



Cambridge City Council
South Area Committee

Date: Monday, 15 January 2018

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Meeting Room - CHVLC - Cherry Hinton Village Leisure Centre,
Colville Road, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge, CB1 9EJ

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Proposed South Area Committee Dates for the municipal year 2018-19:

4th June 2018
10th September 2018
14th January 2019
8th April 2019

Venues will be agreed later.

Item to Note

10 Cumulative Impact Area Briefing Note for Area
Committees (Pages 79 - 82)

City Councillors: O'Connell (Chair), T. Moore (Vice-Chair), Pippas, Adey, Ashton, Avery, Dryden, McPherson and Page-Croft

County Councillors: Adey, Crawford and Taylor

City and County Councillor(s): Adey

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SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

2 October 2017

7.00 - 9.20 pm

Present

Area Committee Members: Councillors O'Connell (Chair), T. Moore (Vice-Chair), Pippas, Avery, Dryden, McPherson, Crawford and Taylor

Officers:

Head of Streets and Open Spaces: Joel Carré

Lead Officer for the CB1 development in the Safer Communities Team:
Maureen Tsentides,

Committee Manager: Toni Birkin

Other Officers in Attendance:

Police Sergeant: Kevin Mišik

Project Manager, Cambridgeshire County Council: Grant Weller

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

17/9/SAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Adey, Ashton and Page-Croft.
Councillor Taylor sent apologies for the first part of the meeting as she had to attend a County Council meeting elsewhere.

17/10/SAC Declarations of Interest

None

17/11/SAC Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 17th July 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

17/12/SAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes

Addenbrooke's Station

There will be a further update on this matter at the next meeting.

Open Forum: Bus related issues

- a) Councillor O'Connell received the following response from the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in response to issues raised at South Area Committee:

"I am aware of issues with the bus service, not just in Cambridge but across the County and in Peterborough. I have decided that a review of the service is needed and will work with Local Authority partners to provide an independent review of the service."

- b) Councillor Avery confirmed that a good outcome had been achieved regarding bus routes.
- c) Trumpington Residents Association had made some progress regarding service delivery.

Open Forum: Environmental Report

A further update would be provided at the next South Area Committee regarding bin storage space in Ainstey Way.

17/13/SAC Open Forum

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

1. Dara Morefield

- i. **It seems that every home which comes up for sale is 'fair game' for developers, building for greed, not for need. Houses are bought, demolished, and replaced with as many 1 and 2 bed units which can be fit onto the site.**
- ii. **Notwithstanding the destruction which ad-hoc densification of this nature brings to a neighbourhood, or even a single street, can Cambridge really have no current, or future, need for 3 and 4 bed family houses? Have local residents really stopped having children, or more than one child?**
- iii. **Residents can, and do, object to individual developer demolish/replace applications via the planning website, but this appears to be a futile exercise. Developers are, naturally, skilled at coming up with designs which meet all technical planning requirements.**
- iv. **Right now, in Queen Edith's ward alone, there are four such planning applications. One application, on the corner of Hills Rd and Queen Edith's Way, has garnered a lot of opposition. It is a striking house, on a striking corner plot. The other three**

applications are unlikely to attract the same level of local attention (after all, only immediate neighbours are ever informed) but the overall principle remains.

- v. Is Cambridge really to become a city whose housing caters only to singles and childless couples?**

Wendy Blyth

- i. Research indicates that there is currently an oversupply of smaller properties.**
- ii. Properties were being purchased by London commuters and by foreign buyers.**
- iii. This is resulting in a shortage of family homes.**

Sam Davies

Local Neighbourhood Planning would help prevent such developments. Councillors could work with local communities to develop these.

Members responded:

- i. Cambridge was a victim of its own success.**
- ii. Owners will seek to make a profit from division of property and without good planning reasons for refusal, there is little that the city Council can do to stop it.**
- iii. Evidence suggests that Cambridge will continue to grow.**
- iv. Suggested that Planning Officers do not see Neighbourhood Plans as the answer.**
- v. The market is driven by developers.**
- vi. Housing need varies from ward to ward and there was an identified need for smaller social housing units.**
- vii. Conservation Area status could be used to defend the character of an area.**

2. Rebecca Jones

Requested an update on the S106 project for Nightingale Recreation Ground

Councillor Pippas stated that it was his understanding that the funding had been agreed and that the local community were taking this forward.

Action: The Committee undertook to provide Ms Jones with an update outside the meeting.

3. Fulbourn Road Cycleway

The Committee had been informed in advance that residents had concerns about the proposed Fulbourn Road cycleway project. Grant Weller, Project Manager, Cambridgeshire County Council, was present to listen to their concerns.

Melanie Atkins

- i. Raised road safety concerns and stated that this was a very busy but narrow road.**
- ii. Residents already suffered from access issues.**
- iii. Cyclists would expect a fast lane.**
- iv. Utility and delivery vehicles would be forced to park across the cycle lane.**
- v. Narrowing the road might not produce the desired speed reductions.**
- vi. Local residents had signed a petition.**
- vii. Initial consultation had been 17 months ago and respondents had not received any feedback from the Greater Cambridge Partnership.**

Peter Forman

- i. Concerned about the north side footpath as cyclists travelling west would be likely to continue on the footpath beyond the point where it stops being dual use.**
- ii. Pedestrians would be at risk from fast moving cyclists.**
- iii. Overall design of scheme was poor.**

Michael Smale

- i. Parking was already difficult and there are not enough spaces for the number of houses.**
- ii. The Available spaces are often occupied by commuters or local workers.**
- iii. Designated resident parking would be helpful but should be free.**
- iv. In the 1950's residents agreed to sacrifice parts of their gardens for the road.**
- v. Residents were lead to believe that the street parking bays would be available to compensate them.**
- vi. Residents would like the original promises to be honoured.**

Mark Baker

- i. **Residents responded to initial consultation in 2016.**
- ii. **Personal details were published without permission.**
- iii. **Comments were acknowledged but do not appear to have influenced the plans.**
- iv. **The Robin Hood junction is very dangerous and plans would not help that situation.**
- v. **Bus stop locations have not been thought through.**
- vi. **Routes to Netherhall School were unsafe.**
- vii. **Road drainage is poor.**
- viii. **Where would drop curbs be located?**
- ix. **Street lights have recently been moved; would they need to be moved again?**
- x. **What alternative parking arrangements would be made during the work?**

Grant Weller responded as follows:

- i. Met with local residents recently and similar issues were raised.
- ii. Letters had been sent to residents in September.
- iii. When finalised, the Robin Hood junction design would link into the Fulbourn Road plan.
- iv. Resulting experience would be better for cyclists and pedestrians.
- v. Was not aware that bus stops were used as layover points and will speak to Stagecoach regarding this.
- vi. Redesigned parking spaces would provide additional spaces by making better use of the existing space.
- vii. Would investigate local businesses using the spaces with companies such as Arm.
- viii. Cyclists would be offered alternative routes to discourage use of footpaths.
- ix. Drainage issues would be addressed.
- x. Residents parking would not be possible until 2019/20 and would result in charges for households.

Councillor Crawford

Residents in the wider area have raised concerns about overspill parking.

Recent on-site visits to the area suggest that poor parking in the existing bay is part of the problem.

Councillor McPherson

Why would it take so long to bring in residents parking?

The resident parking programme has a long lead in time, is current taken up with other projects and the required notices take many months. Resident parking would happen in time but there would be a cost.

Councillor McPherson

What actions would follow from the concerns raised?

Recent concerns had been passed on to the design team. The team accept that the consultation process had been poor and lessons had been learnt.

Councillor Moore

Why can't the entire area be limited to 20 mph?

It was not possible to limit 'A' Roads to 20 mph.

Melanie Atkins

Road Safety issues have not been addressed. If 20 mph is not possible, could flashing signs be installed to tell drivers how fast they are travelling?

Mark Baker

The consultation appears to have been pointless. The project is in the wrong order. Why not complete the junction work first? The process does not address the promises made to residents in the 1950's regarding parking.

Resident

Other projects in the area suffer from similar issues. Addenbrooke's Hospital junction work was undertaken with poor consultation and little notice of changes to bus timetables.

Residents were unclear if the traffic lights would be in operation 24 hours a day or would revert to peak times when the work was completed.

Councillor Moore

The Addenbrooke's traffic light/roundabout changes had been undertaken to improve safety for pedestrians, in particular less mobile pedestrians. Improved sharing of consultation information across the City Council and County Council websites would be helpful to residents.

The Committee thanked residents and the Project Manager for attending the Committee to discuss the project.

17/14/SAC Record of Officer Delegated Decisions in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and Spokesperson for South Area Committee**6a Community Facilities Funding For Refurbishment Of Memorial Hall And Church Hall, Cherry Hinton Road**

The Committee noted the officer delegated decision.

17/15/SAC Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods

The Committee received a report regarding the policing and safer neighbourhoods trends from Maureen Tsentides, Lead Officer for the CB1 development in the Safer Communities Team, on behalf of Lynda Kilkelly, Safer Communities Manager, and Police Sargeant Kevin Misik. The report outlined actions taken since the Committee's meeting on 5th June 2017, identified on-going and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provided recommendations for future priorities and activity. The report listed previous priorities and the actions taken in response:

- Combatting 'county lines' drug dealing;
- Burglary (in response to the recent crime spike); and
- Sexual exploitation (specifically of women coerced or controlled as sex workers).

In discussion, Members:

- a) Thanked the Police for their action regarding drug dealing.
- b) Requested that action be taken to address the problem of pop up brothels.
- c) Noted that increased crime in Trumpington was likely to be due to the increased ward size.
- d) Stated that there had been reports of vandalism in the Cherry Hinton High Street Area.
- e) Requested action to address unsafe parking in the vicinity of schools.

Action: Maureen Tsentides undertook to raise the issue of vandalism in Cherry Hinton High Street with the Multi Agency Problem Solving Group.

Diana Minns stated that Hanover out suffered from anti-social behaviour in the winter months. She requested that this be included in the Police priorities.

Linda Jones asked if the bad publicity surrounding the CB1 area had resulted in increased Police action.

Sargeant Misik stated that the Police would not be influenced by media attention.

There were 6 recommendations from which the Committee was asked to nominate their top 3 for focus over the coming months.

1. **Combatting drug use around Coronation Street**

We would provide evidence of our proactive work in this area, and ensure enhanced visible patrols of the area

2. **Streetlife ASB**

We will disrupt members of the street life community from known ASB hotspots around the South of the city, mainly Hills Road and Station Road. We would also evidence activity undertaken to target the most persistent offenders.

