



**Cambridge City Council
East Area Committee**

Date: Thursday, 11 January 2018

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Meeting Room - Cherry Trees Day Centre

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Display Item: Consultation on Cumulative Impact Area

A display is available to view before the start of the meeting and intermission on the proposed removal of Romsey area of Mill Road from the Cumulative Impact Area.

A City Council Licensing Enforcement Officer will be present.

A briefing note has been attached to the agenda for information.

- 1 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Minutes (Pages 9 - 20)
- 4 Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes (Pages 21 - 24)

Items for Decision

- 5 East Area Committee Dates 2018/19

The Committee is asked to agree the following meeting dates for the municipal year 2018/19; the venue will be the Cherry Trees Day Centre:

- 12/07/18
- 11/10/18
- 10/01/19
- 04/04/19

Members are asked to contact the Committee Manager in advance of the meeting with any comments regarding the above dates.

- 6 Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods (Pages 25 - 34)

Items for Discussion

7 Open Forum

8 Mill Road Depot

To receive an update on the Mill Road Depot development.

This will be followed by a question and answer session which members of the public are invited to participate.

Item for Decision

9 Environment Improvement Programme

(Pages 35 - 62)

City Councillors: Barnett (Chair), R. Moore (Vice-Chair), Roberts, Blencowe, Baigent, Benstead, Hart, Herbert, Johnson, Robertson, Sinnott and Smith

County Councillors: Jones, Kavanagh and Whitehead

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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>

EAST AREA COMMITTEE

12 October 2017

7.00 - 9.20 pm

Present

Area Committee Members: Councillors Barnett (Chair), R. Moore (Vice-Chair), Blencowe, Baigent, Benstead, Hart, Herbert, Johnson, Roberts, Robertson, Sinnott, Smith, Jones, Kavanagh and Whitehead

Officers:

Head of Corporate Strategy, Andrew Limb

Enforcement Officer: Nick Kester

Committee Manager: Claire Tunnicliffe

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

17/1/EAC Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

17/2/EAC Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Councillor Roberts announced his resignation from his position of Chair and asked for nominations for the vacant position.

Councillor Sinnott proposed, and Councillor R Moore seconded, the nomination of Councillor Barnett as Chair.

Resolved unanimously that Councillor Barnett be Chair for the remainder of municipal year 2017/18.

Councillor Barnett assumed the chair at this point.

Councillor Smith proposed, and Councillor Johnson seconded, the nomination of Councillor R Moore as Vice-Chair.

Resolved unanimously that Councillor R Moore be Vice-Chair for the remainder of municipal year 2017/18.

17/3/EAC Declarations Of Interest

No declarations were declared.

17/4/EAC Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2017 were signed as a correct record by the Chair.

17/5/EAC Matters & Actions Arising From The Minutes

The Action Sheet was noted and an updated copy could be viewed at the following link under 'Matters Arising Action Sheet'.

<http://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=147&MId=3360&Ver=4>

17/6/EAC Open Forum

Dr Timothy Grout: What is the latest development of the proposed Cambridge City Council Housing development on the Mill Road depot site in Petersfield?

Councillor Robertson instructed there would be a further public consultation workshop on 2 November, 3.00pm – 8.00pm; which would exhibit the results from the public consultations held in the summer and suggested way forward.

Councillor Herbert stated that the City Council would also undertake two significant reviews by the end of the year, starting with a meeting of the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 13 November.

Janet Griffin: Double yellow lines have been painted in Tiverton Way but not where I had previously requested.

Councillor Kavanagh advised that the installation had been at the request of residents in that area under the Local Highway Improvement Scheme. He requested that Mrs Griffins contact County Councillor Crawford with the details and an application for funding could be submitted under the scheme.

Mike Edey: Would like to bring to the attention of the Committee the unwelcoming condition of the Newmarket Road and Elizabeth Way under path which does not encourage the use of the pedestrian tunnels.

Councillor Smith advised that the Community Payback would be painting over the graffiti. Three artists had contacted the Council expressing an interest in making the area more attractive.

Councillor Whitehead stated that she had raised the matter of improvement on several occasions and had suggested that a camera could be installed to see who was responsible for the graffiti.

Councillor Roberts advised that the underpass came under three different wards which made the application for funding slightly complicated. It was also further complicated that the underpass was owned by the County Council with the City Council responsible for the maintenance.

A discussion then followed with suggested ideas on how to improve the area, ranging from community gardens; coffee shop; to longer term solution from changing the area to a cross roads or a junction.

Dadhi Chudali: Could the Committee advise who I should contact regarding a request to install two cycle stands outside the Romsey Post Office opposite St Philips Church. Who should I speak with regarding the problem of graffiti?

The Committee provided a number of options available to Mr Chudali regarding anti-social behaviour issue of graffiti, such as making the Police the first point of contact and the use of Police Community Support Officer (PCSOs).

Councillor Barnett stated that she would speak with Mr Chudali in the break on both matters to provide contact details.

Elizabeth Parr: Could the Committee provide an update on the request for barriers to be installed on Elizabeth Way Bridge.

Councillor Johnson advised that an application for funding had been submitted sponsored by the Environmental Improvement Fund. To date no decision had been made so further information could be provided.

Margret Cramer : There have been three proven cases of the misuse of parking permits in Tenison Road with a possible further two drivers abusing the system. The plans to restrict visitor permits to 20 per household (100 days) in April 2018 did not go far enough. Please could

the Committee support a further reduction to 12 visitor permits per household per year, with the provision that if more are needed, the completed permits are submitted to the Council first?

Councillor Blencowe advised that he and Councillor Baigent had looked at future parking schemes for residents across the City and felt this subtle change was a sensible way forward. Currently a resident could apply for a visitor permit every day of the year and there would be some residents who oppose the restrictions.

James Woodburn: Is there any news of when Cambridge will ban all polluting vehicles in Cambridge City Centre? According to today's paper, Oxford is to ban all polluting vehicles, cars, buses and taxis from the city centre in 2020.

Councillor Herbert replied the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) recognised the need for a clean air zone in Cambridge. The GCP had highlighted Mitcham's Corner to Mill Road Bridge (including the City Centre) in the first instance. Funding had been allocated for this project with a public consultation next spring. It was recognised the air was too polluted in the City but there would not be a quick fix.

Councillor Roberts highlighted the work that the City Council had undertaken: An Air Quality Officer had been employed; a record number of electric vehicles were now used by the Streets and Open Spaces Team; additional charging points for electric vehicles across the city were to be installed and encouraging taxis to be greener.

Councillor Benstead stated it was important not to rush to implement a scheme but it was imperative to put in place the right arrangements first time.

Frank Gawthrop: In London a major source of particulate pollution is from wood burning stoves. What is Cambridge City Council doing about this issue?

The Committee agreed pollution was not caused just from vehicles and accepted wood burning stoves did contribute to the issue. However it was dependent on the quality of the stove. There were no figures to indicate how many wood burning stoves were in use and how much they contributed to the pollution in the City.

