



Cambridge City Council
South Area Committee

Date: Monday, 28 November 2022

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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Agenda

- 1 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Notes of Previous Meeting (Pages 3 - 10)
- 4 Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes
- 5 Open Forum
- 6 Environmental Report - SAC (Pages 11 - 34)
- 7 Environmental Improvement Programme - 2022/23
Project Applications (Pages 35 - 46)
Councillors will review the projects received noting that the decisions will be taken by the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces in January 2023.
- 8 GCP Item - Making Connections Consultation
Representatives from the GCP will inform councillors of the current consultation which runs until 23 December 2022.
www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022

City Councillors: Hauk (Chair), Page-Croft (Vice-Chair), Ashton, S. Davies, Dryden, Flaubert, Lee, Levien and McPherson

County Councillors: Beckett, Goodliffe and Slatter

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SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

5 September 2022

7.00 - 8.10 pm

Present

Area Committee Members: Councillors Hauk (Chair), Page-Croft (Vice-Chair), S. Davies, Dryden, Lee, Levien, Beckett, Goodliffe and Slatter

Officers:

Head of Property Services: Dave Prinsep

Anti-Social Behaviour Officer: Marianne Crozier

Committee Manager: Gary Clift

Meeting Producer: Boris Herzog

Other Officers in Attendance:

South Area Police Officer Jamal Ali

Dr Kristin-Ann Rutter Executive Director Cambridge University Health Partners and Cambridge Bio-medical Campus (CBC) Ltd

Tony Taylorson Cambridge University Health Partners and CBC Ltd

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

22/14/SAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Ashton, Flaubert and McPherson.

22/15/SAC Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

22/16/SAC Notes of Previous Meeting

These were noted.

22/17/SAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Notes

Re. page 6 of the agenda, 21/13/SAC Open Forum, demolition of 1-2 Fitzwilliam Road and saving the window. Note repeated below for ease of reference:

The Principal Planner has discussed salvaging the window with the agent for the site. He would discuss it with the applicant and let the Principal Planner know in due course. Hopefully it could be salvaged. The next step would be for Councillor Ingrid Flaubert to have a plan for the window.

Cllr Davies asked that this be added to the Action Sheet for follow up and report back to Committee.

Re Open Forum minute reference 22/11/SAC (page 10 of the agenda), Cllr Slatter advised that there was no longer a need to involve planning officers as the councillors are organising the matter themselves.

22/18/SAC Open Forum

A member of the public asked the following:

Please provide an overall update on the current state of the full and final adoption of **the Abode development**

Please provide an update specifically on the current state of discussion / agreement between the Council and Countryside on the replacement of the trees and shrubberies that Countryside are obligated to maintain and replace both as part of their planning permission generally and as part of adoption specifically

Please provide an answer to my question posed on 16 July 2022 regarding the insufficient construction of kerbs in the Abode development, as well as whether / how this shortcoming will be addressed in adoption.

As the member of the public was not present the Chair gave a summary answer at the meeting. The full answer is produced below (and had been provided to the member of the public before the meeting).

“As I am sure you are aware there are quite a number of sites at various stages of the adoption process across the southern fringe. From a strategic point of view, I can advise which parcels have been transferred and which have not. However, updating the wider public on the general situation regarding the 106 transfers will not perhaps provide enough detail on specific issues such as the details relating to the highway transfers, and the Abode

highway trees which have been reported previously to the County Council. The County have their own people to monitor and progress the section 38 agreements. It may be prudent for the committee to seek a statement from the County Council or invite a representative from the County Council to provide an update on the highway adoptions. This would be useful as they are best placed to answer queries generally about detail on highway adoptions, including Abode. Enforcement action relating to the highway section 38 agreements is something for the County Council and the Cities New Communities team to deliberate/decide if enforcement is necessary. Has the committee considered asking Cllr Slatter to investigate?