3. **Combatting 'county lines' issues**

We would conduct targeted patrols in known drug-dealing area around the South of the city, prioritising vulnerable individuals being exploited by these organised crime groups and seek to prosecute individuals willingly housing and aiding them.

4. **Burglary patrols**

We would continue enhanced reassurance patrols in known burglary hotspots. As well as dedicating PCSO patrols to individual crimes as they are reported to deter repeat offending.

5. **Road safety**

We would evidence work of our efforts to promote road safety in the South of the city, using CRASH data to identify the locations where enforcement of safe driving standards would be most effective.

6. **Operation Mantis**

We would continue to deliver an enhanced level of activity, particularly around the warning to landlords about their possible criminal liability for the actions of their tenants.

The Committee voted on each priority individually:

1. Combatting drug use around Coronation Street (0 Votes)
2. Streetlife ASB (4 Votes)
3. Combatting 'county lines' issues (8 Votes)
4. Burglary Patrols (7 Votes)
5. Road Safety (3 Votes)
6. Operation Mantis (6 Votes)

The Committee **resolved** to nominate the following three priorities for focus over the coming months:

- i. Combatting 'county lines' issues**
- ii. Burglary Patrols.**
- iii. Operation Mantis**

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm

CHAIR

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COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET Agenda Item 4

Committee	South Area Committee
Date	02/10/17
Updated on	20/12/17

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
<u>Addenbrooke's Station</u> John Laing (scheme promoter) to be invited to a future meeting of SAC	Cllr O'Connell	15/01/18	Consultation has begun and more details are expected in Spring. A representative will be invited to SAC when there are more details available.
<u>Environmental Report</u> Wendy Young undertook to ask Sandra Farmer to liaise with Councillor Avery regarding bin storage space for City Homes properties on Anstey Way. Bins are currently left on the pavement.	Robert Linney - Property Surveyor	15/01/18	Discussions on-going with the tenants of properties and ~City Homes to resolve issues.
<u>17/13/SAC Open Forum</u> Officer's to provide Rebecca Jones with an update on the status of the S106 project Nightingale Rec.	Joel Carre	15/01/18	Anthony French (Green Spaces Officer) has responded directly to Ms Jones
<u>17/1/SAC</u> Vandalism in cherry Hinton High Street	Maureen Tsentides	15/01/18	To raise this matter with the Multi Agency Problem Solving Group

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Environmental Report



Cambridge South Area June to November 2017

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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 South Area Committee. The report identifies the reactive and proactive service actions undertaken in the previous year, including the requested priority targets and reports back on the recommended issues and associated actions to be targeted in the following period. 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 period to help shape the activity to be undertaken within the public realm. Following suggestions that are received the relevant teams will consider the suggestions, and will prioritise work, responding reactively where appropriate and programming some work for the future. All suggested targets will be reported back on in the following period to update members and the public on the status of the issue. Recommendations will also be presented to the committee for consideration and to aid discussion.

Recommendations

The following are suggestions for members on what action could be considered for priority within the South Area for the upcoming period.

Continuing priorities¹

Number	Priority details
1	Early morning, daytime and weekend patrols for dog fouling on Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground, <i>Trumpington Recreation Ground</i> and Cherry Hinton Hall.
2	Enforcement targeted approach to areas where Addenbrookes site joins residential areas such as Hills Road and Red Cross Lane and to work with Addenbrookes to work towards the bus station area being cleaned up.
3	Enforcement to work with the County Council, against utilities and companies that damage the verge on Mowbray and Fendon Road.
4	Enforcement joint working and patrols to deal with littering from students of Long Road Sixth Form in the areas of Long Road and Sedley Taylor Road.
5	Enforcement patrols to deal with litter, abandoned vehicles and fly tipping in and around Teversham Drift
6	Enforcement action to deal with bins left on pavements in Anstey Way.
7	Enforcement patrols to tackle fly tipping at the Anstey Way recycling centre

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

Community intelligence questions

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

¹ Amendments to continuing priorities are shown in italics

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. Specific issues and actions: Previous period

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

Priority 1	Early morning, daytime and weekend patrols for dog fouling on Nightingale Avenue Recreation Ground, Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground and Cherry Hinton Hall.
Action Taken	Dog Warden patrols have been conducted by the dog wardens to address the issues of dog fouling at the above locations, patrols times totalled 24 hours. Educational advice, verbal warnings and dog bags have been provided to a number of dog walkers seen at these locations during early mornings, daytimes and at weekends.
Current Situation:	Ongoing
Priority 2	Enforcement targeted approach to areas where Addenbrookes site joins residential areas such as Hills Road and Red Cross Lane and to work with Addenbrookes to work towards the bus station area being cleaned up.
Action Taken	Patrols have been carried out on a regular basis of at least one day a week. the officer has conducted over 48 hours of educational and littering patrols. Officers have handed out pocket ashtrays and ensuring that the smoking areas and bins are kept clear of cigarette butts, and issued 4 fixed penalty notices to those caught littering. 1 prosecution pending
Current Situation:	Ongoing
Priority 3	Enforcement to work with the County Council, against utilities and companies that damage the verge on Mowbray and Fendon Road.
Action Taken	22 Warning letters have been sent out in this period,1 repeat offender is in the process of being prosecuted.
Current Situation:	Ongoing

Priority 4	Enforcement action against nuisance vehicles being repaired at Arran Close and vehicles for sale at Fulbourn Road layby.
Action Taken	No longer an issue
Current Situation:	Completed
Priority 5	Enforcement joint working and patrols to deal with littering from students of Long Road Sixth Form in the areas of Long Road and Sedley Taylor Road.
Action Taken	Officers spent 12 hours of education patrols giving out pocket ashtrays. School have been contacted and issued with an education pack
Current Situation:	Ongoing
Priority 6	Enforcement patrols to deal with litter, abandoned vehicles and fly tipping in and around Teversham Drift.
Action Taken	Over 6 hours of patrols were carried out, two abandoned vehicles were dealt with, 1 case of flytipping investigated (no evidence found). Three estate agents boards were removed from street signs and seized two have been issued fixed penalties for breaching Community Protection Notices.
Current Situation:	Ongoing
Priority 7	Action to deal with bins left on pavements in Anstey Way.
Action Taken	2 fixed penalty notices have been issued to tenants of Ansty Way, 1 has paid, the other is due in court shortly, door knocks and educational visits have been made by officers to the tenants of Ansty Way, over 24hrs of patrols carried out in the area
Current Situation:	Ongoing

5. Environmental Data

Private Realm [South Area]

Period	Activity	Investigations	Informal Action / Written Warnings	Statutory Notices Served	Legal Proceedings
June to November 2016	Pest Control	60	NA	NA	NA
June to November 2017		94			
June to November 2016	Noise Complaints	151	2	1	0
June to November 2017		180		5	2
June to November 2016	Refuse/ Waste Complaints	4	2	0	0
June to November 2017		5		0	0
June to November 2016	Other public health complaints ³	21	2	1	0
June to November 2017		9		1	0
June to November 2016	Private Sector housing standards	51	2	6	0
June to November 2017		45		0	0

² All complaints will generally have at least one such action

³ Other public health complaints includes odour, smoke, bonfires, filthy and verminous

Public Realm Data

Public Realm Enforcement [South Area]

Period	Activity	Investigations	Written Warnings	Statutory Notices	Fixed Penalty Notices	Simple Cautions	Legal Proceedings
June to November 2016	Abandoned vehicles	41	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
June to November 2017		34			0	0	0
June to November 2016	Nuisance vehicles ⁴	2	2	N/A	0	0	0
June to November 2017		3	3		0	0	0
June to November 2016	Verge parking ⁵	3	3	N/A	N/A	0	0
June to November 2017		24	23			0	1
June to November 2016	Derelict cycles	54	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
June to November 2017		71					
June to November 2016	Domestic waste	61	4	0	11	0	0
June to November 2017		28	12	0	5	0	0
June to November 2016	Trade waste	5	2	0	0	0	0
June to November 2017		4	4	0	1	0	0
June to November 2016	Litter	28	0	0	14	0	0
June to November 2017		11	0	0	9	0	2
June to November 2016	Illegal camping	1	N/A	0	N/A	0	0
June to November 2017		3		1		0	0
June to November 2016	Illegal advertising	3	0	N/A	0	0	0
June to November 2017		4	4		2	0	0

⁴ Nuisance vehicles includes vehicles displayed for sale or being repaired (other than in an emergency) on the public highway

⁵ Applies to Mowbray and Fendon Road only

Summary of public realm enforcement data

- Of the vehicles reported, all were reported as abandoned, the majority of them have been claimed or were removed by the owners and a few cases are still ongoing. One vehicle was removed as abandoned from Paget Road and was subsequently destroyed when not claimed.
- There were three nuisance vehicles for sale investigated at Cherry Hinton, owners of all cars were sent warning letters and subsequently moved the vehicles.
- Seventy one cycles were removed from across all three wards.
- There were twenty four cases of verge parking on Mowbray and Fendon Road investigated, twenty three warning letters were sent and a repeat offence has been passed to legal for prosecution.
- There were twenty eight cases of domestic waste investigations conducted in the area, the majority of which was waste littered and fly tipped at recycling centres across the area. Of the investigations conducted there were twelve warning letters, and five fixed penalties issued for littering domestic waste.
- Four cases of trade waste were investigated in the South Area, a number of businesses were sent warning letters which they subsequently complied with. One fixed penalty notice was issued and subsequently paid.
- There were eleven cases of litter investigated in the South area which resulted in nine fixed penalties being issued for littering.
- Four cases of illegal advertising were found, (illegally placed estate agents board), all four were issued with Community Protection Warnings, which were subsequently breached by two of the estate agents who were then issued Community Protection Notices, these were then breached by the same estate agents, both were issued Fixed Penalties which they have since paid, all estate agents in Cambridge have been issued with Community Protection Warnings/Community Protection Notices.