Richard Wood: At the East Area Committee Meeting on 6 April 2017, it is minuted that Mr Al Storer, on behalf of Camcycle, raised the problem of the design of some street corner barriers, pointing out that they obstructed tricycles and cargo bikes and caused conflict with many bikes using the footway.

At that time, a number of councillors expressed reservations about replacing the barriers (with Cambs Fire & Rescue approved locked, removable bollards) as this might make motor-cycle infractions easier.

Would Councillors please revisit this question of replacement of the gates by bollards – using Local Highway Improvement Initiative funding at the Gwydir Street, Hopper Street, Sturton Street junction and the Gwydir Street and Milford Street Junction, in view of these points:

- i. Misuse by motor cyclists is not currently obstructed
- ii. Proper use by tricycles or cargo bikes is obstructed
- iii. Pedestrians are currently being put at risk
- iv. The gates have drop-bolts but are not locked and it is a regular occurrence for them to be opened to allow vehicular traffic to pass.

Councillor Robertson opined that the removal of barriers and the installation of bollards could encourage cyclists to increase their speed. Improving the design of the barriers must be a possibility and he would speak with Officers to review the design. **(ACTION)**

Richard Wood: We have noted there has been some recent activity on the derelict Perne land and buildings 47-59 Perowne Street. However it has taken from January's East Area meeting when we presented a petition concerning this site until this month for the metal barriers to be secured around the site and a pair of shiplap-panelled wooden gates installed.

Some clearance of undergrowth has been undertaken but little else during the nine months. Despite the new gates the site remains vulnerable to unauthorised access via the adjacent crumbling fence; there are a number of potential hazards on this site

Could the Committee advise whether the City Council's Planning Enforcement Officers have initiated action under S215 of the Town and County Planning Act 1990 and/or S76-79 of the Building Act 1984 and/or S79-82 of the Environment Protection Act 1990? Or is this matter after

years of increasing dereliction still being handled by encouraging voluntary action from the owners?

What improvements, cosmetic, public safety related or otherwise have the owners agreed to undertake, and in what timescale?

Councillor Robertson stated that an order had been issued to the owner for the cleansing of the site. As the notice has been issued this matter had been removed from the action sheet, but Councillor Robertson would instruct Officers to follow up on the order. **(ACTION)**

Richard Wood: At an earlier East Area Meetings of 6 April and 20 July, the issue of footway and cycleway path obstruction by vehicles outside the Co-op store on Perne Road and Mill Road was raised.

The Police representative correctly pointed out that, with de-criminalised (civil-penalty) parking enforcement in Cambridge this was a matter for the civil authorities in the first instance the Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways Department.

Will members of the Committee commit to pressing the Highways Department to use their powers to introduce a traffic regulation order banning all pavements and verge parking, other than in authorised marked bays (eg in Romsey side streets).

This would enable civil penalty tickets to be issued by the County's Civil Enforcement Officers (traffic wardens) and be self-financing under the principle that the offender pays the cost of enforcement.

Would this committee please seek advice on this matter from Councillor Ed Murphy (Labour and Co-op Councillor for Ravensthorpe) who successfully cross party support for the implementation of a similar traffic regulation order in the Peterborough unitary authority, where, Cambridgeshire County Council's remit does not run.

Councillor Jones replied that she had walked along Mill Road with City Engineers to observe the issues highlighted at the last meeting and scrutinised the by-laws for loading and unloading. The regulations had not changed in 15 years and she was currently exploring whether it was possible to update and revise the operational hours. It had also been noted that the signage was poor.

Councillor Jones requested that Mr Wood send her the contact details of Peterborough City Councillor Ed Murphy so she could contact him to discuss the introduction of banning all pavements and verge parking, other than in authorised marked bays in Peterborough. **ACTION.**

Mr Richard Wood: At earlier meetings of the East Area Committee (12.01.17, 06.04.17 & 20.07.17) minutes record the concerns regarding the unwillingness of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary to enforce the 20mph speed limits.

At the April meeting, I pointed out that a change of legislation meant there was no longer a restriction in using standard 20mph limit signs and that other '20's plenty hearts and minds' signage encouraging compliance was also permissible.

More recently, there has been a refusal of the local police to run an 'Operation Close-Pass' educational campaign to stress to vehicle drivers the importance of Highway Code rule 163 which states that a motorist must "give motorcyclists, cyclists and horse riders at least as much room as you would when overtaking a car".

I have become aware of the incorrect display of speed limits across most of Cambridge on the Tom-Tom mapping and satellite navigation system. I have been in touch with this organisation to request updates.

Could we have clear and unequivocal commitment of councillors present to:

- i. Present for policing priorities to include measures to improve motorists' compliance and concordance with our 20mp limits.
- ii. Bid to obtain funding for '20's plenty hearts and minds' signage throughout the 20mph zones.
- iii. Instruct an officer of the Council in collaboration with a Highways Officer, to contact Tom-Tom and other mapping and satellite navigation companies to ensure that our speed limits are correctly displayed on their systems.
- iv. Press for policing priorities to include 'Operation Close Pass' to educate vehicle drivers on the importance of Highway Code 163.
- v. Arrange for an audit and removal of misleading speed limit signage such as the '30mph, end of 20mph zone' sign at the junction of Hemingford Road and Mill Road.

Councillor Baigent spoke of the Committee's disappointment with the Police response to enforcing 20mph zones in and around the City and recommended they should be challenged on this matter.

As at the previous meeting held in July, the Committee discussed the enforcement of 20mph, particularly the ACOP (Association of Chief Police Officers) agreeing to the revised guidance on not supporting 20mph limits that were clearly signed or indicated.

During the discussion Mr Wood questioned if the speed camera on Cherry Hinton Road opposite the Swiss Laundry was in operation. Councillor Herbert advised that he would investigate this matter. **(ACTION)**

Councillor Smith expressed concern with Cambridgeshire Constabulary refusal to rollout operation close pass which was designed to protect vulnerable road users.

Councillor Barnett advised that she would follow up with Officers on the Tom-Tom mapping problem by contacting the organisation to highlight this matter. **(ACTION)**

17/7/EAC Record of Officer Delegated Decisions in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair for East Area Committee

7a Community Facilities Funding For Refurbished Of Memorial Hall And Church Hall, Cherry Hinton Road

The Committee noted the Officer delegated decision and made the following comments:

- i. Pleased to see the community facility was being improved.
- ii. Important that local Councillors engaged with the Church to ensure sufficient access to the wider community.
- iii. Noted the Council had placed terms and conditions on the funding. In return for the funding the Church had to offer a set number of hours each month to be made available for community use. It was vital that these were adhered to

17/8/EAC Environmental Report - EAC

The Committee received a report from the Enforcement Officer, Nick Kester.

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

The following were suggestions for Members on what action could be considered for priority within the East Area.

