



## EAST AREA COMMITTEE



### AGENDA

**To: City Councillors:** Blencowe (Chair), Owers, Baigent, Benstead, Hart, Herbert, Johnson, Roberts, Robertson, Sinnott, C. Smart and Smith (Vice-Chair)

**County Councillors:** Kavanagh, Moghadas, Walsh and Whitehead

*Dispatched: Wednesday, 20 January 2016*

**Date:** Thursday, 28 January 2016

**Time:** 7.00 pm

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

**Contact:** Sarah Steed

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#### 1 Apologies For Absence

#### 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**.

#### Minutes And Matters Arising

#### 3 Minutes *(Pages 5 - 18)*

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2015.

#### 4 Matters & Actions Arising From The Minutes *(Pages 19 - 20)*

Reference will be made to the Committee Action Sheet available under the 'Matters & Actions Arising From The Minutes' section of the previous

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## **Open Forum: Turn Up And Have Your Say About Non-Agenda Items**

### **5 Open Forum**

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## **Items For Decision**

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**8 Mill Road Depot Planning and Development Brief**  
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# Meeting Information

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**EAST AREA COMMITTEE**

29 October 2015

7.00 - 10.50 pm

**Present**

**Area Committee Members:** Councillors Blencowe (Chair), Baigent, Benstead, Hart, Herbert, Roberts, Robertson, Sinnott, C. Smart, Smith, Kavanagh, Moghadas and Walsh

**Area Committee Members:** County Councillors Kavanagh, Moghadas, Walsh

**Officers:**

Operations Manager – Community Engagement and Enforcement: Wendy Young

Senior Engineer: John Richards

Safer Communities Section Manager: Lynda Kilkelly

Strategic Projects Manager (Assets and Commissioning) Cambridgeshire County Council: Alan Hitch

Team Leader Cycling Projects Cambridgeshire County Council: Mike Davies

Urban Design and Conservation Manager: Glen Richardson

Urban Growth Project Manager: Tim Wetherfield

Development Manager (Streets and Open Spaces): Alistair Wilson

Committee Manager: Sarah Steed

**Others in Attendance:**

Police and Crime Commissioner, Sir Graham Bright

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL****15/28/EAC Apologies For Absence**

Apologies were received from City Councillors Owers and Johnson and County Councillor Whitehead.

Apologies for lateness were received from City Councillor Herbert

**15/29/EAC Declarations Of Interest**

Name	Item	Interest
Councillor C Smart	15/35/EAC	Close to Cllr Pippas who is a member of

		congregation of application for Church on Chesterton Road
Councillor Smith	15/40/EAC	Member of Cambridge Cycling Campaign
Councillor Baigent	15/40/EAC	Member of Cambridge Cycling Campaign
	15/37/EAC	Lives opposite the exit of the Ridgeons Cromwell Road site.
County Councillor Kavangh	15/40/EAC	Member of Cambridge Cycling Campaign
Councillor Benstead	15/32/EAC	Work in construction

### **15/30/EAC Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2015 were approved as a correct record.

### **15/31/EAC Matters & Actions Arising From The Minutes**

The Chair confirmed that the actions arising out of the East Area Committee meeting on the 2 July 2015 had been completed for those members that were present at the meeting.

### **15/32/EAC Open Forum**

- 1. Margaret Cranmer asked whether heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) could be banned from Tenison Road and also asked in relation to taxis and air pollution whether scientific data for Tenison Road could be made publicly available.**

**ACTION: Councillor Walsh to raise issue of traffic calming measures including banning HGV vehicles from Tenison Road.**

**ACTION: Councillor Roberts to arrange for Officers to call Ms Cranmer to discuss scientific readings for Tenison Road.**

Councillor Benstead confirmed that he had attended a meeting with the taxi trade and the issue of air pollution had been discussed. The trade were looking at electric taxis and had looked to see where they could plug in to re-charge their vehicle. A further issue that had to be considered was that new taxi vehicles had to be wheelchair accessible and there were not many electric wheelchair accessible vehicles that were available.

**2. Mr Grout requested that there were no more sky scrapers in Cambridge and asked that buildings were limited to 7 storeys in height.**

Councillor Benstead commented that Cambridge was a developing City and it would stagnate if it did not grow, Cambridge therefore needed to be open minded about development and consider building upwards rather than outwards for development.

Councillor Blencowe referred Mr Grout to the City Council's Cambridge Skyline Guidance, which provided guidance for the development of tall buildings.

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

### **15/33/EAC Environmental Data Reports - EAC**

The Committee received a report from the Operations Manager – Community Engagement and Enforcement.

The report outlined an overview of City Council Refuse and Environment and Streets and Open Spaces service activity relating to the geographical area served by the East Area Committee. The report identified the reactive and proactive service actions undertaken in the previous quarter, including the requested priority targets, and reported back on the recommended issues and associated actions. It also included key officer contacts for the reporting of waste and refuse and public realm issues.

The following were suggestions for Members on what action could be considered for priority within the East Area for the quarter of October to December 2015. Additions were shown underlined.

Continuing priorities:

- i. Enforcement patrols to tackle fly tipping at Ekin Road, Riverside and St Matthews Estate
- ii. Early morning, daytime and weekend patrols for dog fouling at the following locations:
  - Romsey Recreation Ground
  - Petersfield Recreation Ground
  - Cannon Green
  - St Thomas's Square and Road
  - Ravensworth Garden play areas
  - Coldhams Common
  - Thorpe Way play area
- iii. Enforcement patrols to deal with the litter issues at Cambridge Leisure Park at Clifton Road including liaison and educational visits with nearby schools and colleges.
- iv. Enforcement work to tackle bins on streets in the Romsey and Petersfield areas.

New suggested priorities:

- v. Park deep cleanse to include removal of graffiti, flyposting, litter, dog fouling, vegetation cut back and sweeping at Jack Warren Green play area, Great Eastern play area, Shenstone House play area and Ravensworth Garden play area

The Committee discussed the following issues:

- i. Litter bins had been requested in Wycliffe and Brook Road.
- ii. Confirmed that the priorities were in addition to the services usually undertaken by the Council.
- iii. Thanked Officers for the work undertaken at the Abbey Road and Elizabeth Way roundabouts.
- iv. Dog bins had been requested in Romsey ward and questioned why these could not be provided.
- v. Questioned the frequency that weeds were cleared.
- vi. Raised the issue of fly tipping in main walkways in Petersfield.

In response to Members' questions the Operations Manager – Community Engagement and Enforcement said the following:

- i. An amount of work had been undertaken at the Elizabeth Way roundabout through the Community Pay Back Team and the City Council would be undertaking further work in the upcoming months.
- ii. Some of the locations proposed for dog bins in Romsey were not feasible locations.



- iii. The frequency that weeding was undertaken would be passed to the relevant Operations Manager to respond to members.

**ACTION: Operations Manager to email frequency that weeding is undertaken to Members.**

Following discussion, Members resolved (nem con) to approve the continuing and new suggested priorities for action as amended above.

### **15/34/EAC EAC Local Highways Improvement Programme 2016-17**

The Committee received a report from the Senior Engineer regarding minor / local highways improvement programme 2016-17. The report required the Committee to consider the bids and determine a priority list for up to 8 projects to be further considered by the Cambridge Joint Area Committee and its nominated assessment panel.

The Committee discussed the following issues:

- i. As a starting point 5 schemes did not appear to be eligible these being 4, 8, 9, 10 and 11.
- ii. Requested an explanation from the Officer as to why schemes were not eligible.
- iii. Questioned where the decision had been taken so that only 8 schemes could be put forward by each Area Committee for consideration by the County Council.

In response to Members' questions the Senior Engineer answered:

- i. It was the County Council's policy for residential parking schemes that the residents themselves would need to meet the full costs of the project as the residents were the main direct beneficiaries. The County Council were currently reviewing their parking management policy and it was anticipated that this would be completed in late 2016.
- ii. The decision to allow only 8 applications was a political decision that Officers lead on. Decisions would be made by the Highway and Community Committee and the Cambridge Joint Area Committee.

Following discussion, Members resolved (nem con) to recommend Local Highway Improvement Schemes 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 to the Cambridge Joint Area Committee and its nominated assessment panel for adoption.

## 15/35/EAC S106 Priority-Setting: East Area Project Proposals

The Committee received a report from the Urban Growth Project Manager regarding S106 priority-setting and devolved decision-making.

He clarified two issues. The first was that a word had been missed from paragraph 4.4b in the officer's report, which should read as follows: (missing word, underlined below).

b. the Area Committee is invited to prioritise which of the three other proposals (for formalising the BMX track on Coldham's Common and / or improving the play areas at Ditton Fields or Dudley Road) to prioritise, using the appropriate devolved s106 contribution types.

The second was that an alternative approach had been suggested since the publication of the report. Rather than prioritising improvements at Ditton Fields OR Dudley Road play area (because there was less than £50,000 s106 play area funding available for Abbey Ward), the area committee was given the option of carrying out improvements to BOTH Ditton Fields and Dudley Road play areas, but at lower levels than those suggested in the report. This might allow Ditton Fields play area to receive about £18,000 play area funding for play equipment for small children plus around £7000 of informal open space contributions for landscaping improvements. This would then allow Dudley Road play area to receive around £30,000 of play area funding with around £10,000 of informal open space funding for landscaping.