Dog Warden Service [South Area]

Stray dogs

Period	Activity	Number of cases	Rehomed	Destroyed	Claimed	In Kennels	Comment
June to November 2016	Stray dogs	12		1	10	1	Three other stray dog calls were received, but the dogs were collected by their owner before the dog warden attended
June to November 2017		7	3	0	3	1	

Dog Control Orders

Period	Activity	Investigations	Written Warnings	Statutory Notices	Fixed Penalty Notices	Simple Cautions	Legal Proceedings
June to November 2016	Dog control orders: Fouling	11	1	0	0	0	0
June to November 2017		17	0	0	1	0	0
June to November 2016	Dog control orders: Exclusion	0	0	0	0	0	0
June to November 2017		0	0	0	0	0	0
June to November 2016	Dog control orders: Leads	2	0	0	0	0	0
June to November 2017		0	0	0	0	0	0
June to November 2016	Other dog complaints ⁶	15	5	3	0	0	0
June to November 2017		2	4	0	0	0	0

⁶ 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 [South Area]

Operations cleansing data by ward (South Area) – June to November 2017

Activity	Period	Total number of incidents	WARDS			
			Cherry Hinton	Queen Edith's	Trumpington	Comments
Fly-tipping	Current period	128	42	35	51	
	Previous period last year	185	92	26	67	
Offensive graffiti ⁷	Current period	3	1	0	2	
	Previous period last year	7	1	5	1	
Detrimental graffiti ⁸	Current period	19	3	1	15	
	Previous period last year	42	2	17	23	
Needles	Current period	5 instances – 20 needles in total	0	2	3	
	Previous period last year	7 instances – 49 needles in total	0 instances	1 instance – 8 needles	6 instances -41 needles	

Summary of operations cleansing data:

⁷ 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.

⁸ 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.

Fly-tipping:-

- 8 of the 42 instances in Cherry Hinton occurred in recycling areas.
- 8 of the 42 instances in Cherry Hinton occurred in Colville Road.
- 4 of the 42 instances in Cherry Hinton occurred in Malletts Road.
- 5 of the 42 instances in Cherry Hinton occurred in St Bede's Crescent.
- 10 of the 35 instances in Queen Edith's occurred in recycling areas.
- 8 of the 35 instances in Queen Edith's occurred in Hulatt Road.
- 12 of the 35 instances in Queen Edith's occurred in Wulfstan Way.
- 11 of the 51 instances in Trumpington ward occurred in recycling areas.
- 9 of the 51 instances in Trumpington occurred in Hauxton Road.
- 4 of the 51 instances in Trumpington occurred in Paget Road.
- 4 of the 51 instances in Trumpington occurred in Russell Street.
- 10 of the 51 instances in Trumpington occurred in Tenison Road

Offensive Graffiti:-

- The one instance in Cherry Hinton was of offensive wording & was on a street sign on Fulbourn Road – the graffiti could not be removed without removing the “Twinned with Cambridge” wording so this was referred to County Council for them to replace the sign.
- There was no Offensive graffiti in Queen Edith's ward.
- Offensive wording was written on a set of railway sleepers on Bentley Road / Coe Fen, Cambridge Police informed of instance.
- Pictures of Human Anatomy were removed from a wall on Gresham Road in June 2017.

Detrimental Graffiti:-

- Tagging was removed from a wall at the entrance to the library in Cherry Hinton in October 2017.
- Black paint was removed from a wall at St Bede's Crescent in Cherry Hinton ward in September 2017 on 2 occasions.
- Tagging was removed from a comms box on Hartington Grove in Queen Edith's ward in June 2017.
- Non offensive wording was removed from a wall on Brooklands Avenue in Trumpington in November 2017.
- Tagging was removed from a wall on Chaucer Road in Trumpington Ward in October 2017.
- Paint was removed from Monkswell in Trumpington in October 2017.
- Tagging was removed from a wall at Queen Anne Terrace car park in Trumpington ward in October 2017.
- Tagging was removed from Glenalmond Avenue in Trumpington ward in September 2017.
- Small scale tagging was removed by a City Ranger In September 2017 on a street bin in Trumpington Road.
- Large tagging was removed from a wall & gate in Gresham Road in September 2017.
- Small scale tags were removed from a bench on Trumpington Road in Trumpington ward in August 2017.
- Tagging was removed from a wall on Gresham Place on Trumpington ward in August 2017.
- Tagging was removed from a wall near the Guided busway in Glenalmond Avenue in Trumpington ward in July 2017.
- Tagging was removed from a fence on Barrow Road in Trumpington ward in Trumpington Ward in July 2017.

- A small scale tag was removed from a comms box on Shaftesbury Road in Trumpington ward in July 2017.
- A small scale tag was removed by a City Ranger on a comms box on Trumpington Road in July 2017.
- A small scale tag was removed from a bin on Gonville Place in Trumpington ward in June 2017.

Needles:-

- 10 needles were removed from a grit box at Bateman House on Hills Road in Queen Edith's ward in August 2017.
- 3 needles were removed from near a fire escape at Bateman House on Hills Road in Queen Edith's ward in November 2017.
- 4 needles were removed from the front of a property on St Paul's Road in Trumpington ward.
- 2 needles were removed from the bin area at Hanover Court in Coronation Street in Trumpington ward in September 2017.
- 1 needle was removed from a bush in Coronation Street near St Paul's School in September 2017.

Waste and Recycling Data [City wide] Report – Waste and Recycling

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 hoped that the information contained 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	Q3 Oct-Dec	Q4 Jan-Mar	Comment/Notes that can be removed	Lead Officer
Recycling rate – dry recycling	20.2%	20.2%				RWW
Recycling rate – composting	32%	32.3%				RWW
No of press releases issued		4				IO/VL
No of 2 nd blue bins delivered					1042 second green bins now being paid for	RWW
No of 2 nd Green bins delivered						RWW
No. of black bins changed from standard to small					No current data available	RWW
No of events attended	9	10	4			RWW
No of people spoken to	920	550	400			RWW/BL
No of Kitchen Caddies given out	576	698	200			RWW
No of Recycling Champions (RC) at events	31	22	10			BL
No of new RC recruited	1	3	4			BL
Amount of rubbish/recycling collected at events (tonnes)						RWW
No of community/school visits to AmeyCespa	20	10	11			RWW

Summary of Waste and Recycling Data

(to cover any note-worthy points from above figures)

Campaign Information

(Operational Plan update)

Events attended

05/04/2017	16.00-17.30	Hanover and Princess Court Community Rom	Community Safety Surgery
05/05/2017	19.30-20.30	53-54 Sidney Street	Talk on recycling for Cambridge Commonwealth, European & International Trust
03/06/2017	12:00-17:00	Midsummer Common	Strawberry Fair
10/06/2017	10:00-17:00	Arbury rec	Arbury Carnival
17/06/2017	13:00-17:00	Pye Rec	Chesterton Festival
22/06/2017	09:00-14:00	Ekin Road	Ekin Road CAD
24/06/2017	10.00-17:00	Cottenham	Fen Edge Festival
25/06/2017	10.00-17.00	Milton Country Park	Parklife
21/07/2017	10:00-11:00	Arbury Court	Leaflet dropping
13/07/2017	09:00-14:00	Colville Road	Community Action Day
27/ 29/07/2017	10.00-17.00	Coldhams Common	Cambridge Folk Festival
02/09/2017	09:00-14:00	Wulfstan Way	Community Action Day
09/09/2017	10:00-12:00	Pheasant Drive	Open Eddington
16/09/2017	13:00-17:00	North Academy Green	Open House Gathering
23/09/2017	09:00-14:00	Kings Hedges Clean-up day The Ship Monkfields Primary School Caddy	
27/09/2017	15:00-16:00	Handout	Caddy Handout
30/09/2017	09:00-14:00	Ditton Fields CAD	
21/10/2017	09:00-16:00	Guildhall	Volunteer for Cambridge Event
25/10/2017	09:00-13:00	Amey Waste Management Park	Composting Capers event
18/11/2017	11:00-13:00	Morrison's Cambourne	Caddy handout
02/12/2017	09:00-16:00	Mill Road Winter Fair	Mill Road Winter Fair

At Coleville, Lichfield and Ekin Road:
5,520 general waste
2,660kg wood

Davy Road residents cleared out
1,700kg general waste

Thorpe Way residents cleared out
60kg green waste
383kg general waste
660kg of domestic appliances
980kg metal

6. Proactive and community work: Previous period

During the previous period the following proactive and community work has been undertaken. This sections also details ongoing and upcoming work.

Task	Nightingale Recreation Ground
Action Taken	Community payback has spent valuable time in the community gardens. They have been edging all the paths, clearing rubbish and assisting with building more wildlife friendly features.
Current Situation	On-going

Task	Community Payback
Action Taken	With the help of Community Payback we completed six jobs/projects in the South which included clearing a blocked path outside Bewick Primary School, digging over community allotments at the Burnside Allotments and Nightingale Rec and the Wulfstan Way shops.
Current Situation	Completed

Task	Accordia
Action Taken	With the help from volunteers and local residents, we planted some new raised beds in the community garden. This involved adding soil conditioner to the beds, planting them with bee friendly plants and mulching with wood chips.
Current Situation	Completed

Task	Trumpington Allotments
Action Taken	The South area ranger has been helping the community orchard install a new gate post after the last one rotted.
Current Situation	Completed

Proactive and community work June – November 2017

During the period June to November 2017 the following community and Ranger work has been undertaken in the South of the City.

Walpole Road Nature Reserve

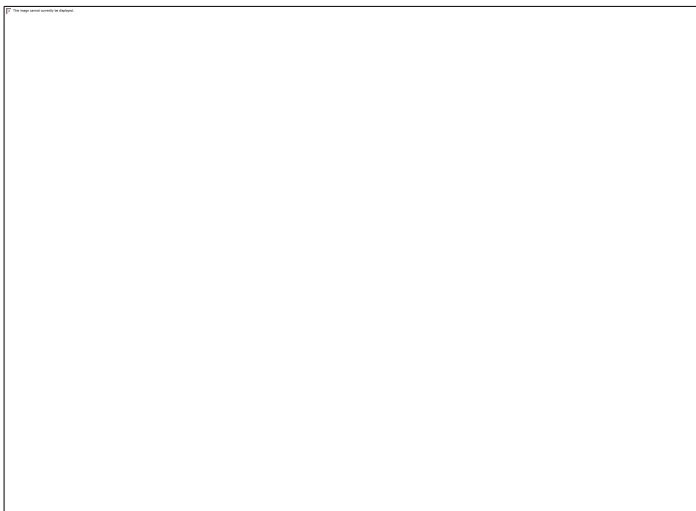
Community Payback team assisted with the removing of ivy from trees and clearing pathways in order to assist the Conservation Officer to inspect trees and to open up to the public. The project was nominated by Guy Belcher in the conservation team.

Community Payback

17 jobs were completed with the help of Community Payback between June and November. Some of the projects include:

Colville Road clean-up day, garden clearances, Downhams Lane/Hawkins Road regular litter pick and clean-up, fruit and leaf fall clearing. Wulfstan Way - bungalows had the paths edged for ease of access by the elderly residents

After:



Community clean-up day

Community Payback, SOS Volunteers and Recycling Champions helped at the Queen Edith Community Clean-up day in Wulfstan Way. Local residents made use of the recycling skips available, a 'bring and take' stand and we recruited new volunteers on the city council stall.