The areas forming the transfers to City Council within the built up parcels at Abode have been transferred to City and queries relating to these areas can be processed in the usual way through City Council portal. There are a number of areas within Abode which are not intended to be transferred to City Council, but are to be transferred to Estate Management Company and or Housing Association depending upon their location. If residents have queries relating to these landscaped areas and are uncertain who is responsible for the areas then they can contact the developer Countryside who are still around, they will be able to pass the queries on to the management Company or Housing Association depending upon the specific location. In terms of enforcement again something for New Communities to consider if the developer is considered not to have met obligations under the terms of the Planning agreement.”

2. A member of the public asked the following questions:

I was walking across Hobson’s Square and saw a lot of upright logs. At first I thought it was a preparation for bonfire night. On-going closer I saw there were lights in the ground round the structure, so it was obviously something to be looked at and not burnt, but there was no information about it there, or anywhere else.

Does the structure have a name? Was someone responsible for creating it? Surely at the very least there ought to be a plaque on it, or very close to it, giving this information.

What is the point of ‘public art’ if those coming across it don’t recognize it as such?

As the member of the public was not present the Chair gave a summary answer at the meeting. The full answer is produced below (and had been provided to the member of the public before the meeting).

The Bronze House by Heather and Ivan Morison has been developed by artists Heather and Ivan Morison working with a steering group that comprised of local residents, Countryside Properties, architects, landscape architects and City Council officers as observers. The role of the Steering Group is to assist with the development of commissions, artist appointment and project delivery. The Group have overseen the development of the public art commission for Hobson's Square and the Great Kneighton site as a whole.

The Proposal- an artist brief for Hobson Square was developed, which required an artist to engage at very early stages with the design team and local stakeholders. The ambition was that through this close collaboration, the artist could bring creative thinking and ideas into the Square's design (as a whole), looking to the future as well as the past, and create a truly unique new public space for this new community.

The artists initial response to this brief focused on wanting to create a slowness of time, through a space that can support congregation and social interaction as well as providing an opportunity for people to contemplate and reflect on this new place in, which they live. Inspired by the archaeological digs on the site, Heather and Ivan Morison worked with Futurecity, Countryside Properties and PLACE Design to create a public art proposal for Hobson's Square; the Bronze House - a single sculpture integrated into the square and an artwork fabrication and installation process offering community participation and engagement throughout.

The site provided archaeological evidence of numerous Bronze Age posthole arrangements. The artists have been inspired by these finds, and in particular with one from the mid Bronze Age period labelled by the archaeologists as Structure 827, and found close to the Hobson's Square site. The sculpture proposes an unknown architectural form starting from that pattern of postholes and is fabricated using burnt oak and chestnut. Taking that exact footprint the artists have designed a structure that looks as if it could be as much a relic from the future as from the past. The sculpture is located in the centre of the Square and has a direct relationship to the adjacent Bronze Age ditch line that demarcates the square.

The design of the Square has evolved through artist/design team collaboration and the layout of the square has been orientated around the traces of two converging Bronze Age ditches that cut diagonally across the plan of the square. These historic lines become the lines of the drainage swales and the boundaries for the treatment of different areas of the new square. The

entrance of the Community Centre has also been designed to link to the ditches.

The soft landscaping design and the ditch line provide a setting and context for the sculpture. The trees also provide a context the sculpture. The artists describe the sculpture as being 'cradled by the trees' and for it to enable children to imagine the past and the future and provide 'myth making', as they interact with it. The intention of the sculpture is to create a focal point. As the trees mature and the seasons change, the view and appearance of the sculpture will change too and encourage people's continued interest in it, as at a point in time, the sculpture will not be seen as a whole. Once mature, the trees will have a playful relationship with the work. A key element of the design of the sculpture is to provide opportunity for informal play and seating and this is also a reason for it being located within the soft landscape area; to encourage people and in particular children to play and sit and enjoy the space with an emphasis on young children interacting. The Landscape and sculpture have been designed together and therefore are intrinsically linked.

The steering group are currently looking at the best ways to provide information about the work and all the other works on site and we are hoping this will be agreed in the very near future. The reception desk and spiral staircase in the Community Centre have also been designed by the same artists to provide a link to the Square. We believe that there is or will be some information made available in the library.

There is information about the work online.