Members of the public made the following statements in support of the Dudley Road and the Ditton Fields s106 funding applications.

1. Mr Smallwood spoke in favour of the Dudley Road s106 funding application and he stated that he would support both Dudley Road and Ditton Fields getting better facilities. Several items of equipment had been removed from the play area and the wood bark needed to be replaced. There were a lot of weeds which had grown in the play area; it was not a nice play area for children under 5 to play in.
2. Ms Cox (supported by a number of local children and another local resident) spoke in favour of the Ditton Fields play area s106 funding application. There was support for both Ditton Fields and Dudley Road play areas sharing the funding available. Ditton Fields did not have much play equipment for small children, who needed their own space away from ball games played by older children. There was a sense of

community at Ditton Fields. Ms Cox was happy to share ideas to get children interested and involved in the design of the park so that they would want to look after it and use it in the future.

The Committee discussed the following issues:

- i. Asked the Officer whether there would be sufficient s106 funding so that good facilities at both Dudley Road and Ditton Fields play areas could be provided.

This was confirmed by the Development Manager (Streets & Open Spaces). The Urban Growth Project Manager also pointed out that if further devolved play area and informal open space contributions were received in Abbey ward prior to project implementation, these could be added to the budgets for the play area improvement projects.

**Resolved** (unanimously):

- i. Noted that (a) Petersfield Area Community Trust was not in a position to take up the offer of a £48,600 grant to convert Sturton Street Chapel and Hall into a community centre and that (b) the allocation was cancelled and released back into the devolved s106 community facilities fund for other local community facility projects in East Area.
- ii. Contributed £25,000 of devolved s106 community facilities funds to a grant to refurbish the Memorial Hall and Church Hall on Cherry Hinton Road, subject to a project appraisal and community use agreement.
- iii. Agreed, subject to project appraisal and community use agreement to use funds from appropriate devolved s106 contributions from East Area to:
  - Formalise the BMX track on Coldham's Common (around £85,000)
  - Improve Ditton Fields play area (at least £25,000)
  - Improve Dudley Road play area (at least £40,000).

### **15/36/EAC Appointment to Outside Body**

**Resolved** that Councillor Hart be the representative on the Cambridge Airport Consultative Committee for the ensuing year.

### **15/37/EAC Ridgeon's Cromwell Road Draft Planning and Development Brief SPD**

The Committee received a report from the Urban Design and Conservation Manager regarding the Ridgeon's Cromwell Road Draft Planning and

Development Brief Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The guide had been produced to help guide the redevelopment of the site for housing.

The Committee discussed the following issues:

- i. Expressed concern at the impact of 245 homes on education and health provision. A review had been undertaken by the County Council on education provision in 2010 which stated that there was sufficient provision however in Romsey ward though there was an issue with early year's provision.
- ii. Questioned why a public drop-in session had not been undertaken near to Romsey ward.
- iii. The Chisholm Trail skirted the bottom of the development and questioned why cycle provision was limited.
- iv. Questioned whether the cycle path could follow the railway line.

In response to Members' questions the Urban Design and Conservation Manager answered:

- i. Early year's provision and community space provision could be secured through the outline planning application.
- ii. Confirmed that a public drop-in session on the proposed development could be held.
- iii. There were no dedicated cycle routes through the development but this could be considered with the County Council.
- iv. Confirmed that as the development was already close to the railway line there may not be sufficient room for a cycle path at this position.

**Resolved** (unanimously):

- i. To note and receive the report for information.

### **15/38/EAC Oral Report from Rebecca Avery, Police and Crime Commissioner Outreach Worker**

The Committee received an oral report from Sir Graham Bright the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Sir Graham Bright the Police and Crime Commissioner made the following points:

- i. A Speedwatch service had been set up around Cambridge as there was an issue with motorists complying with the 20mph speed limit. The Police would issue tickets where appropriate and any money that was collected from fines would be spent on road safety projects.

- ii. There were issues with cycling and cycle theft on East Road, a stolen bike was retrieved from Mill Road. Currently there was a campaign to educate people on the dangers of cycling without lights as this not only put the cyclist in danger but also other road users.
- iii. The Police would like to see as many lights on in the City as possible, the risk to road users and pedestrians needed to be measured and considered.
- iv. A Victim Hub had been established to help support victims of crime to recover and cope with their experiences. The Hub had three psychiatric nurses and it was hoped that people would take advantage of this service. The Victim Hub was the first set up in the Country and other Counties were using this idea.
- v. The number of frontline Police Officers had been kept constant and the public said that they feel reassured when they saw Police Officers around Cambridge.
- vi. Concerns surrounding domestic abuse remained, however there had been an increase in reporting incidents and all Officers had received special training in this area.
- vii. Requested that any suspicions regarding human trafficking were reported to the Police.
- viii. A Cyber Crime Unit has been set up in Cambridgeshire, and a lot of work has been done with children in schools to educate them about cyber crimes.

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

1. **Mr Woodburn asked whether the speed cameras in Cambridge were dependant on film which had to be taken away to be processed. Mr Woodburn also stated that he thought it would be better to install more high tech cameras which might be expensive to purchase but would cost less money to maintain. The enforcement of the 20mph speed limit would be easier to enforce if had modern speed cameras.**

Sir Graham Bright said that road traffic was organised on a three county basis and was led by Bedfordshire. The speed cameras were digital cameras and they flashed what was seen straight through to a control room.

The speed cameras in Cambridge were due to be replaced with upgraded pieces of equipment. Sir Graham Bright also asked that hot spot speeding areas were reported to the Police so that tickets could be issued, portable cameras could also be used in problem areas.

- 2. Mr Gawthrope asked about the 101 non-emergency telephone number and stated that when he had phoned the telephone number he gave up due to the length of time he waited for the call to be answered.**

Sir Graham Bright stated that he had had a meeting about the 101 non-emergency telephone service 3 days prior to the Committee meeting. He also stated that there was a target to answer calls within 30 seconds, with a further target of an initial pick up within 5-9 seconds. It was also confirmed that authorisation had been given to recruit extra staff for the 101 service, 7 new members of staff had been recruited however it took 8-9 weeks to fully train staff members.

- 3. Mrs Cranmer asked whether mobile speed cameras required street lights to be lit so that the speed cameras could work effectively.**

Sir Graham Bright said that he did not know the technical details but would find an answer.

The Committee discussed the following issues:

- i. Pleased to hear that a Cyber Crime Unit had been set up.
- ii. Questioned what percentage of funds would be received from speeding tickets and how this would be used.
- iii. Requested clear data on domestic violence as domestic violence covered a multitude of crimes.
- iv. Questioned what was being done about bad parking on the pavement.
- v. Questioned whether there had been a freeze on the recruitment of Police Community Support Officers (PSCOs) and whether there was a threat to the number of Police Officers on the beat as budgets were to be cut for the Police.

In response to Members' questions the Police and Crime Commissioner answered:

- i. Emphasized that Members of the public needed to report domestic violence crime to the Police.
- ii. Confirmed that cash received from ticketing for speeding crimes was collected on a three county basis being Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire. A reasonable sum of money would be received back for Cambridgeshire and the money would be put towards road safety.

- iii. If someone parked in such a way to cause an obstruction then the Police can take action.
- iv. The numbers of PCSOs had been reduced however there were more Police Officers than when he came into office. Currently the Police had a balanced budget for this year and the next year, further work had been put into joint working with Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire in order to make further savings.

### **15/39/EAC County Council - Lighting Proposal**

The Committee received a report from the Safer Communities Manager regarding the County Council's street lighting proposals.

The Strategic Projects Manager (Assets and Commissioning) Cambridgeshire County Council also attended the meeting to respond to questions. A document was also made available at the meeting which provided contact details for the County Council's street lighting consultation proposals.

A Member of the public made the following statement regarding the County Council's street lighting application:

- 1. Ms Nathan asked a) what the County Council were doing to inform the public of the proposals to switch off and further dim street lights, b) what the County Council were doing to make people aware of the consultation and how they could participate, c) asked how people would know that other formats for the consultation documentation were available if people were not online and d) asked if responses were overwhelmingly negative what difference this would make to the County Council's plans.**

The Strategic Projects Manager (Assets and Commissioning) Cambridgeshire County Council said the consultation had been published in the Cambridge Evening Newspaper, however he would speak with colleagues to ask that a link from the street light consultation webpage was put on the Council's main web page. A consultation with Parish, City and District Council's had ended in September 2015. The public consultation ran until the 11 December 2015. The Highways Committee would consider the decision in January 2016. The provision of paper based consultation documents in libraries was a good idea and this would be reported back to colleagues.