- i. Early morning, daytime and weekend patrols for dog fouling Mill Road Cemetery.
- ii. Enforcement patrols to tackle environmental crime at Thorpe Way estate and St Matthews Street area
- iii. Enforcement patrols to tackle fly tipping, litter, side waste and trade waste along in the Petersfield area of Mill Road

The Committee discussed the following issues:

- i. Welcomed the increased number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) issued for littering over the reporting period.
- i. Requested that the column providing the Informal Action / Written Actions were set out in a clearer format. The figure provided related to the footnote and not the total number of actions undertaken which was misleading.
- ii. Congratulated the team of volunteers and recycling champions on their dedication and hard work.

Members of the public raised the following issues:

- i. Enquired if a dog bin could be installed at the back of Lichfield Community Hall.
- ii. Suggested that the house number and road name be put on wheelie bins to identify the property it belonged to.
- iii. Recommended that the universities' and lettings agents' introduced a welcome pack to advise of the dates and times of bin collections; how the bins were sorted and what enforcement could be taken if compliance had not been met.

In response to Members' questions the Enforcement Officer and the Executive Councillor for Environmental Services and City Centre said the following:

- i. The needles removed in Cherry Hinton Road were all from the one property.
- ii. The money from FPN's was allocated to educational projects.
- iii. Would obtain further information from the Environmental Health Team on the increase in investigations on Private Sector Housing Standards.
- iv. A breakdown of noise complaints in this reporting period had been attached to the updated action sheet and would be included in all future Environmental Reports.
- v. Leaving wheelie bins on footpaths had changed from a criminal offence to a civil offence which was now a laborious procedure for the Council to enforce.
- vi. The refuse teams should put the bins back from the location they had been collected from.
- vii. A future campaign regarding wheelie bins being left out on the pavements was being explored by Cambridge City Officers and an update would be given at the next meeting by the Executive Councillor for Environmental Services and City Centre **(ACTION)**
- viii. The recycling facility at the Sainsbury Site on Coldhams Lane was now operated directly by the superstore and therefore they would determine what items would be accepted for recycling.
- ix. Items such as batteries could be attached to the outside of the blue bin if placed in a bag.
- x. The City Council held an annual electrical recycling event.
- xi. Ekin Road and the surrounding area was part of a weekly enforcement patrol.
- xii. Promoted the Cambridge Community Scrapstore held on Wednesday's at Barnwell Business Park, 4.00pm -7.00pm.
- xiii. A map to show the location of litter, dog and recycling bins was available on Cambridge City's website. This information could be viewed at the link below:
<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/litter-and-dog-bins-map>

The Committee resolved unanimously to prioritise for action as amended:

- i. Early morning, daytime and weekend patrols for dog fouling on Mill Road Cemetery.
- ii. Early morning, daytime and weekend patrols for dog fouling on Brooks Road & Sedgwick Street.
- iii. Enforcement patrols to tackle environmental crime at Thorpe Way estate and St Matthews Street area
- iv. Enforcement patrols to tackle fly tipping, litter, side waste and trade waste along in the Petersfield area of Mill Road

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm

CHAIR

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Committee	East Area Committee Action Sheet
Date	12 October 2017
Updated on	05/12/17

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIME-SCALE	PROGRESS
To investigate whether Network Rail's railing could be painted.	Wendy Young	13/10/16 25/08/17	<i>No further updates available.</i> <i>Recommendation due to the location of the bridge / safety of railway that this cannot be action by CCC without cost.</i> Wendy Young
Councillor Johnson to meet with Richard Newman to explore Christ Church's plans for the development of Abbey Church.	Cllr Johnson	13/10/16 22/11/16 20/07/17 12/10/17	Update 02/09/16: Cllr Johnson is awaiting a reply to his email to Richard Newman about meeting. 22/11/16 Cllr Johnson still trying to make contact. 20/07/17 No update to report 12/10/17 No update to report
Chief Inspector to look at enforcement of 20mph limit on different roads, especially those EAC perceived as highest risk.	Cllr Smith	06/04/17	Had held an initial meeting with the Police on the enforcement of 20mph speed limits. The discussion had been productive, and a further meeting was planned before the next East Area Committee.
	Cllr Herbert	20/07/17 12/10/17	Requested a second meeting for further discussion. No further update
To speak with the City Council's Project Leader, John Richards, on producing a document that would go out to consultation on parking/ double yellow lines on Riverside and on reconfiguring the entrance to Stourbridge Common	Cllrs Whitehead & Johnson Cllr Johnson	12/10/17	Statement from John Richards: It is very difficult to move forward with a parking management plan that met the wishes of residents (the select representative group we engaged with, as identified by local councillors) and was consistent with County Council thinking. This has now been somewhat overtaken by the widespread County review of parking and I think this area has been identified as one with potential for a resident's parking scheme.

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIME-SCALE	PROGRESS
			<p>On that basis, Cllr Whitehead I think suggested we might defer our work. We are currently thinking through the implications of this and a number of other legacy projects that have proven difficult to develop and deliver for a follow up discussion with councillors in the wards affected, prior to reporting to the winter round of Area Committees where new scheme allocations will be considered.</p> <p>On the Stourbridge Common entrance element we are seeking a steer from County on what they want to do; with the likely next step being engagement with key stakeholders, adjacent residents and then the broader public. Chesterton members are very keen to have input to that; given the link across the river.</p>
<p>To attend a meeting of the Taxi Trade Forum and advise of residents comments of taxi's being driven on the pavements, aggressive driving and late night disturbances on Tenison Road</p>	<p>Cllr Sinnott</p>	<p>12/10/17</p>	<p>At a recent meeting of the Taxi Trade Forum. The Environmental Health Manger reminded the drivers not to leave their taxi's idling and had put a reminder in the Taxi Licensing Newsletter as a discussion item</p> <p>To be placed on the agenda for the trade forum on 3rd November which Councillor Sinnott will attend</p>
<p>To discuss with County Council Highway Officers what could be done to prevent vehicles parking on the pavements on Mill Road.</p>	<p>Councillor Jones</p>	<p>12/10/17</p>	<p>Walked along Mill Road to with City Engineers to observe the issues raised and had scrutinised the by-law for loading and unloading. These regulations had not changed in 15 years and was currently exploring whether it was possible to update and revise the operational hours. It was also noted that the signage was poor.</p>

ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/ MEMBER	TIME SCALE	PROGRESS
Public Question: Would this committee seek advice from Councillor Ed Murphy who successfully cross party support for the implementation of a traffic regulation order in Peterborough City Centre banning all pavements and verge parking, other than in authorised marked bays	Councillor Jones	12/10/17	Would contact Councillor Ed Murphy

To provide an update at the next meeting on a potential campaign regarding wheelie bins being left out in the street and information leaflet	Councillor Moore	12/1017	
To follow up with Officers on the notice issued of enforcement in relation to Walkers Garage site in Perowne Street	Councillor Robertson	12/10/17	
To follow up with Officers on the Tom-Tom mapping issue of incorrect display of speed limits to contact the organisation to highlight this matter.	Councillor Barnett	12/10/17	
To investigate if the speed camera on Cherry Hinton Road opposite Swiss Laundry was working.	Councillor Herbert	12/10/17	

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Neighbourhood profile update Cambridge City East Neighbourhood

January 2018



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1 INTRODUCTION

Aim

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

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

Methodology

This document was produced using the following data sources:

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident data for the six months of June 2017 to November 2017, compared to the previous six months (December 2016 to May 2017) and the same six months the previous year (June 2016 to November 2016); and
- Information provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Policing team and the City Council's Safer Communities team.