<https://www.greatkneighton.co.uk/great-kneighton/public-art.html>

<https://cambridge.futurecity.co.uk/portfolio/bronze-house/>

The member of the public asked supplementary questions which have been passed onto officers to respond to and be published with papers for the next meeting:

1. Why isn't it council policy to label all public art installations with their title and the name of the artist/s who made them, when they are put up?

The Council encourages the dissemination of information for public art projects. The works are varied, and the type of work and the context of the work may not always provide an opportunity 'to label' the work. Some works have 'labels' and others do not because of this. Also, the artists sometimes

wish their work to be experienced as a moment; where there is surprise and the meaning to be interpreted by the audience upon discovering the work (of course this is dependent on what the work is, but there's usually an online presence with more information too). The Council has a public art webpage, where there is more details of works (albeit, it requires updating) and also most of the large development sites who have delivered public art have a public art section on their own websites. Many public artworks are also included in the Cambridge sculpture trails. (As previously explained, the work at Great Kneighton is currently in the process of designing information panels).

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/public-art-commissions>

<https://www.cambridgesculpturetrails.co.uk/>

2 How are such works financed? Are they paid for out of our council tax?

Public art is financed through the Planning process via Planning Conditions or s106 agreements. The Council also commissions public art through commuted s106 contributions from developers in lieu of the developer delivering public art on their development site. Public art is not funded through Council Tax.

Members of the Committee contributed to a general debate on public art in the urban fringe sites, the upkeep of it after installation (by whom) and the information about it. Should there be a log of all the public art and if it is not satisfying the planning conditions.

Officer response after the meeting: Public art developed and delivered through the correct process will satisfy s106 agreements or planning conditions. There is a robust process involving community engagement and also involvement from the Council's Public Art Panel, where appropriate. Proposals are not approved unless a maintenance plan has been submitted.

The public art on Nine Wells it has been intentionally made to weather and erode over time.

22/19/SAC Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods

The committee received a presentation from the police on activity on local priorities since last reported in March 2022.

The full police presentation can be viewed on the committee recording on the Council's You Tube page.

Members made the following points to the police officers:

It would be helpful if councillors were advised how to most effectively work with the police on casework-the police advised calling them direct was recommended.

Although Babaram Road Park and Ride site was not fully within Cambridge City jurisdiction, could the police work with South Cambridgeshire police to address the anti-social behaviour associated with the site-the police took that action away.

A Member had found using the 101 number a frustrating process and asked if the police had received customer feedback on this service?

The Council's community safety officer updated the Committee on the recently launched Peer Group and Places initiative (page 6 of the report).

22/20/SAC Update on Cambridge Biomedical Campus

Representatives from Cambridge University Hospitals/CBC presented on the development work on the biomedical campus site and the 2050 strategic vision.

The full presentation can be viewed on the YouTube channel here:

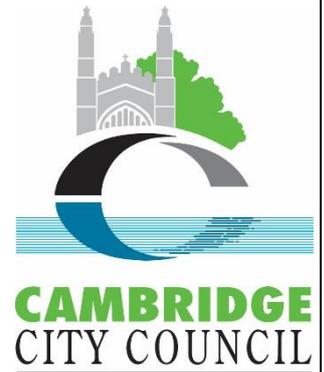
[Agenda for South Area Committee on Monday, 5th September, 2022, 7.00 pm - Cambridge Council](#)

The committee appreciated the presentation and engagement with the CBC representatives and noted that they wish to engage with Councillors on South Area Committee on-going.

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm

CHAIR

Environmental Report



Cambridge South Area

[Covering the wards of Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's and Trumpington]

Period of June 2022 to November 2022

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1. Introduction

This report provides an overview of the council's Streets and Open Spaces, Environmental Health and Shared Waste service activity in the Area Committee area over the past six months.

This report provides open data on service performance, so that City and County Councillors and their constituents are informed of what service activity is happening in their area; and has the opportunity to engage in and help to shape this activity, including identifying specific local service requests/ issues.