The Committee discussed the following issues:

- i. Asked whether the street lighting would be turned off at the Carter cycle bridge.
- ii. Asked for the definition of a major traffic route.
- iii. Asked what the County Council would do if a negative response was received.
- iv. Expressed concern that the roads to the Station would be dark as this was a major route; the street lights could be dimmed 20-30 minutes after the last train and would need to come on 20-30 minutes before the first train of the day.
- v. Questioned how realistic the projected saving figure was.
- vi. Requested that the risk assessments undertaken to determine whether street lights could be dimmed or turned off were published with the methodology also published.
- vii. Requested the message was taken back to the County Council that Cambridge was different to the rest of the County as it ran 24 hours a day. The City had 2 major universities and had a very busy city centre which would retain the street lighting, however under the proposals when people returned home the areas they returned to would not be lit.

In response to member's questions, the Strategic Projects Manager (Assets and Commissioning) Cambridgeshire County Council said the following:

- i. The lights which formed part of the Carter bridge structure were owned by the people that owned the bridge. A risk assessment would be undertaken on each and every road taking conflict areas into consideration, street lights would not be switched off on main traffic routes. Areas where the Police commented that street lights should not be turned off would also be taken into consideration.
- ii. A major traffic route was defined by the road hierarchy, for example Mill Road was a major traffic route but link roads that come off Mill Road would not be defined as such.
- iii. The County Council needed to make substantial savings (£41 million), if savings could not be made from the street lighting budget then savings would need to come from other areas.
- iv. Some of the projected savings were due to be realised from the PFI (Private Finance Initiative) contract, which was still being carried out.

### **15/40/EAC Presentation on the Abbey Chesterton Bridge Options**

The Committee received a report from the Team Leader Cycling Projects Cambridgeshire County Council regarding the Abbey Chesterton Bridge.

The Committee discussed the following issues:



- i. The route would link all 4 wards of East Area, questioned the routing on Ditton Meadows and how the route would traverse the meadows without affecting the character of the area.
- ii. Questioned who owned the land surrounding the Abbey Chesterton Bridge and also whether this would affect the ability to deliver the bridge.
- iii. Commented that this was an exciting project and hoped that something as progressive as this project became exemplary.

In response to member's questions, the Team Leader Cycling Projects Cambridgeshire County Council said the following:

- i. The Bridge was not just a piece of transport infrastructure and there was scope for planting, ponds etc.
- ii. The land where the bridge was proposed to be constructed was owned by private landowners who were all supportive of the project.

### **15/41/EAC Access from Rail Station to Cambridge Leisure**

The Committee received a report from the Team Leader Cycling Projects Cambridgeshire County Council regarding the Access from the Rail Station to Cambridge Leisure Park feasibility study.

Members of the public made the following statements regarding the feasibility study for access from the Rail Station to Cambridge Leisure Park:

1. **Mr Gawthrope stated that the multi-storey car park site could be used more effectively as it was virtually empty all the time.**
2. **A member of the public asked if any funding was available to improve the signage to highlight the short cut to Hills Road.**

The Committee discussed the following issues:

- i. Commented that the item should come back to East Area committee for consideration once the Local Plan had been approved as there was the potential to be able to deliver a bridge.

**Resolved** (nem con):

- i. That the item should come back to East Area committee for consideration once Cambridge City's Local Plan had been approved.

### **15/42/EAC Record of Urgent Decisions taken by the Chair, Vice Chair and Spokesperson for East Area Committee**

**15a** S106 Decision - St Thomas Play Area  
The decision was noted.

**15/43/EAC Election of Vice-Chair**

As Councillor Owers had resigned as Vice-Chair, Councillor Baigent proposed and Councillor Roberts seconded, the nomination of Councillor Smith as Vice-Chair.

**Resolved** that Councillor Smith be Vice-Chair for the remainder of the civic year.

The meeting ended at 10.50 pm

**CHAIR**

**COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET** Agenda Item 4

<b>Committee</b>	<b>East Area Committee</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>29 October 2015</b>
<b>Updated on</b>	

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
<p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>Cllr Owers to advise Dr Eva regarding public consultation on climate change strategy</p>	Cllr Owers	29/10/15	
<p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>Cllr Whitehead to liaise with Ms D'Souza regarding school places query post meeting.</p>	Cllr Whitehead	29/10/15	
<p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>Cllr Walsh to raise issue of traffic calming measures including banning HGV vehicles from Tenison Road.</p> <p>Cllr Roberts to arrange for Officers to call Ms Cranmer to discuss scientific readings for Tenison Road.</p>	Cllr Roberts / Cllr Walsh	28/1/16	On-going discussion with Ms Cranmer regarding scientific readings for Tenison Road.
<p><b>Environmental Data Report</b></p> <p>Wendy Young to provide information on the frequency of weeding</p>	Wendy Young	28/1/16	<p>The streets (curbs &amp; back edges) are done 3 times a year (spring, summer, autumn). Exact times are hard to give because it is all weather pending, as it cannot be applied in the rain, and if there is a heatwave/drought then the weed growth is slowed considerably.</p> <p>Grass verges (furniture/trees etc) are also generally done</p>

			<p>around the same time but it can also be given the odd extra spray to free up time for the grass cutters. This can also be true for council run housing areas, where the gardeners could give an extra spray in the area when they are there doing the shrubs/hedges etc.</p>
<p><b>Police and Crime Commissioner</b></p> <p>Sir Graham Bright to confirm whether speed cameras can operate if street lights are not switched on.</p>	<p>Sir Graham Bright</p>	<p>28/1/16</p>	<p>Static 'spot speed' cameras are equipped with a flash, so can operate without street lighting.</p> <p>Average speed systems do not have a flash, so at these sites additional floodlighting or infra-red lighting may be required in order for the vehicles to remain visible in the camera images.</p>

# Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City East Neighbourhood

January 2016



**Matt Johnson, Safer  
Neighbourhoods  
Inspector**

**Lynda KilKelly, Safer  
Communities Manager,  
Cambridge City Council**



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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### Aim

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

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

### Methodology

This document was produced using the following data sources:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident data for October 2015 to December 2015, compared to the previous like reporting period (July 2014 to September 2014) and the same reporting period in 2014\* and;
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team and the City Council's Safer Communities Team.

*\*In previous reports the crime and ASB data provided has captured the entire period between reports. In this case it would have meant reporting on and making comparisons to periods of 7 months.*

*In order to assist the committee in reaching priority decisions by providing a more reflective and current data picture, the reporting and comparison period on this occasion has been reduced to three months.*

## 2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the East Area Committee meeting of 02 July 2015, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- Continue with the work against the supply of Class A drugs and the presence of persons linked to organised crime groups from the London area
- Continue to target street drinking and alcohol-related ASB in the Petersfield and Mill Road areas
- Continue to address road safety matters such as vehicle speeding and anti-social cycling

The Neighbourhood Action Group, at its meeting in July 2015, assigned the actions to be taken and the Lead Officers for each of the priorities. The table below summarises the action taken and the current situation.

<b>Tackle the supply of drugs in the East area</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Continue with the work against the supply of Class A drugs and the presence of persons linked to organised crime groups from the London area.
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>The East Team has continued to work with the City Council and housing partners to protect residents from being drawn into involvement with the supply of controlled drugs.</p> <p>Where residents have been identified as becoming involved in criminality and support has been declined, this has led to the eviction of those found to be supplying drugs from their properties or allowing them to be used for the supply of drugs.</p> <p>An example of this relates to an address in Budleigh Close which had become notorious locally for being linked with anti-social behaviour and the supply of controlled drugs.</p> <p>The Safer Communities team, with support from the Police and Housing, were successful in gaining an eviction order in September 2015. Due the tenant's vulnerabilities, the Safer Communities team were able to secure the occupant appropriate supported accommodation outside of the City. There have been no further complaints since the eviction took place.</p>

	<p><b>Operation Hexham Update</b> (Cambridge City response to London drug dealers sitting in vulnerable people's addresses, full details of which can be found in the June 2015 report).</p> <p>Officers have prevented London dealers from setting up at addresses in the city by maintaining a strong relationship with local residents who have alerted us when they have suspected that London dealers are on route to their address or suspect that dealers have tried to move into a local address. A number of strategies/tactics have been put in place to prevent them taking over addresses and establishing a base.</p> <p>Officers have arrested London dealers in Cambridge with a recent example of this arising after Officers conducted a routine welfare check at an address in the Abbey ward. They found a male hiding in a bedroom with a large amount of cash and class A drugs. He was also wanted for a number of offences in London and by the courts.</p> <p>Operation Hexham continues to grow in terms of the number of addresses visited and a number of other forces have now visited Cambridge to report back to their home force with a view of replicating this operation.</p> <p>Officers are having regular contact with the Metropolitan Police Gangs Unit which is providing beneficial intelligence to both units.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	We are still seeing drug dealers from London coming to Cambridge and installing themselves in vulnerable people's houses. This remains one of the highest risks of harm to the most vulnerable residents in the east of the City. It is strongly recommended that this continues as a priority for the area.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Colin Norden, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

<b>ASB in the Petersfield and Mill Road areas</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Target street drinking and alcohol-related ASB in the Petersfield and Mill Road areas.
<b>Action Taken</b>	The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is in place in Petersfield Green, Mill Road Cemetery and the gardens of Ditchburn Place.



