priority)**

**4. Yellow Lining**



The proposed waiting restrictions for Stone Street and Fairsford Place. The current estimated cost of implementing these waiting restrictions is £3500.

### **5. Rustat Road Footpath**

A design has been developed and discussed with Cycling Officers and the County Council, which is attached in Appendix 5 of this report. The current estimated cost for this scheme is £10,000.

### **6. Mill Road Cemetery**

The current proposed grant is £5000.

### **7. Romsey Planting**

The estimated cost of the repairs to the edging and bollards is £12,000 and the cost of refurbishment of the planting including topsoil improvement, replanting where necessary, mulching and maintenance would be £10,000.

### **8. Burnside Toad Crossings**

The lowering of the kerbs and sloping of the adjacent verge at four points along Burnside is estimated to cost £2500.

### **Third Priority (Item 9)**

### **9. Ashbury Close to Golding Rd Cycle Route**

Implementation of this project will be subject to sufficient funding being available on completion of the above projects.

The estimated costs for each option are as follows:

Option 1 - Cycle Only route through green space - £34,500

Option 2 - Widened 4m segregated route - £47,500

### **10/39/EAC Planning Applications**

The Councillors present for the consideration of planning applications were Cllrs, Benstead, Brown, Hart, Herbert, Saunders, Shah, Smart, Pogonowski and Walker.

These minutes and the appendix should be read in conjunction with the reports on applications to the committee, where the conditions to the approved applications or reasons for refusal are set out in full and with the Amendment



Sheet issued at the meeting. Any amendments to the recommendations are shown.

Full details of the decisions, conditions of permissions and reasons for refusal may be inspected in the Environment and Planning Department, including those that the committee delegated to the Head of Development Control to draw up.

**9a 10/0562/CL2PD 89 Hobart Road**

The committee received an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for a proposed single storey rear extension, rear dormer window and two front rooflights.

**Resolved** (by 8 votes to 0) to accept the officer recommendations and agree the Certificate of lawfulness for the following reasons:

**That a Certificate of Lawfulness is Issued under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) for the erection of a single storey rear extension, an addition to the rear roof slope and the introduction of two rooflights to the front roof slope of 89 Hobart Road, Cambridge.**

Reasons (to be included in Certificate)

It appears to the Local Planning Authority that the proposed single storey rear extension will not cover more than 50% of the curtilage (excluding the ground area of the original dwellinghouse) and will not exceed the limitations regarding size nor conflict with requirements regarding location for the enlargement, improvement or other alteration to a house outside a Conservation Area, set out in the legislation.

It appears to the Local Planning Authority that the proposed addition to the rear roof slope will not extend beyond the plane of the roof slope of a principal elevation or one that fronts a highway, will not exceed 40 cubic metres, will not exceed the height of the existing ridge.

Both additions will be built in materials to match the existing dwellinghouse.

It appears to the Local Planning Authority that the proposed rooflights will not exceed 150mm beyond the plane of the slope of the original roof when measured from the perpendicular with the external surface of the original roof or result in the highest part of the alteration being higher than the highest part

of the original roof.

For these reasons it is considered that the proposed rear extension, the addition to the rear roof slope, and the proposed rooflights all fall within the limitations set under Classes A, B and C of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment)(No 2) (England) Order 2008 and will therefore be lawful for planning purposes.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

The erection of a single storey rear extension, the addition to the rear roof slope and the introduction of two rooflights to the front roof slope.

## SECOND SCHEDULE

89 Hobart Road, Cambridge, as identified outlined in RED on the location plan attached to this Certificate.

### **9b** 10/0396/FUL 17 Norfolk Street

The committee received an application for change of use, conversion and extension of 15-17 Norfolk Street to form 3no residential dwellings with associated parking.

The S106 was completed on 16 August 2010, and therefore the recommendation should now read:

APPROVE, subject to the following conditions

**Resolved** (by 5 votes to 1) a) to reject the officer recommendation to approve the application and (b) to refuse the application both for the following reasons:

The proposed development is unacceptable in that the loss of the retail element from the ground floor of the building would have a detrimental impact on what is a cohesive block where retail frontages are an essential part of the short street frontage between East Road and the entrance to St Matthew's School. The loss from retail use of this important corner unit would erode the local context and what is an essential part of the local historical character. The proposal is therefore contrary to policies 3/4 and 4/11 of the Cambridge Local Plan (2006).

**9c 10/0510/FUL 8 Montreal Road**

The committee received an application for full planning permission. The application sought approval for the erection of chalet bungalow to the rear of 8 Montreal Road and demolition of outbuildings to side of 8 Montreal Road.

The committee received a letter from the applicant.

**Resolved** (5 to 2) to accept the officer recommendation and refuse planning permission for the following reasons:

1. The introduction of the proposed chalet bungalow into this backland site is unacceptable, because instead of proposing a form that will have a positive impact, it introduces an alien built form, entirely out of keeping with the housing to the west in Mill Road and the housing of Montreal Road, which will detract from the prevailing character and appearance of the area. The proposal has not therefore demonstrated that it has responded to its context or drawn upon key characteristics of the surroundings. For these reasons the proposal constitutes poor design in conflict with policies 3/4, 3/7, 3/10 and 3/12 of the Cambridge Local Plan (2006) and advice in Planning Policy Statement 1(2005).
2. The proposal has not demonstrated that it has adopted a comprehensive design approach to achieve good interrelations between buildings, routes and space, but instead prejudices the comprehensive development of the wider area of which the site forms a part. For these reasons the proposal is contrary to policies 3/6, 3/7 and 3/10 of the Cambridge Local Plan (2006).
3. The proposal, because of its height and position, would be overbearing in its relationship with the neighbouring property to the north, causing occupiers to feel unduly dominated and unreasonably enclosed by the new building, with a consequent adverse impact on their amenity, particularly on the gardens, which occupiers should expect to enjoy. For these reasons the proposal is in conflict with policies 3/7, 3/10 and 3/12 of the Cambridge Local Plan (2006) and advice in Planning Policy Statement 1 (2005).

**9d 10/0559/FUL 41 Mill Road**

The committee received an application for full planning permission. The application sought approval to change of use to a Coffee Shop.

The committee received representations in support of the application from Natalie Jarman, the applicants agent.

**Resolved (by 7 votes to 0)** to accept the officer recommendation to approve the applications for the following reasons:

1. This development has been approved, conditionally, because subject to those requirements it is considered to generally conform to the Development Plan, particularly the following policies: Cambridge Local Plan (2006): 3/1, 3/4, 3/11, 3/15, 4/11, 4/13, 6/10 and 8/9.
2. The decision has been made having had regard to all other material planning considerations, none of which was considered to have been of such significance as to justify doing other than grant planning permission.  
These reasons for approval can be a summary of the reasons for grant of planning permission only. For further details on the decision please see the officer report online at [www.cambridge.gov.uk/planningpublicaccess](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/planningpublicaccess) or visit our Customer Service Centre, Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge, CB2 1BY between 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

**9e 10/0520/FUL 20 Seymour Street**

The committee received an application for full planning permission. The application sought approval for subdivision of plot and erection of detached 4 bedroom house (following demolition of existing garage).

The committee received representations from Mr M Daines-Smith.