Burnside footpath and Community Allotments

Community Payback teams helped dig over bedding in preparation for next planting season. (Images below):





Burnside footpath clearance:



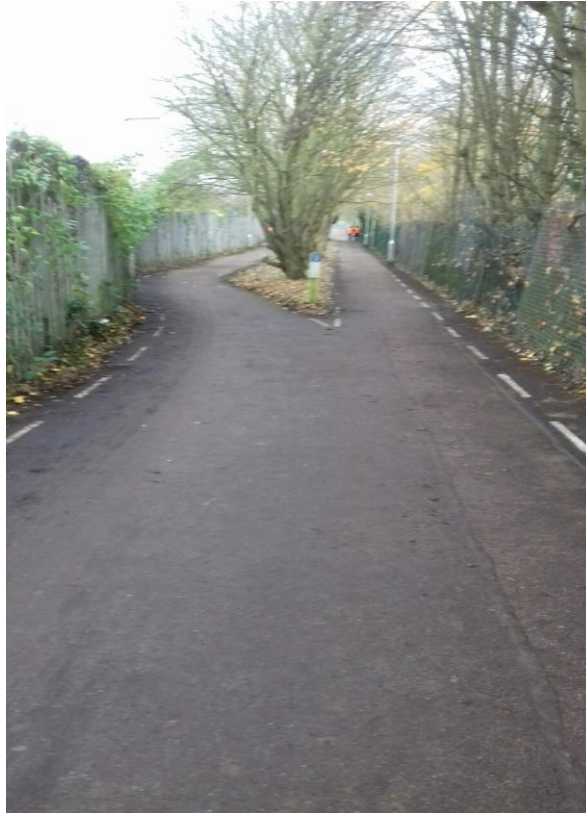
The Tins Footpath

Community Payback worked tirelessly for a full day working to clear the footpath from leaves and litter making it safer for pedestrians and cyclists:

Before:



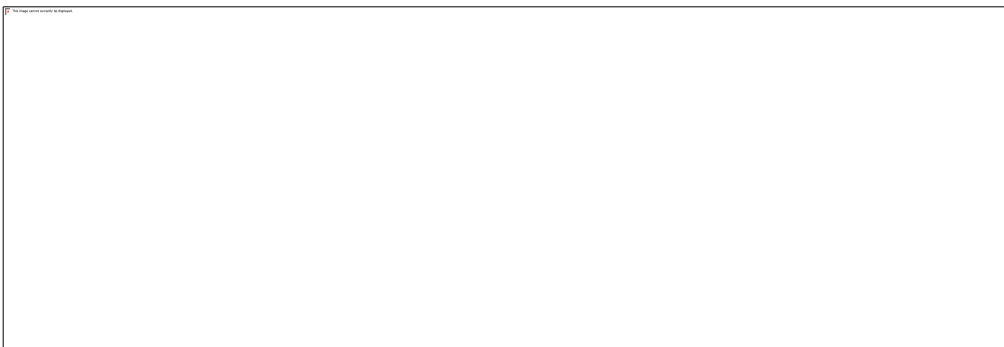
After:



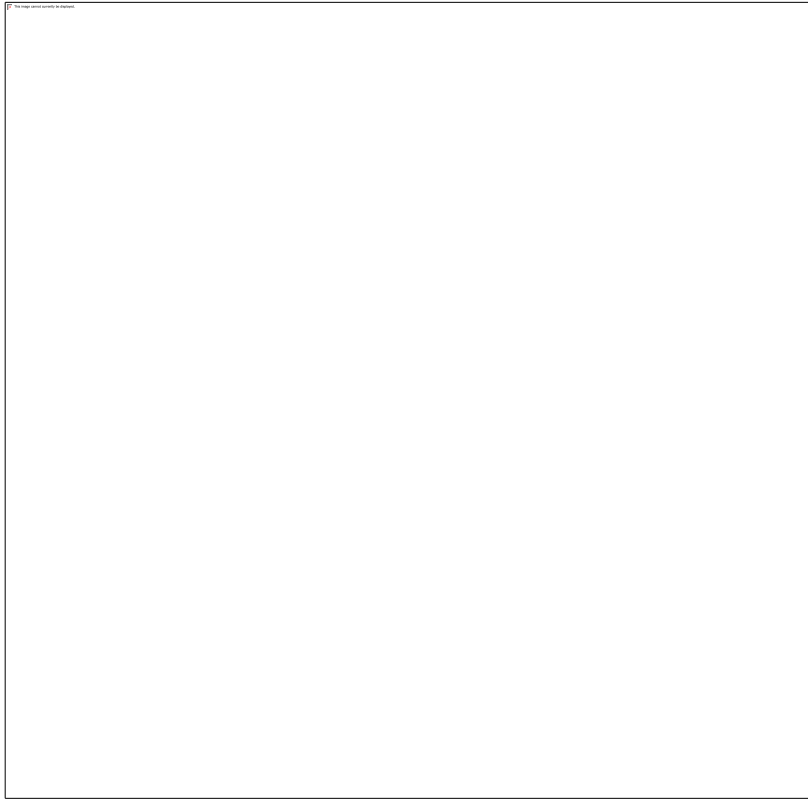
Nightingale Community Gardens

Community Payback spent a day assisting at the community gardens.

They almost finished the willow circle:



They took a lot of pallets apart which were used for the Fun Palace:



And dug a bed for trees, which is about to be planted with some Cambs Collection trees and some grafted ones from Trumpington Community Orchard as cordons:



7. Key contacts

Officers

Area	Contact	Telephone Number	Email
Environmental Health Manager	Yvonne O'Donnell	01223 457951	yvonne.odonnell@cambridge.gov.uk
Senior Operations Manager	Don Blair	01223 458575	Don.blair@cambridge.gov.uk
Operations Manager (Grounds Maintenance)	Paul Jones	01223 458215	Paul.Jones@cambridge.gov.uk
Operations Manager (Community Engagement and Enforcement)	Wendy Young	01223 458578	Wendy.young@cambridge.gov.uk
South Area Ranger: Edward Nugent	City Rangers	01223 458282	cityrangers@cambridge.gov.uk
Public Realm Enforcement (South team):	Sharron Munro (Queen Edith's and Trumpington)	01223 458581	streetenforcement@cambridge.gov.uk
	Nick Kester (Cherry Hinton)	01223 457095	
Dog Warden	Samantha Dewing (Mon-Wed)	01223 457883	dogwarden@cambridge.gov.uk
Volunteer opportunities (Streets, Parks and Open Spaces)	Rina Dunning	01223 458084	Caterina.dunning@cambridge.gov.uk
Recycling Champions	Co-ordinator	01223 458240	recycling.champions@cambridge.gov.uk
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	wasteandstreets@cambridge.gov.uk
Abandoned bicycles	Customer Service Centre	01223 458282	cityrangers@cambridge.gov.uk
Pest Control	Refuse and Environment	01223 457900	env.health@cambridge.gov.uk
Noise			
Stray and lost dogs	Customer Service Centre	01223 457900	dogwarden@cambridge.gov.uk

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8. Resources

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

Remaining bins stocks for the city have been reallocated across all wards to ensure that bins are installed where required.

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
Cherry Hinton	7	1
Queen Edith's	6	1
Trumpington	9	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
Cherry Hinton	Coldhams Lane (Near Norman Way)	May 2015
Cherry Hinton	Cherry Hinton Road (opposite BP garage)	February 2017
Cherry Hinton	Bridewell Road (near junction with Drayton Road)	February 2017
Cherry Hinton	Fulbourn Road (next to bus stop by technology park)	October 2015
Cherry Hinton	Cherry Hinton High Street (outside school)	October 2015
Cherry Hinton	Colville Road (outside primary school)	October 2015
Cherry Hinton	Cherry Hinton Hall (in car park)	April 2016
Queen Edith's	Long Road (junction with Sedley Taylor Road)	January 2015
Queen Edith's	Sedley Taylor Road (junction with Luard Road)	January 2015
Queen Edith's	Mowbray Road (outside Acacia Guest House)	March 2015
Queen Edith's	Hills Road (on pavement near hospital)	March 2015
Queen Edith's	Cavendish Avenue (outside Lady Jane Court)	March 2015
Queen Edith's	Long Road (near to number 13)	July 2015
Trumpington	Hills Road (near Harvey Road)	July 2015
Trumpington	Outside pavilion	January 2015
Trumpington	Outside village hall	January 2015
Trumpington	Shelford Road / Hauxton Road (outside cemetery)	January 2015
Trumpington	Lensfield Road	October 2015
Trumpington	Hauxton Road (near park and ride)	September 2015
Trumpington	Addenbrookes Road	September 2015
Trumpington	Old Mills Road	September 2015
Trumpington	Shelford Road (near garage)	June 2016

Dog bin provision

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

Ward	Bins used	Bins available for installation
Cherry Hinton	4	1
Queen Edith's	0	1
Trumpington	1	1

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
Cherry Hinton	Kathleen Elliott Way (near Snakey path footpath)	May 2015
Cherry Hinton	Arran Close (on green at top of road)	July 2015
Cherry Hinton	Teversham Drift	October 2015
Cherry Hinton	Recreation Ground	March 2016
Trumpington	Brooklands Avenue (by Hobsons Conduit)	June 2015

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
Cherry Hinton	0	13
Queen Edith's	0	13
Trumpington	0	13



Item

Environmental Improvement Programme

To:

South Area Committee 15 January 2018

Report by:

Joel Carre, Head of Environmental Services

Tel: 01223 458201 Email: joel.carre@cambridge.gov.uk

Wards affected:

Cherry Hinton, Queen Ediths, Trumpington

Key Decision: No

1. **Executive Summary**

1.1 This report reviews progress in delivering the Council's Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP) within South area and outlines decisions needed around future spending priorities.

2. **Recommendations**

The South Area Committee is recommended to:

1. Note progress, and delays where experienced, in delivering the identified programme of projects since 2011-12
2. Support the allocation of £4,500 in 2017-18 towards the provision of 26 summer hanging baskets along Cherry Hinton High Street
3. Consider the allocation of remaining EIP funding available in 2017-18 to further project applications

4. Approve those projects selected for implementation, subject to them being viable, obtaining consents as necessary, positive consultation and final approval by Capital Programme Board and Ward Councillors where required.
5. Consider a further application invitation round early in 2018.

3. Background

- 3.1. The creation of direct, lasting and noticeable improvements to the appearance of the public realm environment has been at the heart of the Council's Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP) since its introduction in 2004. The programme is supported up to and including year 2018-19 with an annual capital budget which is split across the council's four areas depending on population, with devolved decision making to Area Committees to allocate the budget available to project applications each year.
- 3.2 The programme application form and eligibility criteria are attached at **Appendix B**.