2 CURRENT PRIORITIES

At the East Area Committee meeting of 20 July 2017, the committee recommended adopting the following priorities:

- County lines issues;
- Responding to street life ASB issues in Mill Road; and
- Road safety in known hot spot areas.

The Neighbourhood Action Group assigned the actions to be taken and the lead officers for each of the priorities. The table below summarises the action taken and the current situation.

County lines issues	
Objective	Combatting 'county lines' drug dealing.
Action Taken	Over the last few months, there has been considerable activity taken in relation to County lines drug dealing in the east of the city as part of the wider activity against the problem, city wide. Since we have begun implementing parts of the Local Policing Review, staff from the Prevention Teams have extended their remit to cover the whole of the new South Area; specifically, warrants and searches on Great Eastern Street, St. Matthew's Street, Corrie Road and Perse Way have resulted in numerous arrests of known drug dealers from out of the county, as well as the recovery of substantial amounts of drugs, primarily crack cocaine. Stolen vehicles have been found being used by these individuals, sometimes linked to serious crime in other parts of the county and country. Numerous Section 8 disruption notices have been issued to addresses across the east, to support Cambridge city housing providers in dealing with tenants who support these criminals by allowing them to use their premises.
Current Situation	Residents' groups are still reporting issues with drug dealing in their neighbourhoods to the police, either directly or via third parties like Crimestoppers, on a frequent and regular basis. The Prevention Teams are always busy taking action on this intelligence and are frequently making arrests and seizing large amounts of criminal property in the form of drugs and the money associated with it.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Responding to street life ASB issues in Mill Road	
Objective	Dealing with anti-social behaviour in the Mill Road area, particularly that caused by persistent street drinking or begging.
Action Taken	<p><u>Cambridge City Council</u></p> <p>The City Council's Safer Communities team has been working with the police to tackle issues with rough sleepers and begging on Mill Road. Complaints have been received about individuals begging, rough sleeping and causing nuisance, such as aggressive behaviour, persistently begging from customers in nearby shops and restaurants, shouting at passers-by and generally displaying intimidating behaviour outside St. Barnabas Church. Partnership working is currently ongoing to ensure the identified individuals have support, can access accommodation, if required, and where necessary enforcement action is taken to prevent further incidents.</p> <p>Fitzroy Street and Burleigh Street continue to attract a high number of individuals begging and rough sleeping in doorways. Partnership work is ongoing to deal with individuals when identified, offering support where required. We are aware that a number of these individuals have access to accommodation. The City Council put on extra emergency beds during the colder weather to ensure no one has to sleep outdoors, however we are aware that people are still sleeping out.</p> <p><u>Cambridgeshire Constabulary</u></p> <p>The work around the issues of street-based ASB on Mill Road is part of the wider work undertaken by both the police and City Council. The work has two parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work that we undertake with a number of support agencies to divert the people involved in this type of behaviour. This has a wide number of benefits as not only does it reduce the number of incidents that any given person is involved in, but it also is beneficial for the person in question themselves. • The work on targeted enforcement action, both against prolific offenders as well as areas such as the Mill Road Cemetery. These patrols have led to a number of offenders being dealt with. Evidence is continuing to be gathered around problematic individuals and work is ongoing to address their offending behaviour by way of Criminal Behaviour Orders. The Public Spaces Protection Order which is in place around a number of locations at the city

	end of Mill Road remains in place and effective in reducing the amount of problematic behaviour in the areas covered.
Current Situation	<p><u>Cambridge City Council</u> In the past few days, the City Council has had a number of emails from members of our broader partnership and members of the public about the emergency cold weather provision and people apparently being turned away because Jimmy's is full. This is what some people on the street have said. A further claim is that there are not enough beds being put on for women and that women have to use accommodation shared with men. We can confirm that none of this is true. There are 30 beds in Jimmy's and a further 3 in The Victoria Project (TVP) on Victoria Road. There are also 15 beds in the churches now available. During the most recent period of cold weather provision (8/12 – 17/12), the number of people who turned up for beds at Jimmy's and TVP peaked at 24 and fell as low as 13. The average for the period is 16. There are 6 beds exclusively for women at Jimmy's but this could be increased to 16. The highest recorded number of women seeking a bed during the cold weather period just gone is 4. We are keen to ensure we counter these claims when given the opportunity as it may put off vulnerable people from approaching Jimmy's when there is somewhere warm and safe for them.</p> <p><u>Cambridgeshire Constabulary</u> This work continues as part of the work carried out by the team and will continue going forward.</p>
Lead Officer	Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Cambridgeshire Constabulary / Lynda Kilkelly, Cambridge City Council

Road safety in known hot spot areas	
Objective	To promote and enforce road safety, especially in areas identified as of specific community concern.
Action Taken	CrashMap data identified Mill Road, East Road and Barnwell Road as the primary roads where collisions have occurred in the last 24 months. The majority of these incidents involved vehicles and cycles pulling out of junctions or onto roundabouts, so speed was either not a factor or recorded as a secondary one. Residents have also highlighted Tenison Road and Whitehill Road as other areas of concern. Enhanced patrols of these areas have been carried out by the East Team PCSOs, the City Council's Parking Services department and the Special Constabulary focusing on the key areas highlighted above. Most of the traffic offences dealt with have been parking

	offences; however we have also issued Fixed Penalty Notices for obstruction where possible.
Current Situation	Clearly road safety in Cambridge is an important issue for many residents, commuters and regular visitors to the city. Many of the issues are ones of road geography, parking provision and loading bay provision, which are outside of the control of the police or Parking Services. A city as densely populated and as frequently visited as Cambridge is always going to have some issues around traffic management, especially at busy periods, both daily and seasonal.
Lead Officer	Sergeant Jim Stevenson, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

3 PRO-ACTIVE WORK & EMERGING ISSUES

Cambridge City Council

The Safer Communities team works across the east of the city with both individual residents and communities to address concerns around nuisance and anti-social behaviour. It has continued to lead a piece of work with rough sleepers and drug users accessing East Road garage block. More recently a possession order was granted and a warrant was obtained to remove people using individual garages. We have also worked with colleagues in the Council to make the area more secure to prevent further instances of this occurring.

The team also took tenancy enforcement action against an individual who was responsible for persistent nuisance behaviour in their local area and the Council was granted possession of their property.

Two cases, where Neighbourhood Resolution was identified as a good way to resolve neighbour disputes, have been referred to the City Council's Neighbourhood Resolution Panel Co-ordinator.

The team organised a multi-agency task group to examine concerns that a small number of individuals across the city are targeting adults at risk and exploiting them by taking over their properties. This is an on-going piece of work and the team will continue to work with the police and other agencies to explore solutions to this issue.