**Resolved (by 9 votes to 0)** to accept the officer recommendation and approve the application for the following reasons:

1. This development has been approved subject to conditions and following the prior completion of a section 106 planning obligation (/a unilateral undertaking), because subject to those requirements it is considered to generally conform to the Development Plan, particularly the following policies:  
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003: policies P6/1 and P9/8; Cambridge Local Plan (2006): policies 3/1, 3/4, 3/7, 3/10, 3/12, 4/13, 5/1, 8/2, 8/6 and 8/10;
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The meeting ended at 11.10 pm

**CHAIR**

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**Report by:** Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

**To:** Area Committee – East, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010

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

<b>Community Development Grants 2010-11</b>
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## 1. Introduction

This report sets out the process for the allocation of Community Development and Leisure grants by Area Committees, confirms the funds available, seeks approval for applications which have been assessed and lists further applications which are still under review.

The application process has been managed by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF) from April 09. CCF advertise available funds; support potential applicants; assess applications; present applications to an independent grant panel with local knowledge; present recommendations to Area Committees; advise applicants of Area Committee decisions; make grant payments and seek feedback and monitoring from the funded projects.

**2. Recommendations**

To consider the grant applications and agree recommendations detailed below.

<b>Community Development current applications.</b>				<b>Available: £10,465</b>	
<b>CCF ID</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Requested £</b>	<b>Recommended from Area Committee Grants £</b>	<b>Offer from other CCF funds £</b>
WEB13102	Friends of Mill Road Cemetery	a contribution to revenue costs, the purchase of gardening materials (spring bulbs, bird boxes etc) and a shed for storage.	411	411	0
2559	Cherrytrees Over 50s	to pay for a Christmas trip and a show.	900	900	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,311</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Remaining</b>			<b>9,154</b>	<b>9,154</b>	



### 3. Background

The Executive Councillor has approved the following allocation of 10% of the total Community Development grants budget and 5% of the total Leisure grants budget for area committee grants. It has been calculated using population levels and is also weighted to give additional funds to areas of economic disadvantage as defined by the City Council's *Mapping poverty* research report.

2010-11						
Area	Population	Mapping Poverty score	Combined score	Community Development £	Leisure £	Total £
North	29%	40%	36.5%	17,200	4,570	21,770
<b>East</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>32.8%</b>	<b>14,930</b>	<b>3,970</b>	<b>18,900</b>
South	21%	20%	20.4%	9,250	2,460	11,710
West Central	21%	5%	10.3%	4,720	1,250	5,970
<b>Total</b>				<b>46,100</b>	<b>12,250</b>	<b>58,350</b>

### 4. East Area Committee 2010-11 Community Development applications

#### 4.1 Community Development spend to date: £4,465

ID	Group	Project	AC Grant
WEB10768	Barnwell Baptist Church	to go towards the cost of a coach hire for a summer trip to Great Yarmouth	£250
WEB9214	Petersfield Area Community Trust	2 community events, administration costs and volunteer training	£450
WEB11524	Mill Road Winter Fair	publicity, safety measures and platforms/PA systems for entertainment at the fair	£1,250
WEB8889	Christ the Redeemer Church	to provide a week long holiday club in the summer holiday for families, including activities and a day trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park	£895 (Chair's Action)
WEB12488	Christ the Redeemer Church	to allow volunteers to take food hygiene training courses and children's first aid courses for working with children	£1,370 (Chair's Action)

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2532	East Barnwell Friendship Club	to pay for a coach to have a day at the seaside, and also to pay for a meal later in the year.	£250 (Chair's Action)
<b>Total</b>			<b>£4,465</b>
<b>Remaining</b>			<b>£10,465</b>

**4.2 Applications from groups in East area received since 1 April 2010 and considered for alternative CCF managed funds.**

				Sums awarded
WEB9214b	Petersfield Area Community Trust (PACT)	towards running costs, including two community events, administration costs and training	Grassroots Small Grants Cambridgeshire	£450
WEB11524a	Mill Road Winter Fair	to go towards holding the Mill Road Winter Fair, including volunteer costs, operational costs and publicity costs	Grassroots Small Grants Cambridgeshire	£2,500
WEB11107	Encompass Network	towards running the Pink Festival 2011, including costs for power and lighting, toilets and equipment.	Grassroots Small Grants Cambridgeshire	£5,000
WEB5722b	Advocacy Partners Speaking Up	to fund a weekly Drop-In Information Bar for people with learning disabilities in Cambridge.	Microsoft Research Limited Fund	£600
WEB13753	Parent Free Zone (PFZ)	to fund the provision of a healthy meal for approx 20 young people on youth club evenings during the spring and summer term 2011.	High Sheriff's Award Scheme	Under Review
WEB9968	German Saturday School			Rejected
WEB8833	Mill Road Festive Lights			Rejected

## 4.3 Grant application background information

<b>East Area Committee 2010-11 grants</b>	<b>CCF ref 2559</b>
<b>Date received by CCF: 23/07/2010</b>	
<b>Applicant:</b> Cherrytrees Over 50's	<b>Ward(s) :</b> Petersfield
<b>Purpose of group:</b> Social activities for members (aged 63 - 95) and outings at Christmas and summer, (shopping, seaside, garden centres etc) to keep members active - to keep in touch when ill. Entertainment and a speaker once a month.	
<b>Project:</b> to pay for a christmas trip and show	
<b>Breakdown of costs:</b>	
Volunteer costs: admin expenses and bookings: £40, requested £30	
Operational/activity costs: outings-tickets, transport, food: £920, requested £865	
Office, overhead, premise costs: telephone and postage: £40, requested £5	
<b>Total cost: £1,000</b>	<b>Requested: £900.00</b>
<b>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant:</b> New experiences and enjoyment, leading to further discussions.	
<b>Number of beneficiaries: 25</b>	
<b>Background information:</b> This is a self-help club, run by older people for older people, many of whom are socially isolated. Most members live alone and many have physical disabilities, including wheelchair users. It was agreed that the group wanted to take this trip at an executive meeting on the 16th July 2010.	
<b>CCF Comments:</b> The group received £500 from an alternative CCF managed fund in 2009 to cover the costs of a coach with disabled access to take 35 members on a summer trip. CCF have been unable to contact the applicant to discuss the application and therefore have no further comments to add.	
<b>Previous funding from this Area Committee:</b> none	
<b>CCF recommendation:</b> Award £900	

<b>East Area Committee 2010-11 grants</b>	<b>CCF ref WEB13102</b>
<b>Date received by CCF: 16/07/2010</b>	
<b>Applicant:</b> Friends of Mill Road Cemetery	<b>Ward(s) :</b> Petersfield / Romsey
<p><b>Purpose of group:</b> Friends of Mill Road Cemetery is a volunteer group dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of a major historic and environmental resource. The Friends host a number of events in and about the Cemetery throughout the year. Every April the Friends organise a Cemetery Spring Clean Day and each Summer a Cemetery Open Day which includes a variety of events for all ages. In the Autumn, the Friends host an illustrated talk about an aspect of the Cemetery, ranging from the importance of cemeteries in English heritage to the history of the former chapel or the botany of the graveyard and the meadow-area. The Friends are affiliated with the National Federation of Cemetery Friends.</p>	
<p><b>Project:</b> to contribute to revenue costs, to contribute to the purchase of gardening materials (e.g. spring bulbs, tools, an events table / awning, bird boxes) and to contribute to the purchase of a shed to provide secure storage.</p>	
<p><b>Breakdown of costs:</b>  Operational / activity costs – Insurance £225.00, subs to National Federation of Cemeteries £20.00, subs to Cambridge Past, Present and Future £35.00, subs to Cambridgeshire Gardens Trust £25.00, subs to Antiquarian Society £15.00, subs to Cambs Family History £12.00, subs to Family History CD £24.00, AGM Room Hire £85.00, AGM Printing and publicity £170.00 = £611.00 <b>Requested £137.00</b>  Purchase of materials – Bulbs for Spring events £40.00, plug plants for meadow and shrubs £100.00, tools for clear ups £70.00, events display table and awning £200.00, storage shed £200.00, bird boxes £40.00 = £650.00 <b>Requested £137.00</b>  Publicity costs – postage and Stationery £50.00, printing additional to AGM £300.00, design work to reflect website, £200.00, events related extra costs £100.00 = £650.00 <b>Requested £137.00</b></p>	
<b>Total cost: £1,911</b>	<b>Requested: £411.00</b>
<p><b>Expected benefits or outcomes as a result of funding as described by the applicant:</b> We are seeking to increase the number of members of the organisation. This will provide a larger base for both raising money and volunteers towards the upkeep of the cemetery. We are also seeking to increase active community use of the cemetery which in turn will enhance the safety and enjoyment of the public.  <b>Number of beneficiaries: 3,000</b></p>	