4. Review of Principal Achievements

- 4.1 Since 2011-12, some 23 projects have been allocated EIP funding in South area with a good spread across each of the three wards. Of these, 21 (91%) have been completed, one abandoned and one remaining to be completed. Development and delivery of the programme has been undertaken by the Council's Streets and Open Spaces service, in conjunction with Cambridgeshire County Council's highways teams, as necessary.
- 4.2 Progress in implementing previous programme commitments is outlined in **Appendix C**. Some of these have been dependent on staffing availability within the County Council's highways service and other permissions necessary, and regrettably there have been delays in the completion of some projects.
- 4.3 A review of the programme was undertaken during 2015 to put more emphasis on smaller, community supported projects that can be developed and delivered more quickly. Applications for projects relating to core transport or highways functions, and infrastructure, are now encouraged via the County Council's Local Highways Improvements

(LHI) programme. These amendments have, on the whole, assisted delivery since 2015 with steady progress and associated budget spend being achieved.

5. Scrutiny of Programme Delivery and Value

- 5.1 Whilst the programme is funded for the current year and provisionally next, the Council has been reviewing its spending priorities and has consequently further sought to ensure good value through its investment in environmental improvements. Delivery has generally been good across the four areas and the projects well received, but the complexity and dependencies involved with some have presented challenges that have proven difficult to overcome. This has had a consequent disproportionate impact on staffing resource in comparison with other programme work.
- 5.2 Efficient delivery of the Environmental Improvement Programme across all areas in recent years has led to savings against project allocations each year. Additionally, some projects have been abandoned, or become delayed. The overall effect is that significant capital reserves have built up in all areas. Some projects, however, have contributed towards an increase in revenue operating costs.
- 5.3 The Council is currently undertaking a service review of Streets and Open Spaces with the objectives of raising standards, improving delivery, reducing duplication and operating costs and making better use of Council assets. Moving forward, there may be opportunity to better align environmental improvements with corporate and service objectives, and operational needs.
- 5.4 In light of this, the Council's Senior Leadership Team (SLT) / Executive have been considering the best way forward with some ten projects city-wide, along with some potential further adaptations to ensure best value from future programme investment. None of these projects are located within South area.

6. 2017-18 Year Applications

- 6.1 The budget available to develop and deliver new EIP projects across South area was reduced from £41,800 in 2014-15 to £35,530 annually from 2016 to 2020. This is in order to support the city-wide £30,000 contribution to ensure an LHI programme can be delivered across Cambridge, where the majority of costs involved are met by the County Council. Further, some £4,500 of the annual budget has been allocated in recent years to support the provision of summer hanging baskets along Cherry Hinton High Street.
- 6.2 There is, however, a significant capital reserve in South area rolled forward from previous years. Whilst the exact position is dependent of the final costs of schemes currently being delivered and recharges processed, latest estimates suggest this could be in the region of £55,000. Overall, therefore, there may be some £90,000 available for allocation to new projects in South area from this year.
- 6.3 Applications for new EIP projects were invited between July and September 2017; with several new suggestions submitted within South area. Each has been assessed by officers for eligibility and practicality; including an estimate of the likely costs involved in delivering those projects considered, at this stage, to be potentially feasible. The 6 potential new projects are listed in the table attached as **Appendix A**.
- 6.4 Some of the suggestions received, whilst potentially viable, require further investigation or are dependent on external factors and may, therefore, not prove quite ready to proceed at the current time. An additional column has been added to the Appendix A table identifying where there may be delivery risks or other uncertainty, with supporting commentary.
- 6.5 Schemes S1 – S3 are being considered for funding by the County Council as Local Highways Improvements. Should they be successful, the City Council will contribute through the Minor Highways Improvement programme. There is therefore no need to consider funding through EIP.
- 6.6 The total anticipated cost of the suggested new projects considered, at this stage, to be viable for funding through EIP (S4 – S6; £17,000) is,

however, less than the funds currently available within South area. Area Committee is therefore able to support adding all these to the forward programme, for further development and delivery where they prove viable, should they wish, and in addition to continuing to fund summer hanging baskets.

7. Proposed Way Forward

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to consider supporting the new EIP projects listed in Appendix A that are considered viable at this time (S4 – S6), for further development, and implementation - subject to obtaining consents as necessary, positive consultation and final approval by the Council's Capital Programme Board and Ward Councillors where required.
- 7.3 Should each of these viable new projects be supported, along with continued provision of hanging baskets, it is anticipated that there could be up to £68,000 available for further allocation within South area. Area Committee may therefore wish to consider a further application round early in 2018.

8. Implications

(a) Financial Implications

This is an annual capital programme of projects currently funded up to and including 2018-19; with significant additional funding available re-phased from previous years. Those new projects identified as being viable at this time, provided they are developed carefully, are not anticipated to generate significant revenue implications for the City Council. Where projects are on the public highway or hard-surfaced definitive footpaths, ongoing management and maintenance is generally the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council.

(b) Staffing Implications

Historically a small number of projects have proven difficult to develop and deliver for reasons as laid out in this report, and have had a disproportionate impact on staffing resource in comparison with other programme work. The programme is under review to ensure it can be managed and delivered without the requirement for additional staffing resource.

(c) Equality and Poverty Implications

Environmental improvements have historically been prioritised across all areas proportionate to population and in accordance with locally identified need. They can be enjoyed by all and do not discriminate between any particular user groups. All schemes are designed to accommodate those less able and / or mobile. The overall impact of investment in such facilities is therefore considered to be positive. An Equalities Impact Assessment is included as **Appendix D**.

(d) Environmental Implications

The programme aims to preserve and improve the quality of the natural and built public realm environment across Cambridge, in a manner that does not contribute towards climate change and leaves a positive legacy for future generations. The overall impact of the programme on the environment within Cambridge is therefore rated as +M (positive; Medium).

(e) Procurement Implications

Improvement to infrastructure facilities within Cambridge are, dependent on their nature, scope, scale and complexity either delivered in-house utilising existing resources within the Streets & Open Spaces service, or via existing framework contract arrangements (such as with Skanska for highways related services). Other schemes may best be procured and constructed via individual competitive tender processes.

(f) Community Safety Implications

Environmental improvement of the outdoor public realm encourages use and promotes face to face contact, reducing social exclusion and isolation. The programme is thus considered to have a positive impact on community safety.

5. Consultation and communication considerations

Professional and public stakeholder engagement and consultation will take place, as appropriate, to help shape the recommended projects and ensure they are fully focused on and targeted towards local needs.

9. Background papers

Background papers used in the preparation of this report:

None.

10. Appendices

Appendix A – Summary of Potential EIP Schemes for 2017-18

Appendix B – EIP Application Form and Eligibility Criteria

Appendix C – Progress of Existing Prioritised EIP Schemes

Appendix D - Equalities Impact Assessment

11. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact John Richards, Senior Engineer, tel: 01223 458525, email: john.richards@cambridge.gov.uk.

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SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL EIP SCHEMES FOR 2017/18 - SOUTH AREA

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Proposed by	Ward	Estimated Cost £	Risk to Delivery Rating R/A/G	EIP Allocation requested	Comments
S1	Hills Road/ Nightingale Avenue corner	Provision of cycle parking facilities for local demand; including staff bus to Granta Park, and to encourage cycling to Nightingale Recreation Ground.	County Councillor A Taylor	Queen Ediths	5,000	Amber	None	Existing street furniture, trees and fences are used currently for informal cycle parking, but this can cause damage and obstruction. Careful investigation needed over positioning to maximise usage and value, and deter potential cycle crime. Would require highway approval and possible undertaking to maintain, and therefore might be better as a Local Highway Improvement (LHI). Currently subject to assessment.
S2	Hills Road in vicinity of Addenbrookes Hospital	Provision of bollards, fences or other measures to discourage driving and parking on the verges which is causing obstruction, damage and some safety concerns.	County Councillor A Taylor	Queen Ediths	5,000	Amber	None	Would require highway approval and possible undertaking to maintain, and therefore might be better as a Local Highway Improvement (LHI). Currently subject to assessment.
S3	Colville Road in the vicinity of Cherry Hinton High Street	Provision of bollards, fences or other measures to discourage driving and parking on the verges and paths which is causing obstruction, damage and some safety concerns.	Councillor M Ashton	Cherry Hinton	5,000	Amber	None	Would require highway approval and possible undertaking to maintain, and therefore might be better as a Local Highway Improvement (LHI). Currently subject to assessment.
S4	Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground path improvement	Improvement to the width and edges of the main access path to the playing field area.	Councillor M Ashton	Cherry Hinton	10,000	Green	10,000	Existing main path to access the play facilities and sports pitches is quite narrow, with the edges over-run by service vehicles. This might be widened in blacktop construction, or the edges reinforced beneath the grass.

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S5	Hills Road War Memorial	Refurbishment of the war memorial at the junction of Hills Road with Station Road.	Councillor L Herbert	Trumpington	5,000	Green / Amber	5,000	Potential work to include survey and assessment, recarving and repainting of lettering, repairs to damaged stone, deep clean of dirt penetrated stone work and cleaning / repairs to bronze statue - in readiness for centenary commemoration events November 2018. Would require input from Conservation and War Memorials Trust.
S6	Rathmore Road replacement tree and pit refurbishment.	Improvements to the existing tree pit incorporated within the access restriction in Rathmore Road to support the planting and healthy establishment of a suitable tree replacement.	Arboriculture Officer	Queen Ediths	2,000	Green	2,000	Officer suggestion, with Area Committee to determine whether appropriate. Replacement tree for that previously lost included in Council winter planting programme. However, the planter requires some preparation work first that the budget for new trees is unable to afford.
				TOTAL	32,000	0	17,000	



Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP)

2017-18 Year Applications

Please complete and return to eiprojects@cambridge.gov.uk by end of 3 September 2017

First Name

Surname

Organisation

Address

Post Code

Telephone

Email Address

Location of suggested Environmental Improvement

Are your 3 Area Ward Councillors supportive? Yes No

Issue/Problem – please outline what you would like your application to address:

Suggested Solution – please outline how you feel your objectives might be best met:

Benefits to the Local Area – please outline who would benefit, and how:

Eligibility Criteria for Environmental Improvements

Please indicate which of these criteria would be met by your application:

Essential Criteria	tick	Desirable Criteria	tick
The scheme has a direct, lasting and noticeable improvement to the appearance of a street or area		The project will benefit a large number of local people	
The scheme is publicly visible and accessible.		It is easy and simple to implement.	
If the scheme is on private land, the owners' permission has been granted (unless there are exceptional circumstances by which the Area Committee may wish to act unilaterally, with full knowledge and responsibility for the implication of such action).		It features the active involvement of local people.	
The scheme provides low future maintenance costs.		It meets one/more key policy objectives (e.g. improves community safety or contributes to equal opportunities).	
		There is potential for inclusion of employment training opportunities	
		Additional 'partnership' funding is available.	