The team also arranged a conference to raise awareness about coercive control. Cambridge City Council is the first council in East Anglia to arrange such a conference and 170 members of the general public attended. It was held on 22nd June at the Guildhall and was opened by Chief Executive, Antoinette Jackson, and chaired by Cllr. Ann Sinnott, Lead City Councillor on domestic violence and abuse. Guest speakers provided perspectives from Cambridgeshire Constabulary, survivors and academia, as well as Professor Emeritus Evan Stark whose award-winning book on *Coercive Control* (Oxford, 2007) was an important basis for the new offence of "domestic violence and coercive control" in England and Wales. Joanne Beverley, the sister of Natalie Hemming, attended the conference, saying: "My family recently took part in a documentary which aired on Channel 4 called 'Catching a Killer - The Search for Natalie Hemming'. I am glad to see the local authority in Cambridge taking a lead in promoting the laws around coercive control."

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

There has been a recent spike in the number of burglaries across the city, particularly in the South and East areas, although there is a lot of police resource devoted to the investigation of these offences and the apprehension of the offenders responsible. A priority around high visibility reassurance policing and raising awareness of home security would allow us to contribute more effectively to this issue.

There has been a recent spike in ASB on and around Coleridge Rec, particularly associated with groups of young people upsetting the local residents.

4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CURRENT CRIME & ASB INCIDENT LEVELS BY WARD

			Dwelling Burglary	Other Burglary	Violent Crime	Robbery	Theft of Vehicle	Theft from Vehicle	Cycle Theft	Theft from Shop	Criminal Damage	Other Crime	TOTAL CRIME	TOTAL ASB
AREA	City East	Jun 17 – Nov 17	105	67	377 93 injuries	26	29	120	364	233	187	491	1,999	657
		Dec 16 – May 17	96	62	381 80 injuries	14	24	117	259	157	180	471	1,761	633
		Jun 16 – Nov 16	97	60	340 89 injuries	19	15	123	359	165	150	427	1,755	721
WARDS	Abbey	Jun 17 – Nov 17	21	20	129 29 injuries	3	9	49	48	53	59	156	547	191
		Dec 16 – May 17	33	23	129 27 injuries	4	12	49	37	38	67	148	540	173
		Jun 16 – Nov 16	22	18	119 36 injuries	5	5	41	61	41	36	124	472	215
	Coleridge	Jun 17 – Nov 17	32	14	71 21 injuries	5	9	17	47	56	38	94	383	125
		Dec 16 – May 17	33	13	78 14 injuries	3	1	20	29	43	43	72	335	153
		Jun 16 – Nov 16	22	21	62 20 injuries	4	2	27	39	39	32	86	334	149
	Petersfield	Jun 17 – Nov 17	29	15	108 20 injuries	12	2	19	210	90	41	139	665	221
		Dec 16 – May 17	9	10	112 24 injuries	4	6	19	156	50	34	152	552	198
		Jun 16 – Nov 16	34	10	99 21 injuries	6	3	25	206	53	36	152	624	246
	Romsey	Jun 17 – Nov 17	23	18	69 23 injuries	6	9	35	59	34	49	102	404	120
		Dec 16 – May 17	21	16	62 15 injuries	3	5	29	37	26	36	99	334	109
		Jun 16 – Nov 16	19	11	60 12 injuries	4	5	30	53	32	46	65	325	111

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

There are 6 recommendations of which the Committee is asked to nominate their Top 3 for focus over the coming months.

1. Coleridge Rec. ASB.

Over the last few months, a number of issues involving an identified group of young people causing issues which have upset the local community have come to light. So far the group seem undeterred by the police and council ASB team's usual intervention tactics.

2. Dwelling burglary.

The figures show an increase in the number of offences over the previous six months. This work will be in support of the Burglary Team and would be around targeted patrolling of locations across the area, which are subject to dwelling burglary as well as supporting residents with home security surveys and other crime prevention activity.

3. County line drug dealing.

There continues to be areas in the east of the city where people are being put at risk but this kind of activity. The work around this would be around highlighting vulnerable people and dealing with offenders.

4. Road safety.

This is a core role for the team and this would be a continuation of the patrols around this issue as well as a review of the areas we are targeting.

5. Safeguarding young people.

This is a key function of the team and the adoption of the CSE priorities that have been previously set in other areas. The work around this priority would be in partnership with other agencies to identify and deal with risks. This would cover CSE and other types of risk.

6. Mill Road ASB.

This continues to pose an issue to local residents and businesses in the area and involves several confirmed offenders. Much of the work is long term and requires considerable investment of resources alongside staff from the City Centre Team.



Item

Environmental Improvement Programme

To:

East Area Committee 11 January 2018

Report by:

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Wards affected:

Abbey, Coleridge, Petersfield, Romsey

Key Decision: No

1. **Executive Summary**

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

2. **Recommendations**

The East 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 £10,890 in 2017-18 towards the provision of 66 summer hanging baskets along Mill Road
3. Consider, and determine whether to continue to pursue those projects (as listed in paragraph 5.4 and Appendix C) that have remained undelivered for some time

4. Consider the allocation of remaining EIP funding available in 2017-18 to further project applications
5. 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.
6. 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 48 projects have been allocated EIP funding in East area with a good spread across each of the four wards. Of these, 37 (77%) have been completed, a further two largely completed, two shelved, four require review (see 5.4), and three still 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, in addition to limited City officer capacity, 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, with City Council support. 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. Within East area, Executive Councillors have requested that the following schemes be reported back to the Area Committee seeking a steer on whether they should continue

to be pursued through EIP, or alternatively shelved with un-used funds becoming available for re-allocation to further projects:

East Area:

(References numbers as schemes listed in Appendix C)

(11) – Garlic Row / Stanley Road access restrictions (£4,000) – formal Road Safety Audit needed from County Council, in order to inform further consideration of viability for funding through EIP

(32) - Mill Road footway grants (£5,300) – recommend abandon and return funds to East area EIP budget (due to subsequent County Council work, and no take-up thus far from frontagers)

(35) - Oyster Row / Garlic Row access restriction (£23,500) – as (11) above

(36) - Riverside parking management (£12,500) – review need in light of developing County Council residents' parking area proposals.

The aspirations sought through projects 32 and 36 either already have, or can be, achieved through other means. The remaining EIP funding assigned can therefore be re-allocated. Schemes 11 and 35, however, require further detailed work in conjunction with the County Council highway authority, if they are to be realised. This will inevitably require further time and resource, which might be re-focused on other priorities.

6. 2017-18 Year Applications

- 6.1 The budget available to develop and deliver new EIP projects across East area was reduced from £56,200 in 2014-15 to £47,770 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 £10,890 of the annual budget has been allocated in recent years to support the provision of summer hanging baskets along Mill Road.
- 6.2 There is, however, a significant capital reserve in East 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 £45,000. Overall, therefore, there may be some £90,000 available for allocation to new projects in East area from this year.