**Background information:** The Petersfield Area has the smallest amount of public open space per head of the population of any city ward. The cemetery is a valued resource and evidence of this is seen by the large number of people who use the area for both walking and quiet contemplation. Our AGM and other public events we organise are extremely well attended indicating a considerable interest from the local community.

**CCF Comments:** The Friends of Mill Road Cemetery committee focuses largely on obtaining new members (they hope to have 200 by 2012), raising the profile of the Cemetery in the community and liaising with local government and dealing with the day-to-day maintenance of the space. The group has two main sub-committees – one for Wildlife and one for History – and hosts some events including History Walks and school projects. By maintaining strong links with other heritage groups the group feels it is best able to answer inquiries about the history of the cemetery and is also able to keep in touch with the cemetery's context. Membership to these groups is not essential, but links are beneficial for the group.

The previous committee did a lot of fundraising but hardly spent any money, so the group has high reserves (around £2,000). These will be spent in 2011 on improving the cemetery.

The committee and Wildlife sub-committee are also planning to create a meadow space in the cemetery, and they are requesting funding to contribute to the necessary items to create this. The meadow space will encourage different species of insects, mammals, flora and fauna to flourish.

**Previous funding from this Area Committee:** £200 in 04/05 for insurance; £754 in 05/06 for activities and repairs; £186 in 05/06 for insurance; £281 in 97/08 for insurance and leaflets; £1,191 in 07/08 for insurance and restoration.

**CCF recommendation:** Award £411

## 5. East Area Committee 2010-11 Leisure applications

### 5.1 Leisure 2010-11 spend to date: £0

If the above recommendations are agreed, the following budget will be available for later applications

<b>2009-10</b>	<b>Budget £</b>	<b>Allocated £</b>	<b>Remaining £</b>
Community Development	14,930	5,776	9,154
Leisure	3,970	0	3,970
Total	18,900	5,776	13,124

**BACKGROUND PAPERS** and research used in the preparation of this report:

Grant applications.

Telephone interview.

To inspect these documents contact Marion Branch on 01223 410535 or

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**Appendix 1**  
**Area Committee grant conditions**

Community development grants enable projects which provide services or activities to benefit people living in one of the four areas of Cambridge City. Priority will be given to projects that are aimed at those people whose opportunities are restricted by disability, low income or discrimination.

1. Funds may also be used to meet any needs specific to its area as determined by the area committee.
2. Each area committee may decide to reserve part of its budget for one or more of these purposes. Grants may be awarded for capital or revenue expenditure.
3. Applications will be invited from:
  - constituted voluntary and not-for-profit organisations.
  - groupings of local residents able to meet basic accountability requirements.
  - partnerships of constituted group(s) and local residents.

Statutory agencies (such as Parish Councils and Schools) and commercial ventures are not eligible to apply.

4. There is no upper limit on application or grant award levels.
5. Members will generally be asked to consider and decide on applications twice a year.
6. Grants may be made between meetings if the applicants can demonstrate that they are unable to wait for the next scheduled grants meeting. CCF will consult with the Chair and, where relevant, ward members. The full committee will be notified at the next appropriate meeting.
7. Grants will not generally be made retrospectively.
8. Grants will be publicised, administered and monitored by CCF.

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<b>Report by:</b>	Head of Streets and Open Spaces	
<b>To:</b>	East Area Committee	14 October 2010
<b>Wards:</b>	Abbey, Coleridge, Petersfield, Romsey	

**Environmental Improvement Programme**

- 1. DECISION TO BE MADE: -**
- **Perne Road Pedestrian Crossing.**  
*Decision: To decide whether to approve the scheme for implementation at an estimated cost of £65,000.*
  - **Romsey Planting**  
*Decision: To approve the scheme for implementation at an estimated cost of £22,000.*
  - **Cherry Hinton Road Shop Forecourts**  
*Decision: To approve implementation with no further consultation at an estimated cost of £70,000.*
  - **Rayson Way, Fairsford Place & Stone Street**  
*Decision: To abandon the introduction of no waiting restrictions on Fairsford Place, Stone Street and Rayson Way based on the responses to the public consultation.*

2. BUDGET (See over)



### **3.0 APPROVED SCHEMES : PROGRESS**

**3.1 Riverside Cycle Conflict Reduction and Environmental Improvement Scheme**  
This scheme will commence its construction phase on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January with an estimated duration of approximately 16 weeks. Local notifications of this start date will be carried out during December.

### **3.2 Highway Verges**

Consultations are currently under way or planned to take place shortly. Further officer led consultation for the Greville Road scheme is not proposed due to the high level of support received by the Promoting Councillor. All proposed Traffic Regulation Orders will be required to follow the statutory process on completion of the informal consultation currently being carried out by officers. This is carried out by the County Council as the Highway Authority and any objections received presented to the Area Joint Committee for approval to make the order. Early indications on the Whitehill Estate consultation are that the proposed waiting restriction for Rayson Way is not supported. Officers will liaise with the Promoting Councillor, Chair and Spokes to review the outcome of consultations in order to determine whether the proposals are developed further or referred back to the Area Committee.

### **3.3 Staffordshire Street**

The proposal to replace the existing trees in order to construct this scheme is currently following the tree protocol process. Objections have been received and officers are currently liaising with objectors. If these objections cannot be overcome, formal representation will be made to Planning Committee in November, which will then make a recommendation to the Executive Councillor for Housing to make the final decision.

## 4.0 EXISTING SCHEMES THAT REQUIRE DECISIONS

### 4.1 Perne Road Pedestrian Crossing

This scheme proposes to create a signalised pedestrian crossing of Perne Road to the north of its junction with Birdwood Road and Radegund Road.

Public consultation has now been carried out on this scheme. Over 1000 leaflets were distributed to the local area, with 16 responses received, of which 7 were objections. A petition supporting a new crossing with over 100 signatures has also been received by Ward Councillors separately.

As this scheme is within the highway, approval is required from the Area Joint Committee (AJC). This Committee only meet quarterly; as such a report has already been prepared for the forthcoming AJC meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010. This report can be found in Appendix A and provides the background, proposals and response to the objections received.

**Recommendation:** *That Committee approve the scheme for implementation [subject to AJC approval] at an estimated cost of £65,000.*

**Decision:** *To approve the scheme for implementation at an estimated cost of £65,000.*

### 4.2 Romsey Planting

This scheme proposes to provide improvements to the planting, edging and bollards within the existing planting areas in the north Romsey area.