Since the order was put in place by Cambridge City Council there has been a marked decrease in the number of reports of ASB in the above locations. Targeted patrols in the area have been conducted by both the East Area Problem Solving Team and the Street Life Officers, supported by reactive officers when needed.

The level of compliance with the PSPO is high and at this time only one person has been reported to the City Council's Safer Communities Section Team for breaching the order.

However, the PSPO has led to some displacement of the anti-social behaviour that it is targeting. With the colder weather, we have seen an increase in the number of reports of people drinking behind Parkside swimming pool. In response to this, patrols at the location have been increased and the use of dispersal power has been used when appropriate. There has been a joint Police and Safer Communities Section meeting to review the displacement and agree any further action.

The feedback we have received has been that the PSPO has been a positive measure which has given a number of areas along the length of Mill Road some respite from street drinking issues which they have suffered for a number of years.

A number of members of the public have made contact with Officers to report their concerns regarding one member of the street life community due to the continuing rapid decline of his health. Officers, together with other agencies, have maintained regular contact with the male. At this time, the male has refused help and support from all agencies and charities but we continue to check on his welfare.

The team are not aware of any complaints to the police about the manner that it has been enforced, as this was a concern before the order went live.

For the first time in Cambridge City Officers have also given out a formal warning letter in relation to premises under the new ASB legislation. This states that should any further incidents of ASB take place at the location, then the police would close down the location immediately and take the owner to court. The police would apply to the court the following morning for a 3 month closure order. This resulted in no further calls to the

	location.
<b>Current Situation</b>	It is recommended that this priority is continued as proactivity is having a clear impact on the number of complaints and an increase in public satisfaction.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Colin Norden, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

<b>Speeding and anti-social cycling.</b>	
<b>Objective</b>	Address road safety matters such as vehicle speeding and anti-social cycling.
<b>Action Taken</b>	<p>Officers have conducted a number of speed checks in the east area targeting the areas from which the most complaints are received. These checks have resulted in a number of outcomes including words of advice, tickets, speed awareness courses and court summons.</p> <p>A new speed awareness course has been launched in Cambridgeshire for 20 mph roads from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015. Before this date we were unable to ticket for those between 21 mph to 31mph.</p> <p>On 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 the 'Lights instead of tickets' (LIT) campaign was re-launched. This targets cyclists who are stopped without lights during the hours of darkness issuing them with a traffic offence report (a ticket). From this they are given an option to either purchase a set of lights or pay a £50 fine. Cyclists have seven days to purchase a set of lights and present the receipt at a main police station, where it is stamped and the fine/prosecution is voided.</p>
<b>Current Situation</b>	<p>We will continue to conduct speed checks in the area for the next three months to see if the situation improves. These will be in addition to the above speed watch checks.</p> <p>We will also, as stated, continue to maintain enforcement of cycle offences along with the LIT campaign.</p>
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sergeant Colin Norden, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

### 3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

Over the last three months the number of thefts from motor vehicles has increased across the city, with a large number of items stolen being power tools from builders' vehicles. Officers from the East Team have led the search for offenders and a number have been arrested and further offenders identified. Officers have also recovered a significant amount of stolen property linked to these crimes along with a number of vehicles used in connection with them using false number plates.

Officers conducted an operation after it was identified that stolen property was being advertised online. The result of this was the recovery of numerous stolen items, all from the Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire areas. The property had been stolen from motor vehicles and houses. A male has been charged with these offences and will appear before Crown Court shortly.

There has been an increase in the number of reports of thefts of charity boxes in parts of the city over the last three months. These offences have been conducted by a number of offenders who have been identified by local Officers and prosecuted.

**Update from the Safer Communities Section Team:** The Safer Communities Team have developed and delivered a programme of workshops discussing anti-social behaviour and healthy relationships at Coleridge Community School and St Bede's school for pupils in years 9, 10 and 11, which were very well received. These schools have pupils from the East area. The team held street surgeries at Barnwell Road Shops, Ditchburn Place and Riverside and attended community days in St Bedes, Ditton Fields and a Seniors Fair at the Cambridge United Football Stadium. The Team also participated in another week of Safety Zone sessions for primary school children from across the City talking to them about ASB, what they think it is, what constitutes ASB, the consequences of being involved in it and being a victim of it.

The Team have been involved in cases of anti-social behaviour across the East area and actions have been taken to address this: For example, 2 undertakings have been signed, 3 Notices of Seeking Possession have been issued and mediation has been undertaken by the Team which has been very successful. The team also secured possession of a property due to ongoing serious ASB issues. A Community Protection warning was given to a boat owner on Riverside where there were associated ASB issues.

The Safer Communities Team have been liaising closely with the Police and Homelessness agencies to tackle problematic rough sleeping in various

locations, including an area to the rear of Parkside Pool, East Rd/St Matthews Street garage blocks and the disused churchyard on Newmarket Rd. These areas have been referred to the City Council's multi-agency task and target meeting for regular action planning and monitoring and complainants are being updated on a regular basis.

Three problematic beggars have been issued with Community Protection warnings. As a result two have a less visible street presence. The third continues to be problematic and will be receiving a Community Protection Notice. Various reports have been received about a number of areas where vulnerable residents are being taken advantage of by visitors. The Safer Communities Team is currently working with the Police and other agencies to ensure that tenants remain safe and any problematic visitors are dealt with.

## 4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### CURRENT CRIME & ASB INCIDENT LEVELS BY WARD

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			Dwelling Burglary	Other Burglary	Violent Crime	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
<b>AREA</b>	<b>City East</b>	Oct 15 – Dec 15	36	38	119	10	10	37	182	49	78	172	731	315
		Jul 15 – Sep 15	54	41	126	4	7	37	150	56	66	186	727	287
		Oct 14 – Dec 14	46	13	128	6	8	35	203	75	81	193	788	336
<b>WARDS</b>	<b>Abbey</b>	Oct 15 – Dec 15	10	9	47	5	5	17	35	19	31	48	226	97
		Jul 15 – Sep 15	16	10	42	1	2	13	17	16	18	47	182	80
		Oct 14 – Dec 14	12	6	58	1	0	15	33	36	25	42	228	101
	<b>Coleridge</b>	Oct 15 – Dec 15	9	13	21	2	4	5	24	6	9	49	142	45
		Jul 15 – Sep 15	4	10	35	0	1	9	22	3	15	31	130	54
		Oct 14 – Dec 14	15	0	19	2	2	3	44	1	17	36	139	62
	<b>Petersfield</b>	Oct 15 – Dec 15	6	9	36	2	0	8	103	18	23	47	252	111
		Jul 15 – Sep 15	22	13	38	3	0	7	86	27	22	69	287	121
		Oct 14 – Dec 14	9	3	34	3	1	12	100	26	21	81	290	106
	<b>Romsey</b>	Oct 15 – Dec 15	11	7	15	1	1	7	20	6	15	28	111	62
		Jul 15 – Sep 15	12	8	11	0	4	8	25	10	11	39	128	32
		Oct 14 – Dec 14	10	4	17	0	5	5	26	12	18	34	131	67

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Continue to target the supply of controlled drugs
2. Continue to target street-based ASB in and around Mill Road

# Environmental Report



## Cambridge East Area October to December 2015

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# 1. Introduction

This 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 East 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 quarter. 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 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 East Area for the quarter of January to March.

#### Continuing priorities\*

Number	Priority details
1	Enforcement patrols to tackle fly tipping at Ekin Road, Riverside <i>and St Matthews Street area</i>
2	Early morning , daytime and weekend patrols for dog fouling at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Romsey Recreation Ground</li><li>• St Thomas's Square and Road</li><li>• Ravensworth Gardens play areas</li><li>• Coldhams Common</li><li>• Thorpe Way play area</li></ul>

#### New suggested priorities

Number	Priority details
3	Enforcement patrols to tackle fly tipping in and around the Ashbury Close area
4	Enforcement investigation and action to deal with littering problems on Brooks Road from Sainsbury's, and Newmarket Road from Tesco and around the areas of Wickes and Staples
5	Enforcement patrols to undertake enforcement action against abandoned, untaxed and nuisance vehicles in the East area.

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.