- 6.3 Applications for new EIP projects were invited between July and September 2017; with a good number of new suggestions submitted within East 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 11 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 The total anticipated cost of the suggested new projects considered, at this stage, to be viable (E3 – E11; £64,000) is, however, less than the funds currently available within East 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 Area Committee needs to determine whether to continue to pursue those legacy projects listed in paragraph 5.4 for which needs may have changed or that have thus far proven difficult to develop and deliver. Some may still be considered necessary, dependent on other developments in the areas.
- 7.2 The Committee is asked to consider supporting the new projects listed in Appendix A that are considered viable at this time (E3 – E11), 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 £15,000 available for further allocation within East 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 - EAST AREA

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Proposed by	Ward	Estimated Cost £	Risk to Delivery Rating R/A/G	EIP Allocation requested	Comments
E1	Coldhams Common play area off Coldhams Lane	Provision of benches and other improvements to enhance enjoyment of the open space area.	Cllr S Barnett	Romsey	N/A	N/A	None	S106 funding allocations of £60,000 (play), and £20,000 (informal open space) have already been secured to improve the play area. Consequently NO EIP FUNDING IS NEEDED.
E2	Elizabeth Way bridge & Abbey Road	Addition of acoustic barrier to parapet on eastern side of bridge abutting rear of properties in Abbey Road, to reduce noise, litter and visual intrusion.	Cllr R Johnson	Abbey	TBC	Green	None	This is considered to be predominantly a highways improvement. Cambridgeshire County Council, through it's Local Highways Improvements (LHI) budget, is able to allocate up to £10,000 to individual projects, where prioritised. A feasibility study into the practicability of installing a barrier is suggested - at an approximate City Council contribution of £500 from the Minor Highways Improvements budget, should the work be allocated County Council funding. Consequently NO EIP FUNDING IS CURRENTLY NEEDED.

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E3	Glisson Road	Provision of landscaping at the Hills Road end of the street, via suitable new planting bed(s) and possibly new street trees.	Cllr R Robertson	Petersfield	10,000	Amber	10,000	Provisional sum to introduce low level planting and / or one or two new street trees. New trees and tree pits are proposed for Bateman Street nearby and there may be scope for a similar approach here, subject to Highway Authority approval and utility and other apparatus positioning. Investigate potential for community involvement with upkeep, to avoid adding to Council operating costs. Funding dependant upon majority support from Area Committee (given value).
E4	Hobart Road	Provision of suitable tree pit and replacement tree adjacent to 104 Hobart Road.	Cllr R Moore	Coleridge	4,000	Amber	4,000	A mature tree located adjacent to 104 Hobart Road has had to be removed since it was outgrowing it's position and becoming unsafe. Residents and ward councillors would like to see a suitable replacement provided. A replacement tree will benefit from the construction of a suitable tree pit to enhance growth and reduce highway damage.
E5	Perne Road verges	Improvement of verges suffering from repeated vehicular damage, between Cherry Hinton Road and Rade Gund Road junctions.	Cllr L Herbert	Coleridge	20,000	Amber	20,000	Additional sum (£5,000 allocated in 2016-17) to further work with local fontagers and Highway Authority to improve (protect and / or strengthen as necessary) the worst areas of damaged verge, with potential incentivised third party contributions. Mix of approaches anticipated along length, including potential parking prohibition, bollards and some strengthening / levelling and seeding. Funding dependant upon majority support from Area Committee (given value) and Full Business Case approval by Capital Programme Board.

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E6	St. Matthew's Pieces	Install a lighting unit on the path across the Pieces from Abbey Walk to Sturton Street.	Cllr R Robertson	Petersfield	4,000	Green	4,000	Although some overspill street lighting exists there is no direct lighting to the paths within the Pieces. Provisional estimated sum for the installation of one lamp column, plus cabling, at the junction of the two paths crossing the open space. Site managed by City Council; with ongoing maintenance requirements minimal.
E7	Stone Street	Landscaping improvement of untidy area at end of street abutting railway line with suitable attractive low maintenance shrubs.	Cllr R Robertson	Petersfield	3,000	Amber	3,000	Area accumulates recycling bins, refuse and general litter. Land doesn't appear to be owned by City Council but is understood to be adopted public highway up to the railway fence. Area is hard paved and there may be utility services beneath. Landowner and other stakeholder consents would be needed for improvement, plus arrangements for ongoing maintenance. Investigate potential for community involvement with upkeep, to avoid adding to Council operating costs.

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E8	Suez Road	Provision of two new trees and constructed tree pits at the access restriction between Suez Road and Hobart Road.	Cllr R Moore	Coleridge	8,000	Amber	8,000	Funding secured through County Council LHI programme to provide new paths through the landscaped areas either side of the existing access restriction. The inclusion of new trees and tree pits in these areas would contribute to the street scene; since mature trees in these streets have gradually been lost over time, enhance growth and reduce highway damage. Care needed to avoid conflict between pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle access desire lines. Additional operational costs minimal. Funding dependant upon majority support from Area Committee (given value).
E9	Staffordshire Street	Provision of engineered tree pit to support the healthy establishment of a new street tree - outside number 8 and 9 Staffordshire Street.	Aboriculture Officer	Petersfield	3,500	Amber	3,500	Officer suggestion, with Area Committee to determine whether appropriate. New tree included in Council winter planting programme. However, a suitable growing area needs establishing first to promote healthy growth and prevent damage, and which the budget for new trees is unable to afford.
E10	Rustat Road	Refurbishment and decompaction of planter area to support the healthy establishment of a replacement street tree adjacent to William Smith Close.	Aboriculture Officer	Romsey	1,500	Green	1,500	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.

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E11	Hills Road railway bridge approach landscaping	Addition of soft landscaping such as trees and planters within the south-western pavement approach to the railway bridge in order to soften and enhance the street environment.	Cllr R Moore	Coleridge	10,000	Amber	10,000	The practicality of this suggestion requires further detailed investigation. The land involved does not belong to the Council, and is understood to be partly private and partly adopted public highway. It also forms the approach ramp to the railway bridge which is an engineered structure, will inevitably contain various public utility service apparatus, and is very heavily used by pedestrians at particular times.
				TOTAL	64,000	0	64,000	

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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 - EAST AREA