The estimated cost of the repairs to the edging and bollards is £12,000 and the cost of refurbishment of the planting including topsoil improvement, replanting where necessary, mulching and maintenance would be £10,000.

It is not proposed to carry out public consultation on this scheme as the work proposed is maintenance of existing areas. The work is planned to be incorporated within the Streetscene programme for planting between October and December this year.

**Recommendation:** *That Committee authorise the implementation of the scheme at an estimated cost of £22,000.*

**Decision:** *To approve the scheme for implementation at an estimated cost of £22,000.*

### 4.3 Cherry Hinton Road Shop Forecourts

A significant amount of officer time has been spent agreeing the details of this scheme, including the complex legal agreement required with each individual forecourt owner. Minor amendments to the location of street furniture have also been made following issues raised by various land owners and/or lease holders. The fine detail of the legal agreement has also been finalised with landowners following protracted discussion and some minor amendments with legal services. The original approval for this scheme suggested that further wider consultation should now be carried out prior to implementation. Officers suggest that this is not required based on the private ownership of the forecourt. Any amendments that result from the consultation would require further agreement and discussion with landowners, delaying yet further the implementation of this scheme.

**Recommendation:** *That Committee authorise the implementation of the scheme with no further consultation at an estimated cost of £70,000.*

**Decision:** *To approve the scheme for implementation with no further consultation at an estimated cost of £70,000*

### 4.4 Rayson Way, Fairsford Place & Stone Street

The proposed introduction of 'no waiting' restrictions for Fairsford Place, Stone Street and Rayson Way are currently being consulted upon. The consultation period is yet to complete, but it is clear from the responses that there is a clear majority of residents against the proposals.

**Recommendation:** *That Committee agree to abandon the proposal to introduce 'no waiting' restrictions on Fairsford Place, Stone Street and Rayson Way based on the responses to the public consultation.*

**Decision:** *To abandon the introduction of no waiting restrictions on Fairsford Place, Stone Street and Rayson Way based on the responses to the public consultation.*

## 5.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

**APPENDIX A :** Perne Road Pedestrian Crossing Area Joint Committee Report.

**APPENDIX B :** EIP Eligibility Criteria

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Equal Opportunities Implications:** These are taken into account on individual schemes.
- b) **Environmental Implications:** All of the projects seek to bring about an improvement in the local environment.
- c) **Community Safety:** This has been included as one of the assessment criteria agreed by Committee and is considered on each project.

## 7.0 INSPECTION OF PAPERS

To inspect or query the background paperwork or report, please contact,

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## APPENDIX A - AREA JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Agenda Item No: ?

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME: PERNE ROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

*To:* Cambridge Environment and Traffic Management Area Joint Committee

*Date:* 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010

*Purpose:* To consider objections received to a proposed pedestrian crossing in Perne Road.

*Recommendation:* The Area Joint Committee (AJC) is recommended to:

- i) approve the implementation of the scheme as shown in **Plan 3**; and
- ii) inform those making representations accordingly.

<b>Officer contact:</b>	
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## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Ward Councillors received a petition signed by numerous residents requesting an additional signalled pedestrian crossing on Perne Road, north of its junction with Radegund Road and Birdwood Road. **Plan 1** shows the location of the petition signatories. The City Council's East Area Committee has subsequently included a scheme to provide a pedestrian crossing at this location, as part of its Environmental Improvement Capital Programme for 2010/11.
- 1.2 The pedestrian route from Tiverton Way / Birdwood Road to Radegund Road is particularly well used by schoolchildren and their parents on the way to the schools on Radegund Road. The desire line for this route crosses Perne Road north of the roundabout, where there are currently no pedestrian crossing facilities.
- 1.3 Public notices informing of the intention to install a pedestrian crossing have been displayed and over 1000 leaflets have been distributed throughout the area; (see **Appendix A** and **Plan 2**). 16 responses have been received, of which 7 object to the proposed scheme. A summary of the responses received can be found in **Appendix B**.

## 2. THE PROPOSALS

- 2.1 The scheme provides a signal controlled pedestrian crossing on Perne Road to the north of the Radegund Road / Birdwood roundabout. This location is conveniently sited on the desire line adjacent to the path linking Perne Road with Tiverton Way which is particularly well used by parents with school children and by elderly residents.
- 2.2 The proposed crossing location cannot be moved either towards or away from the roundabout, due to highway design requirements, the presence of private vehicular accesses and the need to relocate existing bus stops as near as possible to the roundabout. Traffic and pedestrian counts have been undertaken that indicated that the proposed crossing site meets the County Council's policy criteria.
- 2.3 The County Council's Traffic Signals Team has designed the crossing layout and its Safety Audit and Public Transport teams have been consulted as part of the design process.
- 2.4 Taking all design requirements into account, the layout shown in **Plan 1** meets the objectives of the scheme whilst also satisfying highway design requirements.
- 2.5 The layout shown in **Plan 1** necessitates the relocation of two well used bus stops within the immediate area and the Public Transport Team considers the new locations to be convenient for public transport users. The existing bus shelter at the northbound stop cannot be relocated to the new bus stop location because of visibility requirements for private vehicular accesses. This shelter will be relocated elsewhere in the City where there is existing need for a shelter that can also accommodate advertising.



- 2.6 Hard standings will be provided for both bus stops to allow bus users to wait away from private property. The new bus stops will be monitored for any antisocial behaviour and the City Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team will be involved, as required.
- 2.5 The proposed crossing layout will also require the relocation of a single immature tree outside No. 140 Perne Road in compliance with the City Council's Tree Protocol.

### 3. REPRESENTATIONS

- 3.1 The comments received in response to the public notice are summarised in **Appendix B**.

### 4. COMMENTS

- 4.1 The crossing and bus stop layout shown in **Plan 1** meets the requirements of the residents and stakeholders and complies with highway design regulations. It is not anticipated that an additional crossing will significantly add to traffic congestion.
- 4.2 The relocation of the bus stops is essential in order to install a crossing at a location where it will provide a suitable facility. The loss of a bus shelter at the northbound bus stop is unavoidable, given the new stop location.
- 4.3 Removal of the tree from outside No. 140 Perne Road is essential to provide adequate visibility of and for the crossing signals. However, it is proposed to replant it in the immediate vicinity, possibly within the forecourt of No. 139, subject to the consent of the owner.
- 4.4 The petition and positive consultation responses indicate very strong local support for the provision of this new crossing facility.

### 5. SCHEME EFFECTS

#### Estimated costs

- 5.1 The cost of the scheme will be funded from the City Council's Environmental Improvement Programme. The scheme is expected to cost £65,000 to implement.

#### Signs and environmental impact

- 5.2 Additional signals, signage and associated road markings will be required but these will be kept to the minimum necessary to comply with legislation.

Disruption from construction / implementation

- 5.3 Some level of delay is inevitable but this will be minimised by avoiding work in the peak hours. Short-term off-peak use of temporary traffic signals is likely to be required.

Estimated timescales

- 5.4 Work on site is anticipated early in 2011, taking around 4 weeks to complete.