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\* Amendments to continuing priorities are shown in italics

## **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.

Ward blitz activity will have included a combination of the following actions:

- Deep cleansing of channels
- 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

The results of the ward blitzes are reported as follows:

Abbey – Environmental Report January to March 2015

Coleridge – Environmental Report April to June 2015

Petersfield – Environmental Report July to September 2015

Romsey – Environmental Report October to December 2015

## 5. Specific issues and actions

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

<b>Priority 1</b>	<b>Enforcement patrols to tackle fly tipping at Ekin Road and Riverside</b>
Action Taken	Regular patrols have been undertaken at Ekin Road to address the issues of fly tipping. Between the periods October to December four fly tips were identified by the enforcement team including one large fly tip that was found to be from local residents. Further work is required in this area to educate residents regarding waste management.
Current Situation:	Ongoing
Action Taken	Regular patrols have been conducted along the length of Riverside, over 6.5 hours of work was undertaken between October to December and during this time over half a dozen fly tips were found in the area. Further work is required in this area to educate residents regarding waste management.
Current Situation:	Ongoing
<b>Priority 2</b>	<b>Early morning, daytime and weekend patrols for dog fouling at the following locations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romsey Recreation Ground</li> <li>• St Thomas's Square and Road</li> <li>• Ravensworth Gardens play areas</li> <li>• Coldhams Common</li> <li>• Thorpe Way play area</li> </ul>
Action Taken	Dog warden patrols have been conducted by both the Dog Warden Service and Enforcement team to address the issues of dog fouling totalling over 32 hours. Educational advice and dog bags continue to be provided to a number of dog walkers at these locations. Three fixed penalty notices were issued at Barnwell Road, St Thomas's Road and Mill Road Cemetery. Recent patrols have identified that there have been major improvements at Petersfield Recreation ground and Cannon Green and these two areas have been removed as priorities for the upcoming period.
Current Situation:	Ongoing
<b>Priority 3</b>	<b>Enforcement patrols to deal with the litter issues at Cambridge Leisure Park at Clifton Road including liaison and educational visits with nearby schools and colleges</b>
Action Taken	The enforcement team have continued to patrol this area to deal with littering from students and people in the area and continue to speak to students and liaise with the school. This
Current Situation:	Completed – has been ongoing since January 2015

<b>Priority 4</b>	<b>Enforcement work to tackle bins on streets in the Romsey and Petersfield areas</b>
Action Taken	Work was undertaken by the enforcement team during October to December to deal with bins left on the street. Officers undertook over 50 hours of patrols and identified over 230 properties either leaving their bins out too early or past collection date. Following informal intervention 77% of the properties removed their bins; the remaining bins continue to be investigated. Recent legislative changes have limited the powers that the enforcement team have to deal with this issue, and it is now only a civil offence for such issues. The new process is more time consuming and likely to result in enforcement action taking longer periods of time to reach a resolution. Officers have put together guidance as part of the standard letters sent to residents.
Current Situation:	Completed – has been ongoing since April 2015
<b>Priority 5</b>	<b>Park deep cleanse, to include removal of graffiti, flyposting, litter, dog fouling, vegetation cut back and sweeping at Jack Warren Green play area, Great Eastern play area, Shenstone House play area and Ravensworth Gardens play area</b>
Action Taken	The whole of Jack Warren Green play area has been deep cleansed. This involved a team of two operatives and took approximately four hours to complete during October.
Current Situation:	Completed
Action Taken	The whole of Great Eastern play area has been deep cleansed. This involved a team of two operatives and took approximately three hours to complete during November.
Current Situation:	Completed
Action Taken	The whole of Shenstone House play area has been deep cleansed. This involved a team of two operatives and took approximately four hours to complete during November.
Current Situation:	Completed
Action Taken	The whole of Ravensworth Gardens play area has been deep cleansed. This involved a team of two operatives and took approximately four hours to complete during November.
Current Situation:	Completed

## 6. Environmental Data

### Private Realm [East Area]

[Data not currently available]

## Public Realm Data

### Public Realm Enforcement [East Area]

Period	Activity	Investigations	Written Warnings	Statutory Notices	Fixed Penalty Notices	Simple Cautions	Legal Proceedings
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Abandoned vehicles	14	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		40			1	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Nuisance vehicles <sup>2</sup>	1	1	N/A	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		3	2		0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Derelict cycles	24	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Quarter 3: 2015/16		25					
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Domestic waste	14	11	1	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		81	46	0	4	0	1
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Trade waste	4	3	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		7	5	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Litter	3	0	0	1	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		18	0	0	12	0	1
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Illegal camping	5	N/A	5	N/A	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		5		5		0	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Illegal advertising	5	4	N/A	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		19	11		0	0	0

<sup>2</sup> Nuisance vehicles includes vehicles displayed for sale or being repaired (other than in an emergency) on the public highway

## Summary of public realm enforcement data

- Of the 40 abandoned vehicles the majority were removed by their owners or claimed within the 7 day notice period. One abandoned vehicle was seized from Rustat Road and for which a fixed penalty notice has been issued, the case is currently ongoing. Five further untaxed vehicles were removed from the area including Brooks Road, Mawson Road, Ross Street, Coldhams Lane and Silverwood Close. The majority of vehicles identified in this period are as part of the proactive work carried out by the enforcement team.
- Three nuisance vehicles were found across the East Area. Two vehicles were found for sale on Coldhams Lane and one on Meadowlands Road Close, all vehicles were removed from sale within a 7 day period. One car belonged to a repeat offender who further enforcement action is being pursued.
- Twenty five derelict cycles were removed from across all four wards. The number of cycles removed as abandoned in the East area usually varies between 15 to 25 a quarter.
- There were sixty two domestic waste investigations conducted in the area between October and December, the majority of which was waste littered and fly tipped at recycling centres across the area. Of the investigations conducted there were seven verbal warnings, 46 warning letters of which 19 were related to bins on streets, four fixed penalties for littering waste one set of legal proceedings is being produced for a repeat fly tipper, and in 16 cases it was not possible to identify a responsible suspect or there was insufficient evidence to proceed. There are currently 8 ongoing cases awaiting further action.
- Seven cases of trade waste were investigated in the East area, waste that was dumped was traced to five businesses, which complied with requests for their waste transfer information and were issued either a warning letter or received a verbal warning.
- There were eighteen cases of litter investigated in the East area during October to December; twelve fixed penalties were issued for littering including five from a motor vehicle including and seven for littering on foot the majority of which were East Road and Mill Road. All fixed penalties except one were subsequently paid; the outstanding case has been referred to the legal team.
- There were five cases of illegal camping, three at Mill Road Cemetery, one at Stourbridge Common and one at Barnwell nature reserve. Statutory notices were served on the sites and subsequently the council impounded four tents that were not remove within the allotted time period.
- Nineteen incidents of illegal advertising were identified, twelve of which were posters and the majority received written warnings. There was also three estate agent boards identified which were removed by the agents, and verbal advice was given regarding an illegally placed banner.



## Dog Warden Service [East Area]

### Stray dogs

Period	Activity	Number of cases	Rehomed	Destroyed	Claimed	In Kennels	Comment
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Stray dogs	6	0	0	4	2	Two other stray dog calls were received, but the dogs were collected by their owner before the dog warden attended
Quarter 3: 2015/16		6	1	0	3	2	One other stray dog calls was received, but the dog was collected by their owner before the dog warden attended

### Dog Control Orders

Period	Activity	Investigations	Written Warnings	Statutory Notices	Fixed Penalty Notices	Simple Cautions	Legal Proceedings
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Dog control orders: Fouling	11	0	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		9	0	0	3	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16	Dog control orders: Exclusion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16	Dog control orders: Leads	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16	Other dog complaints <sup>3</sup>	1	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>3</sup> Includes issues such as barking, welfare, signage requests and educational advice as well as joint working with Environmental Health, RSPCA and Housing Associations'

**Operations cleansing data by ward [East Area]**

Period	Activity	Total number of incidents	Ward			
			Abbey	Coleridge	Petersfield	Romsey
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Fly tipping	80	29	9	24	18
Quarter 3: 2015/16		152	72	22	29	29
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Offensive graffiti <sup>4</sup>	2	2	0	0	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		4	1	0	3	0
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Detrimental graffiti <sup>5</sup>	12	2	0	7	3
Quarter 3: 2015/16		26	6	2	14	4
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Needles	45	15	1	29	0
Quarter 3: 2015/16		12	3	0	8	1
Quarter 3: 2014/15	Shopping trolleys	55	5	3	40	7
Quarter 3: 2015/16		94	23	3	54	14

<sup>4</sup> 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 1 working day.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

## Summary of operations cleansing data:

- Of the 72 reports for fly tip in the Abbey ward, just over a quarter of them were from the neighbourhood and public recycling points, including Ann's Road, Dennis Road, Helen Close and Rachel Close. The other fly tip reports for Abbey area were reported from different locations.
- In Coleridge there were two fly tips each from Golding Road and Birdwood Road, the rest of the incidents were single locations and there were no patterns identified.
- The majority of fly tips in Petersfield were household waste, five of which were found at Gwydir Street public recycling point. The rest of the incidents were single locations and there were no patterns identified.
- Twenty nine fly tips were removed from Romsey including nine incidents on Thoday Street and three on Ross Street. No other patterns of fly tipping were identified.
- The instance of offensive graffiti in Abbey was on the play equipment at the recreation area on Thorpe Way and consisted of pictures of human anatomy and swearwords.  
The three instances of offensive graffiti in Petersfield were at the following locations Donkey Common skate ramp which was pictures of human anatomy and offensive language, on a church wall on Mill Road which was offensive wording and at St Matthews Gardens play area which was swear words and sexual references on play equipment.
- The instances of detrimental graffiti in Petersfield ward were general tagging; four of the fourteen instances were by the same tagger. Similarly two of the six instances in the Abbey ward were on a wall of the same house on Thorpe Way and was general tagging.
- The volume of needles removed in this time period has reduced in comparison to the same time period the previous year. The eight needles in Petersfield ward were from two occasions, on one occasion six needles were removed from the garages at East Road.
- The number of trolleys impounded by Streets and Open Spaces was 33.