Ineligible for funding:

- Projects costing in excess of £5,000; without Area Committee authority.
- Where a readily available alternative source of funding is available.
- Revenue projects (i.e. management and maintenance of existing facilities).
- Schemes that have already received Council funding (unless it can be clearly demonstrated that this would not be 'top up' funding).
- Works that the City or County Council are under an immediate obligation to carry out (e.g. repair of dangerous footways)
- Play areas (S106 funding should pay for these facilities)

Other Information:

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

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

Thank you for completing your application.

All sections of this form must be completed and returned to eipprojects@cambridge.gov.uk by **3 September, 2017**, in order to be considered.

Prior to that deadline, further advice is available from the above email address, or by calling the Streets and Open Spaces Development Unit on 01223 458525.

PROGRESS OF PRIORITISED EIP SCHEMES - SOUTH AREA

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Proposed by	Ward	Year Allocated	Approved Budget £	Completion Expected	Comments
1	Shaftsbury Avenue and Clarendon Road 20 mph speed limit.	Introduction of 20 mph speed limit for Shaftsbury Avenue and Clarendon Road.	Ward Cllrs	Trumpington	2011-12	12,000	Completed 2013	
2	Wulfstan Way refurbishment	Refurbishment of City Council owned shop forecourts and highway footway links between.	Ward Cllrs	Queen Ediths	2011-12	157,000	Completed 2013	
3	Mowbray Road and Fendon Road	Introduction of Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit parking on verges along these roads, in support of by-law introduced by City Council in 2004 that has proven ineffective.	Ward Cllrs	Queen Ediths	2011-12	4,000	Abandoned Spring 2016	Scheme abandoned by South Area Committee Spring 2016. Prioritised funding available for re-allocation to further schemes.
4	Cherry Hinton High Sreet / Colville Road junction	Verge refurbishment with elimination of desire line across green area.	Cllr R Dryden	Cherry Hinton	2011-12	2,000	Completed Autumn 2012	
5	Cherry Hinton High Street / Fulbourn Road junction	Verge refurbishment with elimination of desire line across green area.	Cllr R Dryden	Cherry Hinton	2011-12	3,500.0	Completed Autumn 2012	
6	Cherry Hinton Village Sign	Refurbishment of the bespoke village sign.	Cllr R Dryden	Cherry Hinton	2011-12	5,000	Completed	
7	St. Bede's Gardens / Snakey Path	Elimination of desire line across green area.	Cllr R Dryden	Cherry Hinton	2011-12	2,000	Completed Autumn 2012	

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No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Proposed by	Ward	Year Allocated	Approved Budget £	Completion Expected	Comments
8	Rectory Terrace, Cherry Hinton High Street	Refurbishment of privately owned shop forecourt area.	Ward Cllrs	Cherry Hinton	2011-12 & 2014-15	60,000 plus 12,000	Completed Summer 2016	City Council approved EIP funding increased to £72,000 with further £20,000 of private landowner funding available. Project delivered as part of broader Local Centres Improvement and County Council Highways works for the High Street.
9	Cherry Hinton War Memorial	Village war memorial on High Street near the recreation ground. Existing fence to be moved back, hard surface to be put down around this area and the memorial to be raised up from the ground.	Cllr R Dryden	Cherry Hinton	2012-13	5,000	Completed Autumn 2014	Additional S106 and Highways maintenance funding secured. Project completed in time for Remembrance services November 2014.
10	Trumpington War Memorial	Drainage and landscaping around the memorial base to be improved. Information board to be installed.	Former Cllr A Blackhurst	Trumpington	2012-13	8,500	Completed Autumn 2014	Additional S106, drainage and Highways maintenance funding secured. Project completed in time for Remembrance services November 2014.
11	Hobson's Brook Railings Refurbishment	Refurbishment of railings along brook from Lensfield Road to Bateman Street.	Former Cllr S Stuart	Trumpington	2012-13	10,000	Completed	
12	South Area Mobility Crossings	Mobility dropped crossing survey and installation.	Ward Cllrs	South Area	2012-13	6,000	Completed	Mobility crossing introduced in Wulfstan Way.
13	Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground	Double sided noticeboard.	Ward Cllrs	Cherry Hinton	2012-13	4,500	Completed	
14	Cherry Hinton High Street/ Mill End Road	Bollards to deter vehicles mounting pavement and parking on forecourt.	Ward Cllrs	Cherry Hinton	2012-13	3,500	Completed	New bollards and cycle racks introduced.

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15	Baldock Way	Verge reinforcement.	Former Cllr S Birtles	Queen Ediths	2013-14	25,000	Completed Autumn 2015	Limited areas of verge reinforced and refurbished in addition to parking restrictions completed Autumn 2015. Effectiveness of approach taken under review since.
16	Bateman Street	New trees and improved tree pits.	Ward Cllrs	Trumpington	2013-14 & 2016-17	20,000 plus 10,000	Winter 2017-18	Draft design consulted on with widespread support. Additional funding prioritised by SAC and Trumpington ward councillors 2016-17. Detailed specification, working methodology and competitive pricing under development.
17	Babraham Road	Verge refurbishment.	Former Cllr S Birtles	Queen Ediths	2013-14	15,000	Completed Autumn 2015	Limited areas of verge reinforced and refurbished in addition to parking restrictions completed Autumn 2015. Effectiveness of approach taken under review.
Page 57	Godwin Way	Verge improvement	Former Cllr S Birtles	Queen Ediths	2013-14	3,000	Completed	
19	Paget Road / Paget Close and Aberdeen Avenue and Kingfisher Way estate	Double yellow line parking restrictions by Traffic Order to prohibit waiting at all times.	-	Trumpington	2013-14	2,000	Completed Autumn 2015	Funded from the remainder of the South Area Committee 2011-12 joint minor highway works budget.
20	Langdale Close, Church End and Cherry Hinton Road / Walpole Road areas	Double yellow line parking restrictions by Traffic Order to prohibit waiting at all times.	-	Cherry Hinton	2013-14	3,500	Completed Autumn 2015	Funded from the remainder of the South Area Committee 2011-12 joint minor highway works budget.
21	Mowbray Road / Hulatt Road and Queen Edith's Way / Chalk Grove junctions	Double yellow line parking restrictions by Traffic Order to prohibit waiting at all times.	Former Cllr S Birtles	Queen Ediths	2014-15	3,000	Completed Autumn 2015	Funded from the remainder of the South Area Committee 2011-12 joint minor highway works budget.

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22	Wulfstan Way shopping area verge protection	Placing posts on the Wulfstan Way side of the parking blocks, at the entry into the bay, will prevent large vehicles driving over the grass resulting in ruts.	Cllr T Moore	Queen Ediths	2016-17	1,000	Completed Autumn 2017	Bollards installed Autumn 2018
23	Red Cross Lane dropped kerb	Install dropped kerb at gate leading to Addenbrookes Hospital.	County Cllr A Taylor	Queen Ediths	2016-17	3,000	Completed Summer 2017	Gate arrangement amended to improve access as part of growth area changes. Segregated arrangement for cyclists and pedestrians. Original EIP allocation not needed so available for reallocation to further schemes.

Cambridge City Council Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)



This tool helps the Council ensure that we fulfil legal obligations of the [Public Sector Equality Duty](#) to have due regard to the need to –

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Guidance on how to complete this tool can be found on the Cambridge City Council intranet. For specific questions on the tool email Helen Crowther, Equality and Anti-Poverty Officer at equalities@cambridge.gov.uk or phone 01223 457046. Once you have drafted the EqIA please send this to equalities@cambridge.gov.uk for checking. For advice on consulting on equality impacts, please contact Graham Saint, Strategy Officer, (graham.saint@cambridge.gov.uk or 01223 457044).

1. Title of strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service:
Environmental Improvement Programme
2. Webpage link to full details of the strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service (if available)
https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=117&MIId=3342&Ver=4
3. What is the objective or purpose of your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service?
The Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP) delivers small scale, direct, lasting and noticeable improvements to the appearance of the public realm environment across all areas of Cambridge. Decision making is devolved to Area Committees to allocate the budget available to project applications each year, with the schemes selected developed and delivered through engagement with local communities.
4. Responsible Service
Environmental Services

5. Who will be affected by this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service? (Please tick those that apply)

- Residents of Cambridge City
- Visitors to Cambridge City
- Staff

Please state any specific client group or groups (e.g. City Council tenants, tourists, people who work in the city but do not live here):

6. What type of strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service is this? (Please tick)

- New - some new proposals have been identified for 2017/18
- Major change
- Minor change

7. Are other departments or partners involved in delivering this strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service? (Please tick)

- No
- Yes (Please provide details):
 - Cambridge City Council S&OS, Planning, Urban Design and Conservation teams
 - Cambridgeshire County Council (as Highway Authority)
 - City and County Councillors
 - User and Stakeholder group representatives

8. Has the report on your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service gone to Committee? If so, which one?

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9. What research methods/ evidence have you used in order to identify equality impacts of your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service?

Applications for new EIP projects were invited between July and September 2017; with several new suggestions submitted within South area. Each has been assessed by officers for eligibility and practicality, and in relation to their equality impacts.

10. Potential impacts

For each category below, please explain if the strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service could have a positive/ negative impact or no impact. Where an impact has been identified, please explain what it is. Consider impacts on service users, visitors and staff members separately.

(a) Age - Any group of people of a particular age (e.g. 32 year-olds) , or within a particular age range (e.g. 16-24 year-olds) – in particular, please consider any safeguarding issues for children and vulnerable adults

Some projects involve improvements to Recreation Grounds and so will be of benefit to children. For instance, the Cherry Hinton Rec path improvement would be hoped to lead to increased use of play facilities.

(b) Disability - A person has a disability if she or he has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on that person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. (In this section please also include impacts of policies on carers.)

All new and improved infrastructure schemes are designed to accommodate those people with different disabilities. In many cases these have been specifically focused on making life easier for those less mobile getting around. Examples include improved dropped kerbs and tactile surfaces, and restrictions to prevent parking on verges, footways and adjacent to junctions, in several locations across South area.

(c) Sex – A man or a woman.

Neutral - no specific impact anticipated

(d) Transgender – A person who does not identify with the gender they were assigned to at birth (includes gender reassignment that is the process of transitioning from one gender to another)

Neutral - no specific impact anticipated

(e) Pregnancy and maternity

Neutral - no specific impact anticipated

(f) Marriage and civil partnership

Neutral - no specific impact anticipated

(g) Race - The protected characteristic 'race' refers to a group of people defined by their race, colour, and nationality (including citizenship) ethnic or national origins.