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Source Documents

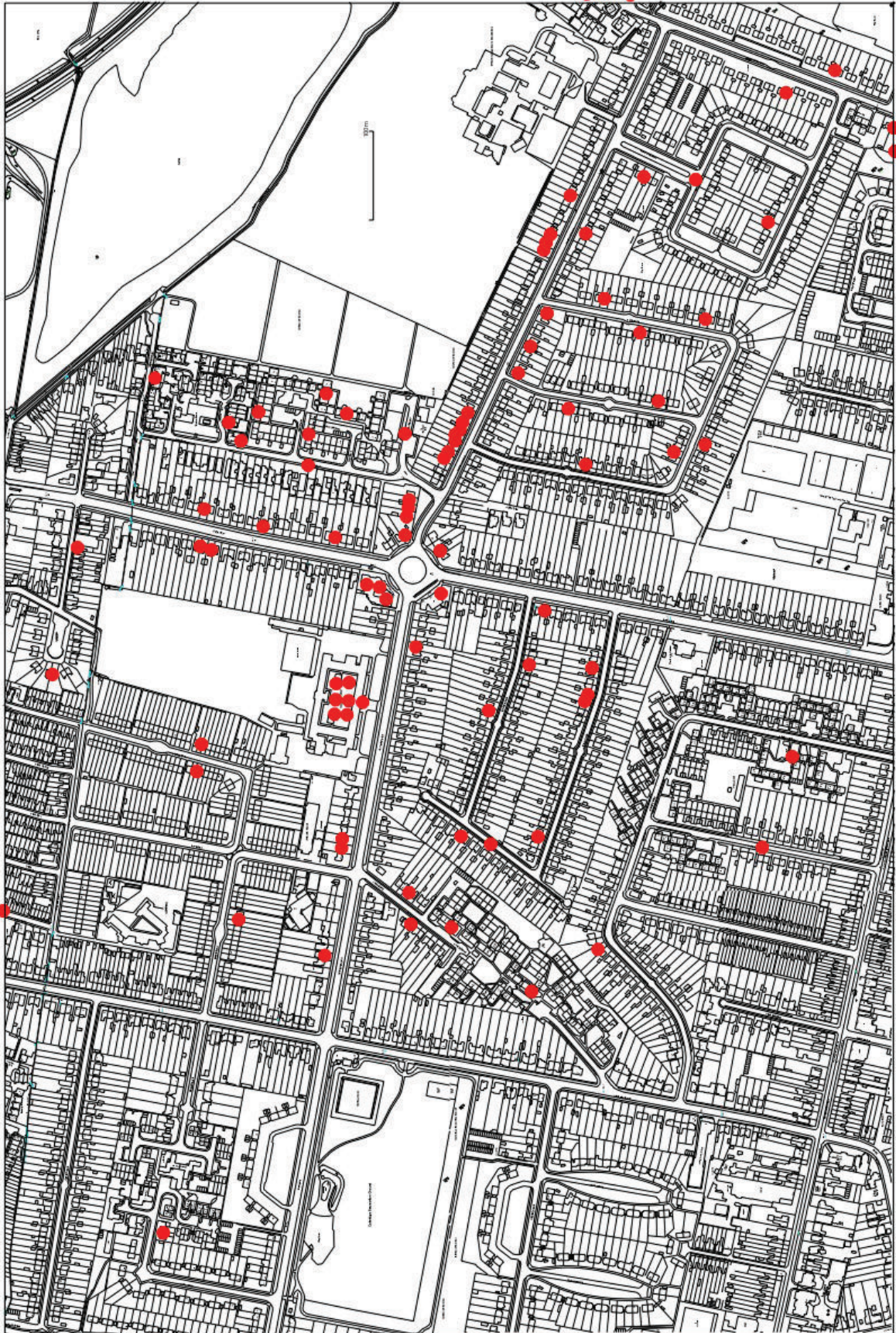
Location

Representations

EIP  
Guildhall  
Cambridge



PETITION SIGNATURE ADDRESSES





CONSULTATION AREA



PROPOSED CROSSING LOCATION



<p>PERNE ROAD PRELIMINARY DESIGN</p>					Date	Ref.	Revisions	<p>Cambridgeshire County Council</p>
<p>Scale: Drawn: Checked: Site: Drawing Number:</p> <p>RP                      23/6/10                      PRELIMINARY</p>					PERNE			



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**WHAT IS PROPOSED AND WHY?**

Many residents and businesses in the area around the junction of Perne Road with Radekund Road and Birdwood Road have requested a signalled pedestrian crossing to the north of the roundabout. There is an existing crossing south of the junction.

Plans have been drawn up; (see overleaf); for a signalled crossing, close to the passageway through to Tiverton Way. The new facility would provide a safe way of crossing Perne Road, especially for schoolchildren and people with limited mobility.

**It would be necessary to remove a small tree, though it should be possible to plant a replacement in the immediate vicinity.**

**It would also be necessary to relocate both of the bus stops and the bus shelter; the proposed new positions are shown on the plan. Moving the bus stops away from the roundabout should also improve road safety.**

We would like to know your views; if you wish to comment please contact us not later than **24/09/10**.

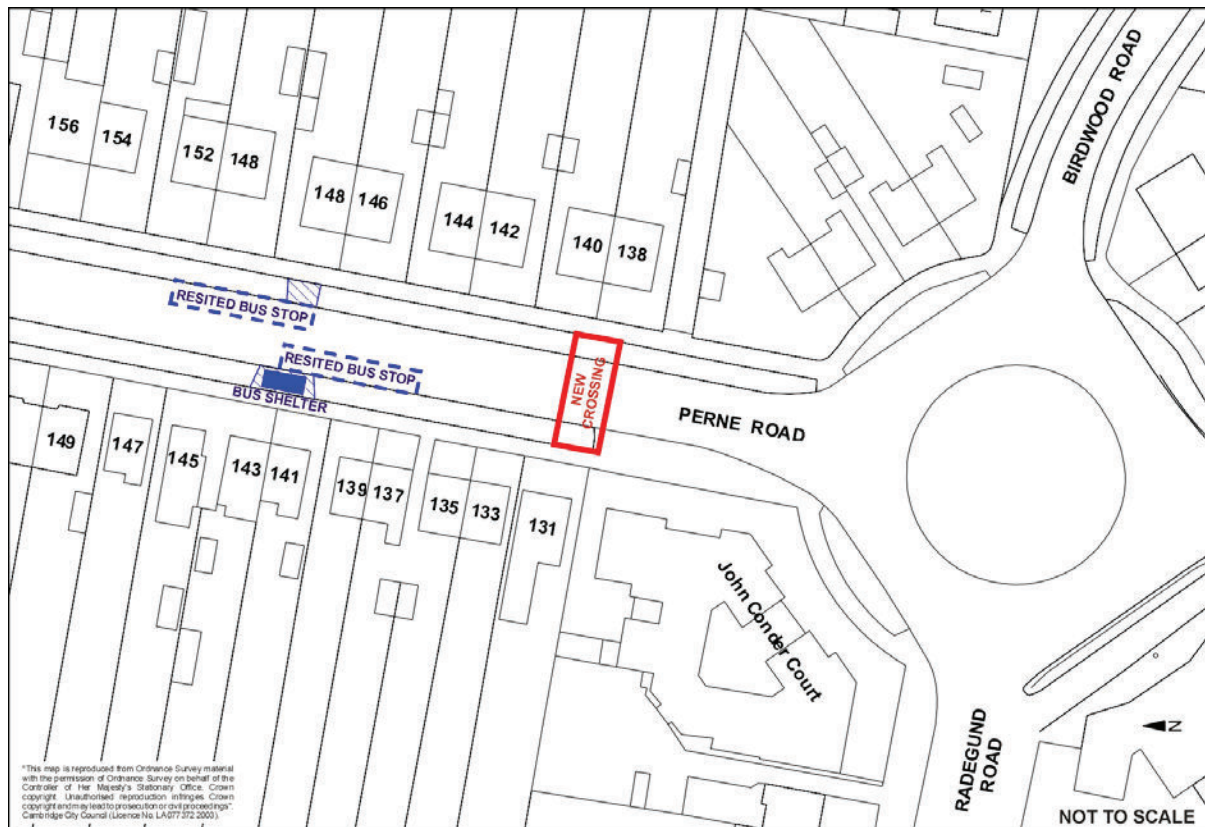
You can telephone **Aaron Hall** on **01223-457322**, e-mail him at **Aaron.Hall@cambridge.gov.uk**, or write to him at **Cambridge City Council, PO Box 700, Cambridge, CB1 0JH**.