## Waste and Recycling Data [City wide]

This section includes information about the Waste Policy team's area of responsibility. The team has an Operational Plan that covers the work for the year. This work is generally not area based but it is useful to residents and provides statistics to demonstrate activity and continuous improvement in areas of sustainable waste management.

Activity	Q1 Apr-Jun	Q2 Jul-Sep
Recycling rate – dry recycling 2015/16	21.4%	21%
Recycling rate – dry recycling 2014/15	21%	22.2%
Recycling rate – composting 2015/16	23.8%	22.3%
Recycling rate – composting 2014/15	24.9%	23.8%
No of press releases issued	5	3
No of 2 <sup>nd</sup> blue bins delivered	93	164
No of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Green bins delivered	87	46
No. of black bins changed from standard to small	32	26
No of events attended	15	10
No of people spoken to	800	210
No of Kitchen Caddies given out	473	195
No of Recycling Champions (RC) at events	33	9
No of new RC recruited	8	3
Amount of rubbish/recycling collected at events (tonnes)	Total 35.7 tonnes 24.7 T rubbish (69%) 11 T recycled (31%)	Total 20.5 tonnes 8.59 T recycled
No of community/school visits to AmeyCespa	14	5 <sup>††</sup>

†† Schools visits during July and September only

## 7. Proactive and community work

The proactive and community work for the East Area is listed below:

Task	Abbey People Garden Project
Action Taken	Working with Abbey People, the City Rangers will lead Community Payback teams and community volunteers to undertake a new community led scheme to clear at least 20 elderly people's gardens by March 2016.
Current Situation	Upcoming

Task	Elizabeth Way Underpass Project
Action Taken	A long term project between City Rangers and Community Payback to revamp Elizabeth Way Underpass has started which will involve graffiti removal, cleaning and paintwork as well as the maintenance of the green areas.
Current Situation	Ongoing

Task	Streets and Open Spaces Twitter
Action Taken	Re-named Twitter account will promote and highlight the work carried out by SOS, Enforcement, Dog Wardens and City Rangers. It will also provide information and encourage engagement from volunteers. Regular monthly information tweets will be uploaded with links to the SOS website with details on how to report various issues. The account name is now @cambstreetscene.
Current Situation	Completed

Task	Environmental Ward Walkabouts
Action Taken	<p>Ward walkabouts are an 'on the ground' project to deal with local environmental issues; residents can discuss any local environmental issues, but items on the agenda are likely to include dog fouling, fly-tipping, graffiti and environmental crimes.</p> <p>Ward walkabout completed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Riverside area 18 December 2015</li> </ul> <p>Upcoming walkabouts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silverwood Close 25 January at 10 am (Abbey)</li> <li>• Ditton Fields scheduled for 29 January at 10 am</li> </ul>
Current Situation	Ongoing

## 8. Key contacts

### Officers

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	Sharron Munro (Wed-Fri)		
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Recycling Champions	Co-ordinator	01223 458240	<a href="mailto:recycling.champions@cambridge.gov.uk">recycling.champions@cambridge.gov.uk</a>
Out of Hours	Emergency calls	0300 3038389	N/A

## Issues

Area	Contact	Telephone Number	Email
Dog fouling Litter Fly tipping (public land) Graffiti Needles Abandoned, untaxed and nuisance vehicles Illegal camping Bulky waste collections New blue, green and black bins Replacement blue, green and black bins Repairs to blue, black and green bins	Customer Service Centre	01223 458282	<a href="mailto:wasteandstreets@cambridge.gov.uk">wasteandstreets@cambridge.gov.uk</a>
Abandoned bicycles	Customer Service Centre	01223 458282	<a href="mailto:cityrangers@cambridge.gov.uk">cityrangers@cambridge.gov.uk</a>
Pest Control	Refuse and Environment	01223 457900	<a href="mailto:env.health@cambridge.gov.uk">env.health@cambridge.gov.uk</a>
Noise			
Stray and lost dogs	Customer Service Centre	01223 457900	<a href="mailto:dogwarden@cambridge.gov.uk">dogwarden@cambridge.gov.uk</a>

## 9. Resources

The following are suggestions that members of the East 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:

Ward	Bins used	Bins available for installation
Abbey	12	0
Coleridge	8	3
Petersfield	10	0
Romsey	12	1

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.

### Installed bin sites:

Ward	Location	Installation Date	Comments
Abbey	Newmarket Road (by bus stop near to Jack Warren Green)	November 2014	
Abbey	Velos Walk (top of Helen Close)	February 2015	
Abbey	Stanley Road (junction with Riverside)	December 2014	
Abbey	Saxon Road (junction with Riverside)	December 2014	
Abbey	Riverside (under Millennium bridge)	December 2014	
Abbey	Jack Warren Green	August 2015	
Abbey	Tiptree Close pathway	August 2015	
Abbey	Thorpe Way	August 2015	
Abbey	Rachel Close	August 2015	
Abbey	Fison Road (top of Anns Road)	August 2015	
Abbey	Dennis Road (next to phone box)	August 2015	
Abbey	Ekin Road (footpath to Ditton Lane)	August 2015	
Coleridge	St Thomas's Square	December 2014	
Coleridge	St Thomas's Road (junction with St Thomas's Square)	December 2014	
Coleridge	Birdwood Road (by number 52)	May 2015	
Coleridge	Perne Road (near Radegund Road roundabout)	April 2015	
Coleridge	Ancaster Way (junction with Tiverton Way)	May 2015	
Coleridge	Rustat Road (near to Carter Bridge)	March 2015	
Coleridge	Cherry Hinton Road (by bus stop at Leisure Park)	August 2015	
Coleridge	St Margaret's Road (junction with Cherry Hinton Road)	November 2015	
Petersfield	Veras Way (top of Rope Walk)	November 2014	
Petersfield	Staffordshire Street (walkway between St Matthews Street)	December 2014	These two sets of bins have



Petersfield	Staffordshire Street (between Hollymount and Glenmore)	December 2014	attracted an increase in fly tipping. One set has been removed as it is causing a detrimental effect to the local environment.
Petersfield	Hooper Street (at road closure point)	March 2015	
Petersfield	Gwydir Street (at road closure point)	March 2015	
Petersfield	Gwydir Street (outside Bath House play area)	September 2015	
Petersfield	Ainsworth Street (next to children's play area)	September 2015	
Petersfield	Abbey Walk (junction with York Street)	November 2015	
Petersfield	Gwydir Street (next to Bath House play area)	November 2015	
Petersfield	Ainsworth Street (next to play area)	November 2015	
Romsey	Mill Road (near to kitchen shop by Vinery Road junction)	July 2015	
Romsey	Coldhams Lane (by Coldhams Common bus shelter)	June 2015	
Romsey	Vinery Road (junction with Coldhams Lane)	June 2015	
Romsey	Fairfax Road (junction with Catharine Street)	June 2015	
Romsey	Montreal Square (alleyway through to Hobart Road)	September 2015	
Romsey	Marmora Road (by junction with Suez Road)	September 2015	
Romsey	Marmora Road (Alleyway to Coleridge Road)	September 2015	
Romsey	Coldhams Lane (opposite the Paddocks)	September 2015	
Romsey	Fairfax Road	September 2015	
Romsey	Montreal Square	October 2015	
Romsey	Marmora Road (junction with Suez Road)	October 2015	
Romsey	Marmora Road (by alleyway to Coleridge Road)	October 2015	

#### Dog bin provision

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

Ward	Bins used	Bins available for installation
Abbey	4	0
Coleridge	2	2
Petersfield	1	2
Romsey	0	4

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.

Installed bin sites:

Ward	Location	Installation Date	Comments
Abbey	Barnwell Road (entrance to Coldhams Common)	December 2014	
Abbey	Egerton Close (junction with Egerton Road)	March 2015	
Abbey	Fison Road / Thorpe Way	January 2015	
Abbey	Leonard Close	June 2015	
Coleridge	St Thomas's Square	December 2014	
Coleridge	Coleridge Recreation Ground (top corner)	August 2015	
Petersfield	Ravenworth Gardens (on green at entrance from Devonshire Road)	December 2014	

Pocket ashtray distribution

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

Dog fouling signs

Small quantities of 'no dog fouling' signs are available for each ward, as follows:

Ward	Signs used	Signs available for installation
Abbey	0	13
Coleridge	0	13
Petersfield	0	13
Romsey	0	13



## 10. Appendices

### Ward Blitz Activity – Romsey – December 2015

The City Council has embarked on a campaign of ‘ward blitzes’ across the City, involving the Council’s City Ranger, Rapid Response, Public Realm Enforcement and Street Cleansing teams. These teams will undertake coordinated public realm maintenance, enforcement and educational action; this is additional to the routine, day-to-day, work undertaken by these services.