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Proposed by	Ward	Year Allocated	Approved Budget £	Completion Expected	Comments
1	Riverside conflict reduction and Environmental Improvement scheme	Hard and soft landscaping between Walnut Tree Avenue and Priory Road.	Former Cllr M Wright	Abbey	2011-12	577,000	Completed 2013	Significant improvement scheme completed in partnership with Highway Authority Cambridgeshire County Council.
2	Cherry Hinton Road Shop Forecourts	Refurbishment of privately owned shop forecourt.	Ward Cllrs	Coleridge	2011-12	70,000	Completed 2012	Major improvement scheme completed in partnership with Highway Authority Cambridgeshire County Council and frontage landowners and tenants.
3	Staffordshire Street Parking Bays	Creation of parking bays	Ward Cllrs	Petersfield	2011-12	85,000	Completed	Completed in conjunction with County Council Highways team.
4	Romsey Planting		Former Cllr C Smart	Romsey	2011-12	22,000	Completed	
5	Silverwood Close and Whitehill estate verge parking prohibition	Introduction of Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit verge parking.	Former Cllr M Wright & Cllr C Hart	Abbey	2011-12	8,000	Abandoned	Scheme abandoned with prioritised funding re-allocated to other projects EAC September 2013.
6	Mill Road / Cavendish Road corner	Hard and soft landscaping improvements.	Former Cllr C Smart	Romsey	2011-12	15,000	Winter 2017-18	Additional s106 funding put value at level requiring full business case and Capital Programme Board approval. Scheme detail agreed with implementation anticipated in conjunction with Romsey Railway 'R' Public Art piece for same site. S106 element requires final approval from East Area.
7	Ditton Walk / Newmarket Road planting bed	Creation of a new planting bed, topsoil and planting with shrubs and tree.	Former Cllr M Wright	Abbey	2011-12	14,000	Completed Winter 2012-13	Maintenance of surrounding footway funded by County Council.
8	Corrie / Rustat / Davy Roads	TRO waiting restrictions to prevent commuter parking.	Ward Cllrs	Coleridge	2011-12	8,000	Spring 2018	Progressive introduction of measures on needs basis in association with County Council, who are reviewing case for residents' parking scheme for area (consultation underway). Davy Road forms part of strategic cycle route network.

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No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Proposed by	Ward	Year Allocated	Approved Budget £	Completion Expected	Comments
9	Riverside Railings	Refurbishment of 140 metres of riverside railings.	Former Cllr M Wright	Abbey	2011-12	25,000	Completed Winter 2015-16	Scope increased to include full length of Riverside from Midsummer Common to Stourbridge Common.
10	Chalmers Road and Greville Road	Adding additional trees to the street scene where there is scope.	Ward Cllrs	Coleridge & Romsey	2011-12	£5,000 2011-12 plus £5,000 2013-14	Completed Winter 2013-14	
11	Garlic Row / Stanley Road	Measures to reduce 'rat running' from Garlic Row to Stanley Road via Oyster Row.	Cllr C Hart & former Cllr M Wright	Abbey	2011-12	4,000	Review Recommended	Following previous local consultation, work has been ongoing in conjunction with County Council to identify best solution to area wide issue. Consider re-allocation of remaining funding to new project requests.
12	Wadloes Road bus stop	Accessibility improvements to bus stop on northbound side of road.	Cllr C Hart	Abbey	2011-12	5,000	Completed 2013	
13	Brooks Road / Perne Road verge parking prohibition	Introduction of Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit verge parking.	Ward Cllrs	Romsey	2011-12	7,500	Abandoned	Scheme abandoned with prioritised funding re-allocated to other projects EAC September 2013.
14	Radegund Road verge parking	Introduction of timber bollards to prevent parking on verges.	Former Cllr T Sadiq	Coleridge	2012-13	6,500	Completed 2013	Additional £5,500 funding contributed by Coleridge School and County Council.
15	Gwydir Street dropped kerbs	Mobility access improvements particularly at the Hooper Street junction.	Former Cllr S Brown	Petersfield	2012-13	5,000	Completed 2013	
16	Glisson Road area noticeboard	Community noticeboard for area likely at junction of Lyndewode Road and Tenison Road.	Glisson Road / Tenison Road Area Residents Association	Petersfield	2012-13	1,600	Completed 2013	Introduced in green space area facing Lyndewode Road.
17	Mill Road 20 mph signage	Extra roundels in Mill Road (20mph) at junctions etc.	Former Cllr G Marchant-Daisley	Petersfield	2012-13	500	Completed 2013-14	Work undertaken alongside Phase 1 of city-wide 20 mph scheme introduction.

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No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Proposed by	Ward	Year Allocated	Approved Budget £	Completion Expected	Comments
18	Hills Road to Claremont road marking	Small hatched area in Hills Road to keep the turning into Claremont clear and thus keep the traffic flowing.	Former Cllr G Marchant-Daisley	Petersfield	2012-13	800	Completed 2013-14	Work undertaken alongside Phase 1 of city-wide 20 mph scheme introduction.
19	Whitehill Road planting	Landscaping improvements to grass island on Whitehill Close.	Cllr K Blencowe & Ward Cllrs	Abbey	2012-13	9,750	Completed 2013	
20	Cellarer's Chequer	Lectern style public information board beside historic building on Beche Road.	Ward Cllrs	Abbey	2012-13	2,000	Completed Summer 2014	In conjunction with City Conservation team.
21	Leper Chapel signing	Signage directing visitors from Riverside to Leper Chapel.	Ward Cllrs	Abbey	2012-13	1,500	Completed 2013	In conjunction with City Conservation team.
22	Catherine Street	Traffic calming measures to reduce traffic speeds and improve pedestrian safety.	Former Cllr Z Moghadas	Romsey	2012-13	10,000 EIP (£5k 2012-13 plus £5k 2013-14) plus 10,000 County LHI	Completed Winter 2014-15	Necessary remedial works completed at contractor's cost.
23	Romsey part of Coldhams Lane	Further greening of this part of Coldhams Lane, for instance with additional trees.	Former Cllr C Smart	Romsey	2012-13	11,500 EIP plus LHI	Completed 2014	Replacement trees in new tree pits completed by City and County Councils in partnership, at no cost to EIP. Funding therefore available for re-allocation.
24	Mill Road right turn into Coleridge Road	Provision of a bollard on the corner of Mill Road with Hemingford Road to deter vehicles mounting the pavement and endangering pedestrians.	Former Cllr Z Moghadas	Romsey	2012-13	1,000	Completed 2013	Completed in conjunction with County Council Highways team.
25	Ditton Lane handrail	New handrail along edge of steep footway approach to shops on Ditton Lane from Thorpe Way to assist mobility access.	Cllr C Hart	Abbey	2013-14	3,000	Completed Summer 2014	
26	Budleigh Close / Burnside junction	Landscape improvements.	Local Resident	Coleridge	2013-14	4,000	Completed Spring 2015	Landscaping and parking restriction work completed. Further County Council installation of restricted access bollard at request of Fire Service.