**PERNE ROAD /  
RADEKUND ROAD /  
BIRDWOOD ROAD**

**PROPOSED  
SIGNALLED  
CROSSING**

**Residents' &  
Stakeholders'  
Consultation**



SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS

ADDRESS	COMMENT	RESPONSE
Perne Road	The removal of the tree will adversely affect the correspondent's property.	Removal of the tree is essential in order to make the traffic signals visible. It will be relocated in the immediate vicinity.
Perne Road	Business will suffer due to the crossing. Crossing is located too close to the roundabout. Respondent's Property will be devalued. Bus shelter will attract ASB and litter outside property. Second time that a tree has been removed from outside property.	The siting of the crossing and the relocation of the bus stops are dictated by the requirements to have these facilities as near as possible to the roundabout, and in order to comply with design regulations.
Gisbourne Road	The crossing should be located where it is proposed to relocate the bus stops.	It is not anticipated that an additional crossing will significantly increase congestion or danger.
Perne Road Page 43	The re-siting of the bus stops and the bus shelter will adversely affect the correspondent's property and prevent verge parking. The crossing should be located where it is proposed to relocate the bus stops.	
Perne Avenue	The crossing should be located where it is proposed to relocate the bus stops. The tree should be left in place or relocated. The relocated bus stops will be too far away for the correspondent (who is disabled) to access. An additional crossing will make congestion worse and be dangerous. Pedestrians should use the existing crossing south of the roundabout.	

ADDRESS	COMMENT	RESPONSE
Perne Road	<p>There is a need for a crossing mid-way between Radegund Road and Mill Road.</p> <p>The re-siting of the bus stops and shelter will adversely affect adjacent properties, make congestion worse, and prevent verge parking.</p>	
Birdwood Road	<p>Pedestrians should use the existing crossing south of the roundabout.</p> <p>If the proposed crossing is installed then the existing crossing should be removed.</p> <p>The crossing should be directly opposite the Tiverton Way path.</p>	<p>Removal of the tree is essential in order to make the traffic signals visible. It will be relocated in the immediate vicinity.</p> <p>The siting of the crossing and the relocation of the bus stops are dictated by the requirements to have these facilities as near as possible to the roundabout, and in order to comply with design regulations.</p>
Radegund Road	<p>The tree should be re-located in the immediate vicinity.</p>	<p>The existing crossing is not on the desire line of many pedestrians.</p>
Palmer's Road 9044	<p>The scheme should include full cycle facilities at the junction.</p>	<p>The signalled crossing has been designed to be compatible with any future redesign of the junction to incorporate cycle facilities.</p>
Radegund Road	<p>Signalled pedestrian crossings should have much longer pedestrian phases compared to the vehicle phases.</p>	<p>The signal phasing would be designed in accordance with national standards.</p>
Ancaster Way	<p>The proposed crossing would be most beneficial for all who live on the north side of Birdwood Road.</p> <p>Moving the bus stops will decrease the danger from vehicles going onto and coming off the roundabout.</p>	<p>The proposed crossing is designed to meet the needs pedestrians, many of whom are residents of the Tiverton Way / Birdwood Road area and who take their children to and from school on foot.</p>
John Conder Court	<p>The proposal is an excellent idea.</p>	
Not given		
Not given		
Not given		



<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>	<b>RESPONSE</b>
Ancaster Way	<p>The proposed crossing would be most beneficial for all who live on the north side of Birdwood Road.</p> <p>Moving the bus stops will decrease the danger from vehicles going onto and coming off the roundabout.</p>	

## APPENDIX B

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - as agreed by Executive Councillor (Environment) on 18 March 2003 with amendments agreed 22 March 2005

The essential criteria for consideration of funding of Environmental Improvement works are:

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

Desirable criteria – potential schemes should be able to demonstrate some level of:

- Active involvement of local people.
- Benefit for a large number of people.
- 'Partnership' funding.
- Potential for inclusion of employment training opportunities.
- Ease and simplicity of implementation.
- Potential for meeting key policy objectives (e.g. improving community safety or contributing to equal opportunities).

Categories of scheme ineligible for funding:

- Where a readily available alternative source of funding is available.
- Revenue projects.
- Schemes that have already received Council funding (unless it can be clearly demonstrated that this would not be 'top up' funding).
- Works that the City or County Council are under an immediate obligation to carry out (e.g. repair of dangerous footways)
- Play areas (as there are other more appropriate sources of funding including S106 monies)

The following categories of work were agreed as being eligible for funding by the Area Committees:

- Works in areas of predominately council owned housing
- Works to construct lay-bys where a comprehensive scheme can be carried out which not only relieves parking problems but achieves environmental improvements.

## EAST AREA Recommendations for New S106 Funded Projects

### 1.0 Background

The 'Improve your Neighbourhood' scheme was developed by Arts & Recreation as a process that gives members of the public an opportunity to suggest ideas for improving their existing recreation and open space facilities, or to suggest ideas for new facilities.

Project ideas are developed using S106 planning obligation funds and information on how the IYN process works is available through the City Council website - <http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/improveyourneighbourhood>

All ideas submitted are subject to a scoring process by representatives from six council sections. They must meet a minimum 30% of the required criterion in order to be recommended for potential development.

If an idea meets this standard then they are recommended as viable projects through Area Committees. Member supported ideas are added to a S106 project list and presented to scrutiny committee for potential adoption and further development.

### 2.0 Project Recommendations

Ward Councilors are asked to approve recommendations for new projects in their Area & Citywide.

#### **EAST Area Project Recommendations.**

1	New equipment for play area - River Lane.
2	Playground improvements - Abbey pool playground. Needs more modern equipment and improved condition to encourage more use and better treatment of the playground and will thus be safer to use.

#### **CITYWIDE Project Recommendations.**

1	Joint facility upgrade Kelsey Kerridge & Parkside Pools - Conversion of part of top floor (unused open air area) of existing multistorey car park to provide additional changing room facilities at Kelsey Kerridge and multi use "Dry Land" training facility for Cambridge Dive Development Centre for use by dive squads and also for wider community for trampolining, gymnastic conditioning, general exercise use.
2	Sand beach volleyball court - in a public park.
3	Installation of Parkour outdoor sites - In response to Police reported incidences of youth jumping and climbing over properties in the City and the general lack of targeted over 16 youth provision. The sites would allow a 'safe' place to practice free running. Sites can be supervised or free-to-access depending upon design requirements and there would be a code of practice and qualification structure introduced for any formal provision.
4	Tree planting scheme - Jesus Green and Midsummer Common.
5	Cambridge climbing centre.

**EAST AREA & CITYWIDE Project ideas not recommended for s106 funding**

1	Covering for skate parks/ tennis courts/ football pitches - to provide covered play area for children in bad weather
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## **Additional information on: Recommendations for New S106 Projects.**

### **Background to 'Improve Your Neighbourhood'.**

IYN was a scheme developed in 2007 by the then Active Communities section. It is a scheme that gives members of the public an opportunity to submit their ideas for new recreation and open space projects in their ward area.