Ward blitz activities include:

- Cleansing of channels
- 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

Romsey was the fourteenth and final ward area to receive the targeted service during December 2015. A summary of the ward blitz action delivered in the month is detailed below:

<b>Shop fronts deep clean</b>	Shop fronts and associated street furniture pressure washed within the ward.
<b>Litter clearance</b>	All footways within the ward have been cleared of litter and debris at least once a week during the blitz period.
<b>Cleansing of recycling centres</b>	All recycling sites within Romsey were visited once in the month and have been pressure washed and also all of the footway surfaces pressure washed at these locations. Operations staff visited all recycling sites at least once a week to clear and dispose of any fly tipped items.
<b>Graffiti removal</b>	The graffiti teams proactively patrolled and cleared all graffiti, both offensive and detrimental.
<b>Sweeping of litter, detritus and leaves</b>	A large mechanical sweeper was deployed to Romsey and swept all carriageway channels (where not obstructed by parked vehicles) at least once in the month, and a mid-size mechanical sweeper with support from operatives swept footways and carriageways (where not obstructed by parked vehicles) at least once in the month with manual clearance of detritus to assist machine where required

<p><b>Increased dog warden presence</b></p>	<p>The Dog Warden conducted patrols in the green space area of Romsey to deal with issues of dog fouling and dog control. Patrols included a mixture of early morning, daytime and weekend patrols. The following locations were visited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuttings Road green area</li> <li>• Brooks Road play area</li> <li>• Budleigh Close / Burnside corner</li> <li>• Montreal Square green area</li> <li>• Great Eastern Street play area</li> <li>• Romsey Recreation Ground</li> <li>• Coldhams Common play area</li> </ul> <p>In total over nineteen three hours were spent patrolling the ward for dog control issues and providing education where required.</p>
<p><b>Increased public realm enforcement presence</b></p>	<p>The public realm enforcement team carried out 76 hours of hi-visibility patrols in the ward during December, including the following specific issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigating litter from Sainsbury's store on Brooks Road, Cambridge blowing onto the public highway and arranging for preventative measures to be put in place by the store to remedy the issue.</li> <li>• Investigation of fly tips on Sedgwick Street, Brampton Road and Cavendish Road.</li> <li>• Investigation and follow up of a repeat offender for nuisance vehicles on Coldhams Lane.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Increased city ranger presence</b></p>	<p>The city ranger team carried out an amount of hi-visibility work in the ward during December, including the following specific issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of fly tipped waste from Seymour Street.</li> <li>• Clearance of abandoned bicycles from Great Eastern Street / Mill Road area.</li> <li>• Removal of abandoned shopping trolleys from Brooks Road.</li> <li>• Educational visits to residents on Mill Road regarding waste management.</li> </ul>



Riverside before and after work undertaken by City Rangers for graffiti (completed December 2015)







CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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REPORT OF: Director of Environment  
TO: Planning Committee  
WARD: Petersfield Ward/East Area Committee

**MILL ROAD DEPOT DRAFT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BRIEF  
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The City Council is preparing a Planning and Development Brief SPD to help guide the re-development of the Mill Road Depot. The depot is allocated for residential development (site R10) in the Cambridge Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission for 167 dwellings. This report provides a short update on the preparation of the brief to date.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That East Area Committee receive this report as information.

**3.0 BACKGROUND**

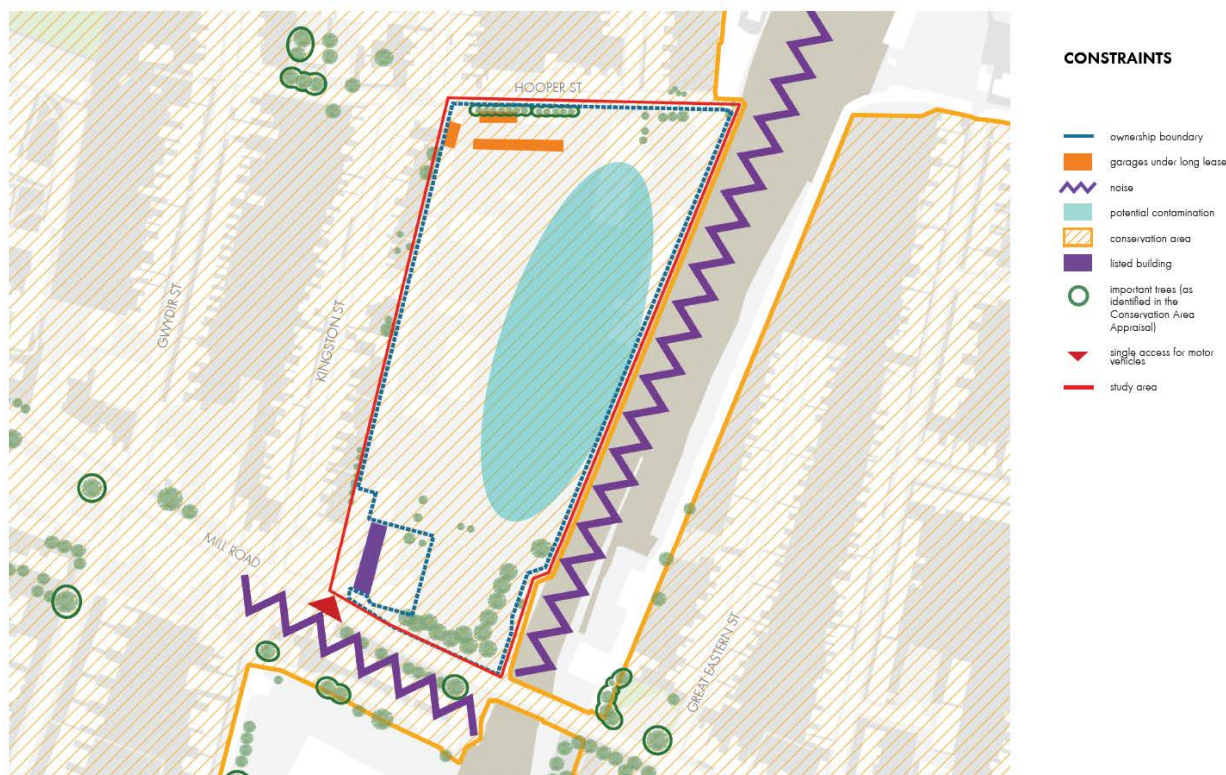
- 3.1 The allocation of this site represents an important part of the planned housing supply to meet objectively housing assessed need for Cambridge. The Council has already reduced the activities carried out on site and plan to vacate the site and buildings in future, hence the re-development of the site provides an opportunity to meet future housing need for the city.
- 3.2 By the time this report is considered at committee, there will have been a second informal local consultation held during the course of preparing the draft planning and development brief (on 26 January, 2016). The consultation has included input from key local stakeholders and residents who have provided helpful feedback on a number of key topics so far.
- 3.3 The Supplementary Planning Document can only be adopted at the same time as, or immediately following, the adoption of the new Local Plan.
- 3.4 The draft planning and development brief SPD is expected to be reported in full at Development Plan Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 14 March, 2016. Approval from the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport will then be sought to trigger a 6-week formal consultation on the draft planning and development brief SPD. Consultation is expected to take place after local government elections later in 2016.

3.5 Residents and stakeholders raised a number of issues during the first consultation event held on 10 November, 2015 at St. Philips Church Centre on Mill Road. The draft planning and development brief SPD will need to address these issues, which include:

- Need for community facilities;
- Open space provision;
- Building heights;
- Potential for car-free development;
- Desire for access from Mill Road only;
- Pressure on local primary schools from increased development;
- The amount of affordable housing;
- Sustainable design; and
- The future of the existing garages at the north end of the site (leaseholders).

3.6 A summary “Event Record” from the first “community workshop” on 10 November, 2015, is attached to this report as Appendix 1. A second workshop will be held on 26 January, 2016, and will explore further some of these key topic areas. Officers will be able to provide a verbal update at East Area Committee regarding the outcomes of this second workshop.