Neutral - no specific impact anticipated

(h) Religion or belief

Neutral - no specific impact anticipated

(i) Sexual orientation

Neutral - no specific impact anticipated

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

Neutral - no specific impact anticipated

11. Action plan – New equality impacts will be identified in different stages throughout the planning and implementation stages of changes to your strategy, policy, plan, project, contract or major change to your service. How will you monitor these going forward? Also, how will you ensure that any potential negative impacts of the changes will be mitigated? (Please include dates where possible for when you will update this EqlA accordingly.)

Applications for new EIP projects were invited between July and September 2017; with several new suggestions submitted within South area. Each has been assessed by officers for eligibility and practicality, and in relation to their equality impacts. At this stage of the plans, most equality impacts will be more easily identified when planning the practicalities of these proposals (and where relevant, EqlAs specific to a project will be produced).

12. Do you have any additional comments?

Environmental improvements are prioritised across all areas proportionate to population and in accordance with locally identified need. They can be enjoyed by all and do not discriminate between any particular user groups. All schemes are designed to accommodate those with disabilities. The overall impact of investment in such facilities is therefore considered to be positive.

Some specific positive impacts related to individual projects that have, and would, improve access and safety for equality groups include:

- The 20 mph speed limit for Clarendon Road and Shaftsbury Avenue improved safety for all equality groups
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13. Sign off

Name and job title of lead officer for this equality impact assessment: John Richards, Senior Engineer, Project Manager, Environmental Services

Date of EqlA sign off: 2 January 2018

Date of next review of the equalities impact assessment: To be confirmed.

Sent to Helen Crowther, Equality and Anti-Poverty Officer.

Yes

No

Date to be published on Cambridge City Council website (if known): To be confirmed.



South Area Committee

15 January 2018

Footbridge across Hobson's Brook – Update

To: South Area Committee 15/01/2018

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Wards affected: Trumpington

Key Decision: No

1. Executive summary

This report outlines recommendations that require Committee determination in relation to the potential introduction of a pedestrian footbridge across Hobson's Brook near Kingfisher Way.

It outlines a range of benefits for the City Council delivering the project rather than the grant applicant, Accordia Bridge Group, it then seeks a decision from Area Committee on whether to proceed with the project and support the additional funding required.

2. Recommendations

The South Area Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note and support the delivery arrangements now proposed as outlined in the report (see section 4.1).
- 2.2 Support the prioritisation of an additional £25,000 s106 funding contribution needed to deliver the project (see 4.4 and 5.1).

2.3 Notes that progress is also subject to obtaining necessary consents.

3. Background

3.1 The Council uses S106 developer contributions to mitigate the impact of development. Generic S106 contributions (agreed before April 2015) for providing or improving open spaces are devolved to the area committees to decide how they should be used. More details can be found at www.cambridge.gov.uk/s106.

3.2 The proposal to install a pedestrian footbridge across Hobson's Brook, using S106-funding, was put forward by the Accordia Bridge Group as part of the 2015/16 S106 bidding round. A summary of its application can be found in Appendix C. The aim is to improve the public pedestrian access to, from and through the Accordia development. This will provide a link to the existing footpath that runs up the west side of the brook between Brooklands Avenue and Long Road and will provide a link with Accordia and Bentley Road. The site location plan can be found in Appendix B.

3.3 The South Area Committee considered its 2015/16 S106 priority-setting report on 14 December 2015. Based on the information that was available at the time, the Committee agreed to allocate up to £35,000 of devolved informal open space s106 contributions as a grant to the Accordia Bridge Group for the installation of the new pedestrian footbridge, subject to planning permission, project appraisal approval and an agreement to transfer the new asset to the Council.

3.4 The planning application (15/2232/FUL) for the pedestrian footbridge received planning permission, subject to conditions, in August 2016. For a summary of the planning process please view the planning report via the link indicated in the background documents.

3.5 A detailed business case for the project was considered by Capital Programme Board. It was approved in principle, subject to confirmation of legal considerations; the business case is still to be finalised pending consideration of funding approval for expected additional costs and appropriate legal agreements being put in place. Assuming that this happens, the Capital Programme Board will review the details before sign-off of the business case can be confirmed.

4. Considerations

4.1 **Project Management:** The project was initially approved as a grant to the Accordia Bridge Group. However it is now intended that Cambridge City Council, through the Streets and Open Spaces Project Development Team, procure and manage the project development and implementation.

- (a) The City Council would be the organisation procuring the construction of the bridge and entering into a contract with suitable contractors in accordance with the approved planning permission.
- (b) The Accordia Bridge Group for planning purposes would still need as the applicant to adhere to the pre-commencement conditions as outlined in the planning consent.
- (c) With the City Council entering the contract with the building contractors directly, there will no longer be a requirement for a legal agreement for the transfer of the bridge between the Accordia Bridge Group and Cambridge City Council.
- (d) Direct management will also ensure that the bridge will be of an acceptable standard for public safety and future maintenance.
- (e) There will be efficiency and cost savings as a consequence and also the project will be VAT neutral. It is intended the Project Manager from Cambridge City Council will work closely with Accordia Bridge Group representatives to implement the project.

4.2 **Consultation on the S106-funding proposal:** The original project applicants the Accordia Bridge Group undertook a number of consultations during the development of the outline planning permission and during the process for two approved applications for planning consent.

- (a) The project concept was approved by South Area Committee's when it prioritised the project for funding.
- (b) Since the Area Committee's decision in December 2015, a local resident contacted officers in early 2016 to highlight:

(i) opposition to the proposals amongst some local residents and
(ii) concerns that the Council does not have the authority to build a bridge over Hobson’s Brook or to construct on the land on either side at the location.

(c) Following the concerns raised the Council undertook a public consultation in autumn 2016. This was separate from the consultation on planning application 15/2232/FUL.

(d) There were 123 responses to the question in the public consultation asking, ‘Do you support the use of up to £35,000 of developer contributions towards the proposed footbridge and access improvements’.

Response category	Replies	%	
Strongly support	78	63.4%	73.2% for
Tend to support	12	9.8%	
Tend not to support	7	5.7%	26.8% against
Strongly not support	26	21.1%	

(e) For more details please see Appendix A - Summary of the Wider Public Consultation Response.

4.3 **Land-owner consents:** The Council’s legal team continues to seek the consent of relevant land-owners to the building of the bridge. Negotiations are on-going.

4.4 **Estimated costs:** The legal agreements are taking considerably longer than expected to put in place and, to expedite matters and the Council has had to pay for other parties’ solicitor fees and disbursement costs.

(a) As a result, the project is now likely to cost more than the original £35,000 S106 funding allocation. It is now estimated that a completed scheme could cost in the range of £45,000 to £52,000.

(b) This is due to additional costs relating to legal fees, the considerable additional officer time required to bring the project

forward and the potential additional costs of the footbridge construction and engineered design to ensure it complies with standards expected in a public open space.

- (c) Recommendation 2.2 seeks Committee approval for allocating up to a further £25,000 (on top of the existing £35,000 allocation), which is £8,000 more than the higher value in the estimated cost range. This is intended as a sensible contingency measure (for example, in case quotes for the work are higher than expected).

5. Implications

5.1 Financial Implications

The Council's careful management of S106 contributions ensures they are used in line with relevant regulations, planning policies and the terms of the relevant S106 agreements.

- (a) Both existing and proposed funding for this project will be taken from nearby S106 contributions from Trumpington ward.
- (b) Even though S106 funding availability is running down in other parts of the city, Trumpington is fortunate to have considerable sums of informal open space S106 contributions available. An allocation of a further £25,000 of contributions from Trumpington will still leave the ward with significant sums for other projects.
- (c) The earliest expiry date for available informal open space S106 contributions in Trumpington ward is in 2023. The current delays to this project present no issue for time-limited S106 funding.
- (d) The current construction pre-tender expectation is that the contractor works will be between £40,000 and £50,000. At this time a full competitive procurement exercise has not been completed. Costs may be higher than expectations, and as such further additional funding may be required to complete the project, if this is the case the project will be further considered by the South Area Committee.

5.2 Staffing implications: This project is being managed by the project development team within Streets and Open Spaces.

- 5.3 **Legal implications:** The project is dependent on consents being obtained from relevant land-owners for building the footbridge on their land.
- 5.4 **Other implications:** Equality impacts, climate change ratings and community safety implications are amongst the factors being taken into account through the business case process.
- 5.5 With Committee support for the recommendations in this report, it is hoped that the project will be able to progress during 2018. If there are any particular difficulties, however, there will be a report back to this Committee later this year.

6. Background papers

- (a) South Area Committee Agenda (14/12/2015) Item 10 – s106 Priority Setting South Area project proposals at
- (b) Summary of the planning process and approval for the Footbridge across Hobson's Brook

7. Appendices

Appendix A – Summary of the Wider Public Consultation Response
Appendix B – Site Location Plan
Appendix C – Summary of the proposal from the Accordia Bridge Group in the 2015/16 S106 application round

8. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact James Ogle, Officer, Project Officer, tel: 01223 - 457354, email: james.ogle@cambridge.gov.uk.

Summary of the Wider Public Consultation Response

1. Purpose

To summarise the wider public consultation undertaken from 20/09/16 to 21/10/16 for Hobson's Brook Footbridge and based on the analysis of the consultation responses make a recommendation as to whether the project has an overall public support.

2. Background

For a number of years there have been discussions about the potential construction of a footbridge across Hobson's Brook, connecting the Accordia Development open space at Kingfisher Avenue with the public footpath network, west of the brook.

This wider public consultation gave local residents and stakeholders a further opportunity to comment on issues not considered through the planning process. A consultation leaflet was distributed to over 500 residences within proximity of the proposed footbridge. This consultation was made publically available online over a 5 week period from 20/09/16 to 21/10/16.

Consultation Summary

Extensive local consultation has been undertaken for this project prior to this wider public consultation exercise. The initial project sponsors Accordia Bridge Group (ABG) undertook consultations as part of the process for applying for planning permission as well as the initial application for s106 funding.