Funding for projects comes from s106 planning obligation monies gathered by the City Council. There are three fund categories - Children & Teenagers, Informal Open Spaces & Formal Open Spaces. There are limitations to what is an eligible s106 scheme and careful advice is taken in respect to all ideas submitted.

### **How do I submit an idea?**

The scheme is open to anyone who has an idea for a recreation or open spaces related project. You can either contact Arts & Recreation at Hobson House directly, or apply via the IYN dedicated web page within the City Council website.

Ideas can be submitted at any time of the year and are assessed every September by a working group made up of representatives from six council sections, with each section scoring ideas against their council objectives.

The website is- <http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/improveyourneighbourhood>.

### **The Scoring Process**

1. All submitted ideas are assessed against our strategies and objectives.
2. Representatives from six city council sections assess ideas against five of their relevant section objectives.
3. A one point score is awarded for every objective that could potentially be met if the idea were to be developed.
4. The assessors are - Green Spaces /Recreation Services / Sports Development Service/ Landscape Architects / Safer Communities / Children & Young People Participation Service.
5. Collated scores form the basis for recommendations made to each relevant area committee.
6. Member's approval is sought for ideas that fit with our strategies and objectives and that score above a 30% threshold.

### **Support in Principle at Area Committee**

Ideas scoring 30% or above are deemed potentially viable and recommended to members at area committee for potential development. This stage is pre-public consultation so only a short brief on each of the ideas is available.

Although this can sometimes mean that some suggestions need discussion, it does ensure that no pre-judgement has been made on our part as to the ideas scope and potential, the emphasis for this being on the community involvement to develop the idea at the latter consultation stage.

## Scrutiny & Community Consultation

All approved ideas are subject to scrutiny and If adopted, would then be subject to consultation with all relevant stakeholders.

## IYN Funding

Projects are funded by s106 monies, which are gathered by the City Council under planning obligations. The city council's planning obligation and policy team provide Active Communities with advice and direction on what is eligible for funding. There are limitations to what is an eligible s106 scheme and careful advice is taken in respect to all ideas submitted.

## Use of S106 informal open space monies on natural green space

The application of S106 monies for informal open space on natural greenspaces is dependent on the precise scope of works in the project. It is considered that repairs and renewals, would not be legitimate, but creation of new features such as wildlife habitat could be, provided that these features are within areas to which the public has access.

## Council Sections Scoring Criteria

Recreation Services	Green Team	Sports Development	CHYPPS	Safer Communities	Landscape Architects
Enhance Allotment Provision	Accessible	Increased Sports Participation	Increased children and young people's usage	Impact on Community Safety	Improves appearance of street or area
Sustainability	Attractive	Usage Patterns	Increased children and young people's satisfaction	Alignment with the Safer Neighbourhoods and Local Neighbourhood Agenda	Visually benefits the public realm of the city
Reduction of Carbon Footprint	Biodiversity	Childhood Obesity	Inclusion / equalities access	Reduction in Anti-Social behaviour	Publicly visible and accessible
Opportunities for Play	Community	Open Space for Health Problems	Play value - children and young people's view	Increase in the range of diversionary activities	Has local people involvement
Increased Access	Usage	Inclusive Fitness	Social value - a young people's view	Impact on Community Cohesion	Benefit for a large number of people

<b>Application Number</b>	10/0763/FUL	<b>Agenda Item</b>	
<b>Date Received</b>	30th July 2010	<b>Officer</b>	Mr Marcus Shingler
<b>Target Date</b>	24th September 2010		
<b>Ward</b>	Abbey		
<b>Site</b>	38 Thorley Road Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB5 8NF		
<b>Proposal</b>	Single storey rear extension.		
<b>Applicant</b>	Mr & Mrs R.P. Hardingham 38 Thorley Road Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB5 8NF		

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### **1.0 SITE DESCRIPTION/AREA CONTEXT**

- 1.1 38 Thorley Road is a two-storey semi-detached dwelling on the southern side of the road. It has a front and rear garden. The area is predominantly residential in character containing a mixture of terraced and semi-detached two-storey properties. The dwelling is finished in red brickwork under a tiled roof. At the time of the officer site visit it was noted that some limited construction work had already been undertaken at the site, although such work had ceased.
- 1.2 The site is not within a conservation area or the Controlled Parking Zone.

### **2.0 THE PROPOSAL**

- 2.1 The application seeks planning permission for the erection of a single storey rear extension to the existing dwelling. The proposed extension will measure 6.5m deep by 3.8m wide and with a hipped and pitched roof of maximum height 3.7m.

2.2 The application is reported to Committee for determination at the request of Councillor Hart. A copy of the request is attached to this report.

### 3.0 SITE HISTORY

Reference	Description	Outcome
10/0493/FUL	Single storey rear extension	W/D

### 4.0 PUBLICITY

4.1 Advertisement:	No
Adjoining Owners:	Yes
Site Notice Displayed:	No

### 5.0 POLICY

#### 5.1 Central Government Advice

Planning Policy Statement 1: Delivering Sustainable Development (2005)  
Planning Policy Guidance 13: Transport (2001)  
Circular 11/95 – The Use of Conditions in Planning Permissions

#### 5.2 Cambridge Local Plan 2006

3/4 Responding to context  
3/14 Extending buildings

#### 5.3 Supplementary Planning Documents

Cambridge City Council (May 2007) – Sustainable Design and Construction:

#### 5.4 Material Considerations

**City Wide Guidance**

5.5 None relevant.



## **6.0 CONSULTATIONS**

### **Cambridgeshire County Council (Engineering)**

6.1 No objections.

## **7.0 REPRESENTATIONS**

7.1 An objection has been received from the neighbouring occupiers at 36 Thorley Road, who are concerned that the depth and height of the extension will lead to a loss of light to their property and prevent light from getting to their existing hedge. Concerns are also expressed regarding the potential impact on privacy from the proposed velux roof light.

The above responses are a summary of the comments that have been received. Full details of the consultation and representation responses can be inspected on the application file.

## **8.0 ASSESSMENT**

8.1 From the consultation responses and representations received and from my inspection of the site and the surroundings, I consider that the main issues are:

1. Context of site, design and external spaces
2. Residential amenity

### **Context of site, design and external spaces**

8.2 The proposed extension will be sited to the rear of the existing property and will not be visible in the street scene on Thorley Road or elsewhere. There will be no impact therefore upon the general character and appearance of the locality. Although the extension extends to a depth of 6.5m from the rear of the main house, it is single storey only and of a satisfactory design, incorporating a hipped and pitched roof over. Subject to the use of appropriate matching materials, I consider it will integrate well with the existing property as a harmonious addition to it. I consider the proposal to be compliant generally with policies 3/4 and 3/14 of the Cambridge Local Plan (2006) as far as its general design and its visual relationship with the existing property is concerned.

## **Residential Amenity**

- 8.3 I consider that the issue of greater concern, in this instance, is the potential impact on neighbouring amenity. The proposed extension will be set well away from the common boundary with the unattached neighbouring dwelling to the east at 40 Thorley Road and I consider that there will be no significant impact on light, outlook or privacy to this dwelling.
- 8.4 However the extension will be close (500mm) to the common boundary with the attached neighbouring dwelling at 36 Thorley Road. I consider that given the depth (6.5m deep) and height (3.7m high) of the extension and the fact that the extension will sit to the east of No. 36, it would be unduly harmful to this property by way of loss of light and loss of outlook to the dwelling and its rear garden. In my view, it would also give rise to the creation of an undue sense of enclosure, to the detriment of residential amenity and thus be in conflict with policies 3/4 and 3/14 of the Cambridge Local Plan 2006. Whilst no other neighbouring properties are adversely affected by the development, for these reasons the proposals are, in my opinion, unacceptable.
- 8.5 In my opinion the proposal fails to adequately respect the residential amenity of the neighbouring property at 36 Thorley Road and the constraints of the site and would therefore be in conflict with Cambridge Local Plan (2006) policies 3/4 and 3/14.