3.7 The Council and consultant team and officers in the Planning Service have been working closely over the past few months in reviewing public comments and considering potential approaches to the redevelopment of the site. The key “moves” may be summed up in the following illustrations. The labels on the right hand side of each image describe the key topic areas:

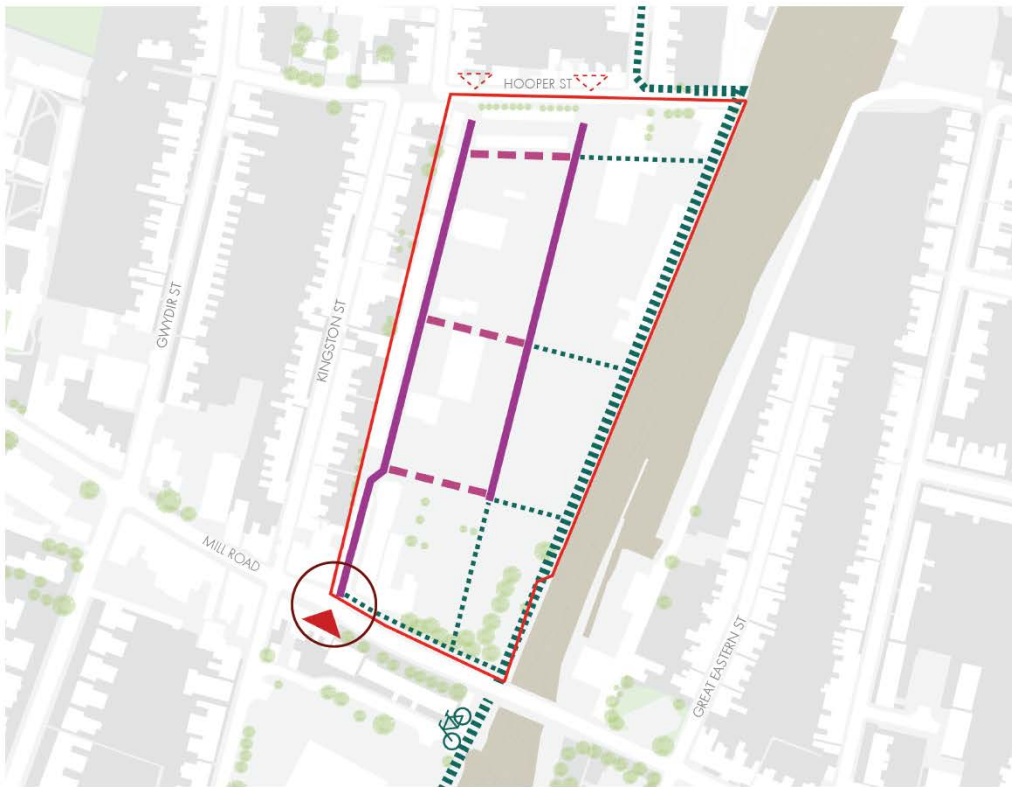






**OPPORTUNITIES FOR RETENTION**

- existing buildings with potential for adaptive re-use
- potential to retain garages
- existing trees with potential for retention
- study area



**OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTIVITY & MOVEMENT**

- single point for motor vehicle access
- pedestrian and cycle access / emergency access only
- junction improvement
- primary roads
- secondary roads
- pedestrian/cycle links
- Chiselm Trail
- study area



3.8 In summary, there are a number of key constraints to consider in developing any site layout, including land contamination, vehicular access (proposed to be limited to Mill Road but subject to detailed testing), existing landscape, noise from the rail line, the need to incorporate the Chisholm Trail along the east side of the site, and heritage assets, amongst others. It is considered desirable to seek to retain a number of key buildings on the site, including the Gatehouse, the Former Free Library, and the old coach house building on the westerly edge of the site. In addition there are land holdings on the depot site which are not in the ownership of the City Council and are occupied by the Regent Language School. Some garages at the north end of the site are also the subject of long term leases. In terms of opportunities, subject to further work and agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council as Highways Authority, a single vehicular access from Mill Road and a “grid” pattern street layout could be the most efficient way to service the site, however further detailed work and analysis is required in this regard. A permanent emergency access and pedestrian cycle access will likely be necessary from Hooper Street in addition to the retention of access to the privately leased garages. Finally, the location, size and orientation of open space is being considered in detail. Options include a linear open space coincidental with the Chisholm Trail, an open space adjacent Mill Road just north of the Mill Road bridge (along with existing mature trees in the same location) and/or one central open space. Further work and testing on all these issues will be undertaken in the coming weeks leading to the completion of a draft brief to be reported in March 2016 as noted earlier in this report.

### Next Steps

3.9 If the contents of the draft Planning and Development Brief SPD are agreed at by the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport at the meeting of the Development Plan Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting on 14 March 2016, formal

public consultation on the draft planning and development brief will be arranged to take place after elections in May, 2016. Representations will be reviewed thereafter with a view to preparing a final planning and development brief SPD document to be adopted by Full Council concurrently with (or following) the Cambridge Local Plan as and when it is ready for adoption.

## **4. Implications**

### **Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no significant financial issues arising from the preparation of this SPD. Staffing resources are already committed through the budget and service plan process. Funding for consultation is allowed for in existing consultation budgets.

### **Staffing Implications**

- 4.2 There are no direct staffing implications arising from this report. The development of the SPD is already included in existing work plans.

### **Equality and Poverty Implications**

- 4.3 The planning and development brief SPD, once adopted, will have a positive impact by ensuring the site is integrated into the wider area. New development within the site should provide access for people with limited mobility.

### **Environmental Implications**

- 4.4 The redevelopment of the site should provide for the development of energy efficient buildings as well as the inclusion of renewable and low carbon energy generation.

### **Consultation**

- 4.5 Formal consultation on the draft SPD is planned to commence in May 2016, following two rounds of informal consultation taking place as part of the preparation of the draft SPD in November, 2015, and January, 2016.

### **Community Safety**

- 4.6 There are no direct community safety implications arising from this report.

## **5. Background papers**

- 5.1 These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
- Cambridge Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission (as amended)  
<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/local-plan-review-proposed-submission-consultation>

## **6. Inspection of papers**

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APPENDIX 1: Mill Road Depot SPD Event Record – Community Workshop  
10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at St Philips Church Centre, Mill Road

## **Appendix 1:**

### **Mill Road Depot SPD Event Record – Community Workshop 10th November 2015 at St Philips Church Centre, Mill Road**

#### **Overview**

*A consultation workshop was held for local people to have their say on the future of the Mill Road Depot site on Tuesday 10 November. Community members were asked to discuss questions around the following themes:*

- *Land-uses;*
- *Accessibility and movement;*
- *Design; and*
- *Open space, public realm and landscaping.*

*A number of key issues and priorities were identified:*

- *Need for community facilities;*
- *Open space provision;*
- *Building height;*
- *Car-free development;*
- *Access only from Mill Road;*
- *Pressure on local primary schools from increased development;*
- *The amount of affordable housing;*
- *Sustainable design; and*
- *The future of the existing garages (leaseholders).*

#### **Land-uses**

- *There was strong consensus for mixed-tenure, social/co-operative housing of some kind. Some suggested housing provision for elderly residents. There were mixed views as to whether the site was suitable for student housing.*
- *Participants considered other uses for the site as part of a housing-led approach. There was strong agreement for new community space – a primary school/nursery school and LGBT centre were suggestions. The space should have at least two rooms. Provision for small businesses e.g. low cost workshops was also suggested. Some noted that the Women’s Resource Centre should be reprovided.*
- *A number of attendees stated a preference that the existing garages should be retained.*

#### **Open spaces/public realm**

- *Many suggested the need for open space, including a plaza/square which could be a central community hub for Mill Road residents.*
- *Green spaces for community growing/products e.g. on roofs or allotments and a ‘please kick a ball and run around space’ were also suggested.*
- *Play area provision should be for different age groups and be designed based on what young people really want. A linear park was suggested that would run parallel to the railway line to the east of the site.*
- *The site should not be isolated from public view and open space should be accessible to everyone. There was strong support for more trees, wider pavements and improved bin storage solutions.*

#### **Access and movement**

- *There was clear consensus that access should only be from Mill Road and not from the north of the site. Various options exist for internal access routes. For example,*

streets could run along the railway line, parallel to a linear park with houses in an east-west direction. Existing road restrictions should be maintained.

- There were concerns over basement parking – whether it would bring too much traffic to the surrounding area and how cost-prohibitive it is. Some felt a basement car park could be located by the areas of contamination.
- There was strong support for car-free development, although some were concerned that people would park cars in surrounding streets if car-free and it would be difficult to police. Access should be for refuse and emergency use only. Others felt that there should be limited parking, at least, for visitors and disabled residents.
- There were many ideas about provision for cars and cyclists. These were:
  - o Car-charging spaces
  - o Hidden cars – orchards at edges
  - o Car share schemes
  - o Rental schemes for car parking
  - o Plenty of cycle storage which is really accessible and close to the housing
- There was general support for the Chisholm cycle route to be extended and for it to move through the site. There should be a lot of access points to the trail from the site.

Key questions raised include the following:

- o How many cars will there actually be?
- o Has a traffic audit been done?
- o How does access plug into wider network/movement patterns?
- o Is Mill Road access to depot safe?

## **Design**

- The Gatehouse building should be kept
- The industrial buildings are more likely to be suitable for demolition.
- A number of participants mentioned the need for sustainable-led design. There was also consensus about the need for architecture and layout to respond to the character and form of the local area.
- Different options exist in terms of the orientation of housing. Future developments in the vicinity such as the Travis Perkins site should be considered when making decisions on building height and density.
- There is potential for buildings to increase in height closer to the railway line.
- Many supported two-storey development although some felt it was unrealistic and noted that taller scale might be appropriate subject to design.
- Sustainable design (i.e. solar design, passive gain) should be a priority.
- Non-habitable rooms should overlook the railway.
- It was suggested that the grain should be extended from Ainsworth Street in keeping with the local character – terraced houses were also an idea.
- Others said they did not want any “pretend Victorian houses” or “Cromwell Road aesthetic”.
- Local brick should be used to reflect the character of Mill Road and there should be a sense of space rather than feeling cramped in.