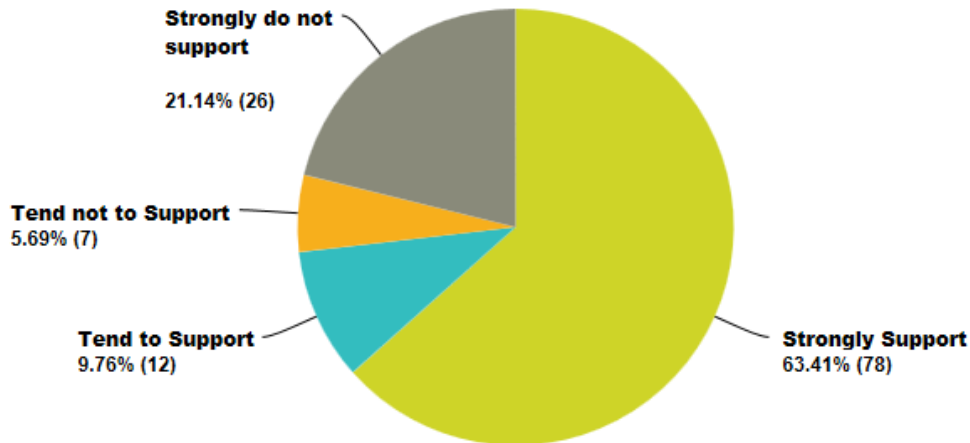
Wider Public Consultation, September/October 2016

From the various consultation media and response to the wider public consultation there was **123** responses received.

- There were 123 responses to the question asking, 'Do you support the use of up to £35,000 of developer contributions towards the proposed footbridge and access improvements'. 78 of the responses (or 63.41%) strongly supported, 12 of the responses (or 9.76%) tended to support, 26 of the responses (or 21.14%) strongly did not support and 7 of the respondents (or 5.69%) tended not to support the proposed the use of the s106 funding for implementing the scheme.

Do you support the use of up to £35,000 of developer contributions towards the proposed footbridge and access improvements?

Answered: 123 Skipped: 0



- Of the 123 respondents **73.17%** support the project of these **63.41%** strongly support the project.
- Of the 123 respondents **26.83%** do not support the project and of these **21.14%** strongly do not support the project.
- There were 88 responses to the question asking if responders wanted to make any additional points. Of these 50 responders (or 56.82%) gave supportive comments and 29 (or 32.95%) gave negative comments. 6 responses were neutral (or 6.81%) and 3 un-counted.

3. Summary of Consultation Findings to the Wider Public Consultation

The greater response to the wider public consultation was supportive of the bridge proposal with **73.17%**, supporting the use of developer contributions for the implementation of the pedestrian footbridge over Hobson's Brook.

The opinions in the responses were polarised with 84.55% of respondents either strongly supporting or strongly not supporting the proposal. With only 15.45% taking the middle ground of tending to support or tending not to support the proposal.

4. Next Step and Recommendation

Following the approval of the planning application for the bridge and the results of the wider public consultation, it is recommended that the South Area Committee consider the response to the consultation and further consider funding the project.

Proposed pedestrian footbridge across Hobson's Brook: site location plan



Summary of the proposal from the Accordia Bridge Group in the 2015/16 S106 application round for a footbridge across Hobson’s Brook at the Accordia development

Project: Footbridge across Hobson’s Brook between adopted POS in Accordia on the east bank and public footpath network, allotments and community orchard to the west of the brook.

Where?: Linking the adopted public open space in Accordia east of Hobson’s Brook (adjacent to The Oak Building, Kingfisher Way CB2 8DA) and the public footpath running north-south on the west side of Hobson’s Brook and the wider footpath network.

Q3. Category this proposal most relates to:

Informal open space

Q4. What sort of improvements do you have in mind?

Improving pedestrian permeability between footpath networks and public open spaces east and west of Hobson’s Brook. 5.0m long and 1.2m wide pedestrian bridge over Hobson’s Brook between Accordia and Empty Common.

This would link the pedestrian network within the Accordia site to the existing paths that run alongside the west side of the conduit and around the west side of the allotments. The width of the bridge would provide good manoeuvrability and easy access to wheelchair users and parents with push-chairs. The path link to the footbridge on the Accordia side would be in permeable rolled hoggin with edging to match the existing paths in the adopted Accordia Public Open Space.

Q5. Why is this project needed? (ie, what is the current unmet need?)

Whilst the masterplan for Accordia was specifically designed for pedestrian and cycle use with mews, landscaped pedestrian streets and cycle parking integrated into the design, the internal permeability was not extended beyond the site. Important in the integrity of the design was the location,

which it was hoped, would be well connected with paths to the city centre, surrounding neighbourhoods and the countryside beyond.

Accordia Bridge Group's application for S106 funding in 2015/16

However, because of the omission of the originally proposed bridge over Hobson's Conduit was omitted to the north, and the planned pedestrian route along the brook was barred by the fence around Brooklands House there were no pedestrian connections on the west boundary. The impenetrable enclosures to the Cambridge University Press and Government Offices to the south and south-east, resulted in pedestrian access was being limited to a single opening to Brooklands Avenue and two on Shaftsbury Road. The development was a virtual cul-de-sac. Pedestrian access along the narrow footway on the south side of Brooklands Avenue is a particular problem. In this respect, the design fails to achieve the permeability and integration with surrounding areas vital to the best principles of Urban Design. This is particularly poignant for residents since excellent walking routes lie west of the conduit.

City Council planners have confirmed that if this site were to be considered for development now, the provision of pedestrian links to the west and south would be considered essential.

Q6. How would local communities within Cambridge benefit?

Permeability: A footbridge over the conduit would make a substantial contribution to permeability in two important ways: first, it would increase ease of movement at a local level, opening up access for Accordia residents to the green spaces of Empty Common, its amenities, the allotments and in time to a community orchard; and for residents of neighbouring communities to the Accordia shop, play area and garden space; and at a city-wide level, facilitating connectivity for residents of south Cambridge to the railway station, bus routes, Addenbrooke's and the city centre. The footpath on the west side of the brook is on land owned by CCC and the community orchard/garden is a reality and flourishing. The project has the support of the Mayor in her role as promoting access for folk with disabilities and the Exec Cllr for transport within CCC.

Protection of the wildlife corridor: We consider that the management plan for the green belt, or corridor, will protect and enhance wildlife and wildlife habitats, especially with the provision for measures to encourage species such as water voles. The bridge will not prejudice this careful plan for the

green corridor. We consider that the new planting and removal of the fencing will hold an appropriate balance between screening the Accordia

Accordia Bridge Group's application for S106 funding in 2015/16

development and giving its residents space for recreational and leisure enjoyment of Hobsons Brook corridor.

Q7. Have any preparations taken place about this proposal?

Yes, from late 2010 extensive public consultations and discussions with officers. Applications for outline and detailed planning permission which included statutory consultations, both applications granted. The project has the support of a number of elected members.

- Consultation with Cambridge Past, Present and Future and Hobson's Conduit Trust, BENERA (Bentley Road and Newton Road Residents' Association)
- We suggested that voluntary assistance from Accordia residents could provide a valuable addition to the work of maintaining the brook through 'green gym' work-outs. This aspect of our work was to make real progress. In consultation with the city council's Nature Conservation Projects Officer, we drew up a set of biodiversity proposals for the management of the 'green belt' and the protection of species.
- Consultation with Cambridge City Council: We held several consultative meetings with the City Council's community staff. They indicated that they would assist in progressing the scheme if residents on Accordia were in favour. They held a workshop at which the scheme was considered and discussed by all relevant stake-holders
- Consultation with Cambridgeshire County Council: The group consulted Cambridgeshire's rights of way manager about a possible bridge's link to the existing network of foot paths and rights of way for which the County Council was responsible; about managing the water course; and about other technical and practical issues. He took the view that a bridge would improve connectivity in south Cambridge and said that from his department's viewpoint building a bridge would make a positive contribution once other issues – such as safety concerns, wheelchair access, and misuse – were resolved. There was some discussion of long-term maintenance and the possibility that the Council might adopt a bridge. He advised that the County Council had given formal right of way

status to the main foot path proceeding north to its junction with Finches Way, and then round the west side of the allotments.

Accordia Bridge Group's application for S106 funding in 2015/16

- Consultation with Cambridgeshire Police: Members of the group held an on-site consultation with the local beat police officer and Cambridgeshire Police's Architectural Liaison Officer, The informal and provisional view was that footbridge across the brook would not create a significant crime risk, and could be sited so that it was visible from the flats and by pedestrians for security. They pointed out that the adjacent area was a very low crime area. They also advised that it would be sensible not to site it by the children's play area.

The above consultations were all before the statutory consultation which preceded the grant of planning permission for the bridge.

Q8. Are you aware of any opposition to this proposal/potential issues?

- Concerns of some residents with regard to increased crime, environmental damage and danger from cyclists were all discounted by the Planning Committee when it granted planning permission for the bridge.
- Clare College, the landowner on the west bank, declined to grant licence for bridge abutment on strip of land between bank and public footpath. This can be overcome by moving the bridge a few metres north onto land wholly owned by City Council.
- A revised planning application is in preparation for this, although we understand that if accepted as an s106 project, the work may be permitted development.

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Proposed removal of Romsey area of Mill Road from the Cumulative Impact Area

- The current Statement of Licensing Policy was adopted by the Cambridge City Council on 19th October 2017. Within this policy, the Licensing Authority has adopted a special policy relating to cumulative impact in relation to certain areas of the City. Currently one of the areas specified in the special policy is:
 - The entire length of Mill Road Cambridge (excluding Brookfields)
 - Cambridge City Council are required to review the special policy regularly to assess whether it is still needed.
 - As part of the review of the Statement of Licensing Policy, statistics were provided breaking down the total number of Alcohol related crime and incidents by ward. These figures have brought into question whether there is sufficient evidence for the Romsey area of Mill Road to remain as part of the Special policy on cumulative impact

- The City Council is undertaking a 12 week public consultation on whether the Romsey area of Mill Road should remain as part of the Cumulative Impact Area or be removed. This will take place between 13th November 2017 and 4th February 2018.
- As part of the consultation process, we are contacting everyone that is likely to be affected and are seeking feedback from the local community. We recognise that in some areas it may be difficult to identify the correct person or bodies to consult, so we would be most grateful if you could consider highlighting this consultation to other interested parties we may have overlooked.
- Should the cumulative impact area be changed, then the following parts of the existing Statement of Licensing Policy will also be changed:
- Paragraph 5.8 would be amended from “The entire length of Mill Road Cambridge (excluding Brookfields)” to “The section of Mill Road running from the Parkers Piece end to the Railway Bridge”

- We welcome any comments you may have and all comments received will be considered. Although we are not able to give an individual response to each comment received, we will be publishing the results on our website in April 2018.
- Please send any responses to the Licensing Team, Environmental Services, PO Box 700, Cambridge, CB1 0JH or email them to licensing@cambridge.gov.uk. They must be received by the 4th February 2018. Replies should be annotated 'Cumulative Impact Area consultation response'.
- The letter and maps can be viewed and downloaded from the consultation section of our website at <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/consultations>