## **9.0 CONCLUSION**

- 9.1 The proposals are considered to be unacceptable, for the reasons stated above, and refusal is thus recommended.

## **10.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. REFUSE** for the following reason:-

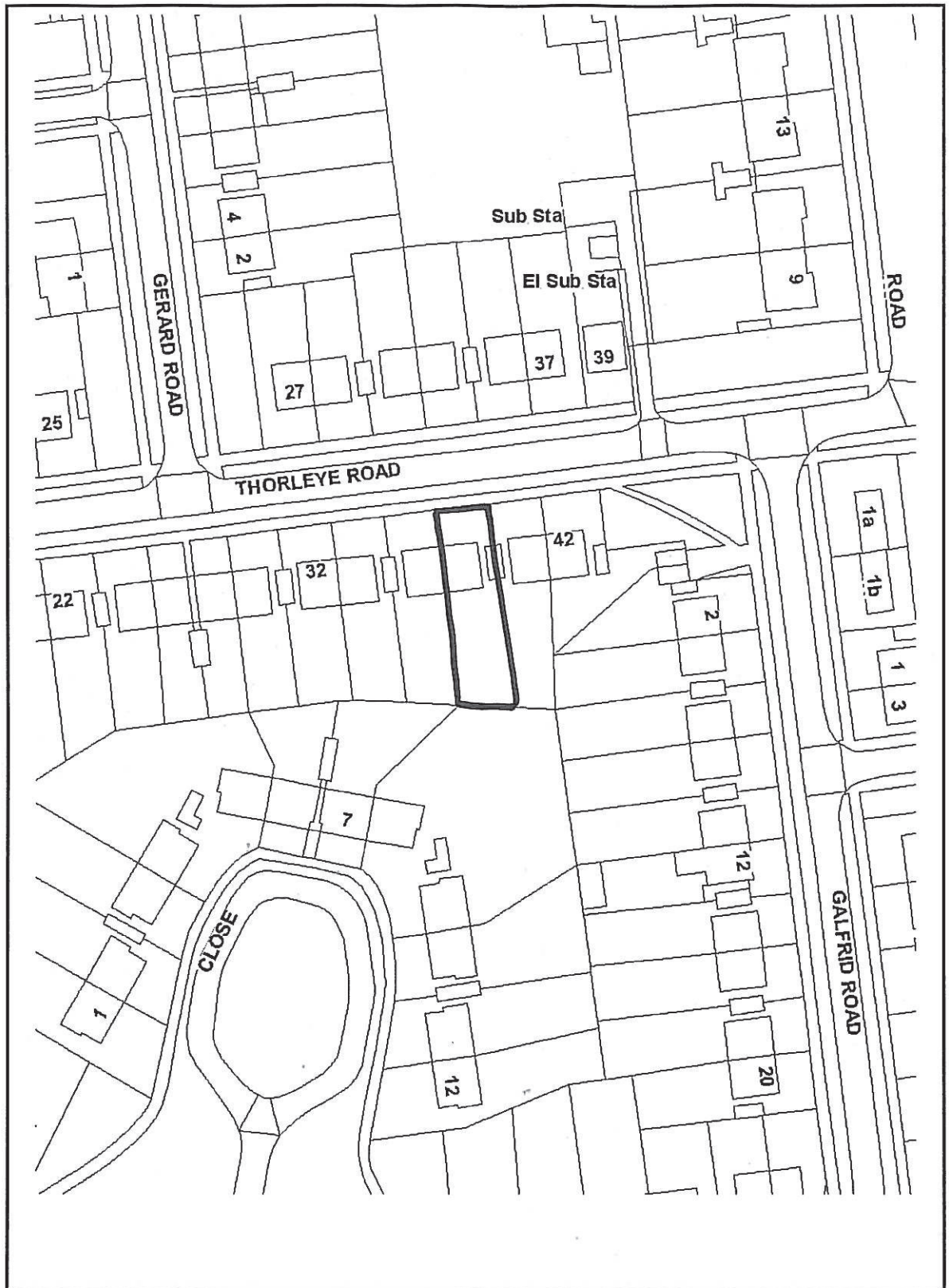
1. The proposed extension would, by reason of its scale, bulk, height, depth and location east of and close to the common boundary with the attached neighbouring property at 36 Thorleye Road, give rise to a loss of light and outlook to this property and its rear garden. It would also have an overpowering impact, leading to the creation of an undue sense of enclosure to the detriment of the level of amenity that occupiers of that dwelling would expect to enjoy. The development is therefore contrary to policy 3/14 of the Cambridge Local Plan 2006. For these reasons the proposals also fail to respond to their context or to relate satisfactorily to their surroundings and are thus also contrary to policy 3/4 of the Cambridge Local Plan 2006 and to advice provided by PPS1 Delivering Sustainable Development.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

Under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972, the following are “background papers” for each report on a planning application:

1. The planning application and plans;
2. Any explanatory or accompanying letter or document from the applicant;
3. Comments of Council departments on the application;
4. Comments or representations by third parties on the application as referred to in the report plus any additional comments received before the meeting at which the application is considered; unless (in each case) the document discloses “exempt or confidential information”
5. Any Structure Plan, Local Plan or Council Policy Document referred to in individual reports.

These papers may be inspected by contacting John Summers (Ext.7103) in the Planning Department.



**10/0763/FUL**  
**38 Thorley Road Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB5 8NF**



Subject: 10/0493/FUL - 38 Thorley Road  
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From: **Caroline Hart** <Caroline.Hart@cambridge.gov.uk>

Date: 22 July 2010 13:08

To: mshingler(

Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Shingler

I have been contacted by [REDACTED] 38 Thorley Road, Cambridge. They have asked me to request that their planning application for a rear extension is decided by the East Area Committee. I have looked at the plans on line, visited the site and checked the Cambridge Local Plan. I would like the application to be decided at the East Area Committee for the following local plan reasons:

#### 3/14 Extending Buildings

The extension of existing buildings will be permitted if they:

- a - reflect or successfully contrast with its form, use of materials and architectural detailing;
- b - do not unreasonably overlook, overshadow or visually dominate neighbouring properties;
- c - retain sufficient amenity space, bin storage, vehicular access and car and cycle parking; and
- d - do not adversely affect listed buildings or their settings, the character or appearance of conservation areas, gardens of local interest, trees or important wildlife features.

3.41 The extension of buildings helps to make the most efficient use of land, can extend the life of buildings and often provides the only way that needed accommodation can be provided. It is a form of sustainable development. However, such extensions can have a negative impact upon amenity unless they are carefully designed. Supplementary Planning Guidance gives guidance on design, how an extension can be made subsidiary to the main building, how a successful relationship with neighbouring properties can be achieved and gives pointers on how the design can ensure adequate light levels into rooms and surrounding spaces.

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Please could you confirm that this application can be decided at East Area Committee, the next East Area is scheduled for the 19th August.

Kind regards

Caroline Hart  
Councillor - Abbey Ward

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