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27	Birdwood Road	Improvement of verges damaged by vehicle over-run between Perne Road and Chalmers Road.	Former Cllr G Owers	Coleridge	2013-14	15,000 EIP plus 10,000 LHI	Completed Autumn 2015	Review underway of effectiveness of similar work undertaken across city in most recent round 2015-16.
28	Peveler Road	Prevention of parking on two large areas of open green space by timber rail fencing.	Cllr R Johnson	Abbey	2013-14	13,000	Completed Spring 2015	Completed following major housing redevelopment work in area.
29	Ross Street	Installation of small number of tree pits and new street trees at Coldhams Lane end of street.	Former Cllr P Saunders	Romsey	2013-14	15,000	Completed Spring 2016	Despite some local concerns around consequent reduction in vehicle parking capacity, new features created at 3 locations in the northern section of Ross Street.
30	Mill Road phone boxes	Removal of two redundant public call boxes between Willis Road and Guest Road to reduce street clutter.	Former Cllr S Brown	Petersfield	2013-14	5,000	Completed 2013	Removal required agreement with British Telecom.
31	Tiverton Way	Removal of raised table and construction of build-out to create chicane	Former Cllr T Sadiq	Coleridge	2013-14	1,000 EIP plus 9,000 County LHI	Partially completed Winter 2014-15	Table removed but not possible to agree location for further build-out to form chicane, due to property entrances.
32	Mill Road footway grants	Grants programme to provide 50% funding to shopkeepers to improve public shopfront areas.	City Council Mill Road Co-ordinator	Petersfield & Romsey	2013-14	5,300	Review Recommended	Improvements to footways and narrow property frontages undertaken as part of comprehensive County Council maintenance work during 2014-15. Consider re-allocation of remaining funding to new project requests.
33	Mill Road Pinch Point	Feasibility study into options to improve the road narrowing adjacent to Cutlacks store and Ross Street.	Former County Cllr K Bourke	Romsey	2013-14	200 EIP plus 1,800 County LHI	Completed 2014-15	Potential options identified and presented to County Council, with some minor improvements incorporated as part of carriageway resurfacing work undertaken during 2014-15.
34	Romsey Rec entrance from Hemingford Road	Measures to slow down cyclists accessing the Recreation ground via Hemingford Road.	Local Resident	Romsey	2013-14	201 EIP plus 1,800 County LHI	Completed Winter 2014-15	Former open gate replaced with new easy swing self closing gate.

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35	Oyster Row / Garlic Row junction area	Measures, such as road narrowing, to restrict turning of heavy vehicles from Mercers Row into Oyster Row.	County Cllr J Whitehead	Abbey	2014-15	23,500	Review Recommended	Work has been ongoing in conjunction with County Council to identify best solution to area wide issue. Consider re-allocation of remaining funding to new project requests.
36	Riverside / Stourbridge Common area parking management	Introduction of measures to better manage parking in the area.	County Cllr J Whitehead	Abbey	2014-15	12,500	Review Recommended	Initial public consultation undertaken. Following further work with local councillors and selected local residents to identify option proposals for further consultation, in combination with County Council project to improve access to common, project requires further review pending developing proposals for area wide resident parking scheme. Consider re-allocation of remaining funding to new project requests.
37	Cherry Hinton Road / Perne Road shops area	Improvements to access for delivery vehicles.	County Cllr N Kavanagh	Coleridge	2014-15	6,000	Completed Spring 2016	Original project not viable at present time. Scope amended with local councillor support to small area surface improvements in conjunction with County Council.
38	Tenison Road / Lyndewode Road corner	Installation of additional public noticeboard for local community use in green space area.	South Petersfield Residents Association	Petersfield	2014-15	1,750	Completed Spring 2015.	
39	Glisson Road / Lyndewode Road junction	Installation of a street tree or bollard in junction footway build-out area.	Local resident Frank Gawthrop	Petersfield	2014-15	2,000	Completed Autumn 2017	Original suggestion for the installation of a street tree not considered viable at this location. 3 bollards installed as an alternative. Streets & Open Spaces led final delivery rather than County Council.
40	Silverwood Close	Introduction of measures to better manage parking in the area.	County Cllr J Whitehead	Abbey	2014-15	500 EIP plus 4,500 County LHI	Completed Winter 2014-15	Cambridgeshire County Council Local Highways Improvement delivered project. Traffic Order restriction to improve access introduced. A separate residents parking scheme has been consulted on.

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41	Great Eastern Street car park area	Landscaping improvements (with public noticeboard) to car park and play area linked to development of Chisholm Trail cross-city cycle route.	Former Cllr C Smart	Romsey	2016-17	4,000	Partially completed	Local noticeboard completed Autumn 2017. Awaiting confirmation of detail for Greater Cambridge Partnership (formally City Deal) funded Chisholm Trail project.
42	East Road housing estate	Completion of short approx 15 metre section of path to link Shenstone children's play area with Staffordshire Street.	Cllr R Robertson	Petersfield	2016-17	3,000	Completed Autumn 2017	
43	St. Matthew's Street	Environmental enhancement of area opposite New Street junction, including two new parking bays - to compliment recent improvement undertaken by Housing services.	Cllr A Sinnott	Petersfield	2016-17	10,000	Completed Autumn 2017	Initial phase of potential longer term project.
44	Barnwell Road shopping area Green space	Landscaping improvements to green space and forecourt area to enhance community cohesion.	Abbey People group	Abbey	2016-17	5,000	Completed Autumn 2017	Terraced earth amphitheatre for local events completed Summer 2017. Community led seasonal bulb planting to follow.
45	Ditton Fields Recreation Ground	Improvements to Rec entrances and facilities to enhance community use and cohesion.	Cllr R Johnson & Abbey People group	Abbey	2016-17	5,000	Winter 2017-18	Project under development in conjunction with Highway Authority and other interests, to compliment separately funded work to improve the play area.
46	Perne Road verges	Improvement of verges suffering from repeated vehicular damage.	Cllr L Herbert	Coleridge	2016-17	5,000	Consultation completed Summer 2017	Original intention to allocate funding to 'pump-prime' local contributions. Public consultation on potential alternative approaches completed Summer 2017; to inform further consideration by councillors. Work ongoing.
47	St.Thomas' Square	Improvement of worst sections of damaged low timber rail fencing used to protect green open space areas from vehicles.	Cllr L Herbert	Coleridge	2016-17	3,000	Completed Summer 2017	Replacement timber fencing sections completed, with minor amendment needed July / August 2017.
48	Cherry Hinton Road / Perne Road corner	Improvement of damaged sections of low timber rail fencing used to protect green space adjacent to parking area.	Cllr L Herbert	Coleridge	2016-17	2,000	Completed Summer 2017	Replacement black steel fence repainted dark green, alongside further rationalisation / tidying up of street furniture with input from asset owners including highway authority.

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 –the East Area Committee will decide which incomplete projects will continue to be funded

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?

East Area Committee 11/01/2018

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 a several new suggestions submitted within East 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 related to play areas and so will be of benefit to children. For instance, the Shenstone (Staffordshire Street) play area path improvement would be hoped to lead to increased use of play facilities and increase safety on the route to the adjacent primary school.

(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 on footways (e.g. in Gwydir Street at the junction with Hooper Street).

(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 a significant number of new suggestions submitted within North 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 Wadloes Road bus stop access improvement is of particular benefit to those with mobility difficulties
- The Silverwood Close parking management improvements
- The Shenstone (Staffordshire Street) play area path improvement is of particular benefit to families and children, and those with mobility difficulties
- The Ditton Fields Recreation Ground entrance improvements are of particular benefit to families and children, and those with mobility difficulties
- The Perne Road verges improvements (if funded)
- The St. Matthew's Pieces lighting improvement (if funded) will improve safety for all groups – particularly those with visual impairments

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: 21 December 2017

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.