1. Streets and Open Spaces Operations Team:
 - a. Street cleansing and Grounds Maintenance – cleans all residential streets and public land and maintains all grass and shrub beds across the city.
 - b. Community Engagement Team - works with Community Payback and Streets and Open Spaces volunteers to deliver community nominated improvement projects.
 - c. Enforcement Team - investigate and take action against instances of environmental crime and dog control issues in public places across the city.
2. Streets and Open Spaces Assets Development Team:
3. Streets and Open Spaces Projects Team
 - a. Projects
 - b. Parks
 - c. Trees
4. The Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service provide rubbish and recycling collections from homes and business Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire and empties 32,000 bins each day. It is responsible for setting policy on how this should be done and educating residents and customers on how best to recycle.
5. Environmental Health:
 - a. Pest control – free treatments for rats, mice, cockroaches, bedbugs, and pharaohs ants
 - b. Private sector Housing interventions – complaints and investigations regarding condition of properties
 - c. Other public health interventions – refuse, hoarding, bonfires
 - d. Noise complaints – daytime and night-time noise complaints,

2. South Area Profiles

In this section an update of what teams have been doing in the previous six months is detailed.

Ward Profile: Cherry Hinton

Map



Community Engagement team

At Cherry Hinton Hall various volunteer sessions were carried out including 'Green Teams', litter picks and 'Tree Works'. During tree works sessions volunteers undertook tasks such as weeding tree bases, mulching with wood chips, removing loose or broken stakes and identifying dead trees.

Several 'green teams' sessions were undertaken by volunteers including a full tidy of the tree nursery and cut back of overgrowth at the nature reserve at the back of the hall, to encourage growth of a more diverse range of plants. Volunteers also pruned the hedge which surrounds the tree nursery.

Throughout the summer Community Engagement ran litter pick groups and pine collecting during October.

A corporate group from ABCAM, consisting of 166 volunteers completed a day's volunteering where they weeded underneath old oak tree, renovated four benches, and completed various cutbacks in the nature reserve.



Sunday volunteer litter pick groups are run in Cherry Hinton, Trumpington and Queen Edith, where community engagement coordinate monthly litter pick locations.

The Community Engagement team ran a clean up day at Tenby Close and another at Teversham Drift, both of which were a great success allowing residents to dispose of their general and bulky waste.

Community payback worked in the ward and undertook edging, weeding, sweeping paths and a litter pick at Tweedale and Ainsdale. They also undertook litter picking and clearing up after folk festival at Cherry Hinton Hall. They also cleared the vegetation from pathways at Dawes Lane and Wadloes Road and a community payback team cut back overgrown weeds from path edge growing out of chalk pit at Cherry Hinton Road/Queen Edith Way.

Upcoming works for the community engagement team involve planting 22 new trees across Cherry Hinton Hall.

If you would like to nominate some work for the Community Payback to undertake or to get involved with volunteering, please get in contact with the Community Engagement Team.

Enforcement team

- Malletts Road – (June) Dog straying and fouling reported. Warning letter sent to dog owner.
- Church End – (June) Two suspected abandoned vehicles reported and investigated. The vehicles were no longer at the site at time of re-inspection.
- St Bedes Crescent – (June) Dog walked off lead on the highway resulting in a dog-on-dog attack. Warning letter sent to dog owner. (August) Suspected abandoned vehicle reported and investigated. Vehicle subsequently claimed by the registered keeper.
- Cherry Hinton Road – (July) Litter thrown from a motor vehicle witnessed and investigated, resulting in a fixed penalty notice issued for littering.
- Poppy Close – (July) Two suspected abandoned vehicles reported and investigated. The vehicles were no longer at the site at time of re-inspection.
- Tenby Close – (July) Dumped waste investigated.
- Drayton Road – (August) Suspected abandoned vehicle reported and investigated. The vehicle was no longer at the site at time of re-inspection.



- Walpole Road – (August) Dumped cardboard waste investigated.
- Fulbourn Old Drift – (August) Suspected abandoned vehicle reported and investigated. The vehicle was no longer at the site at time of re-inspection.
- High Street – (August) Suspected abandoned vehicle reported and investigated. The vehicle was no longer at the site at time of re-inspection.
- Coldham's Business Park, Norman Way – there have been three burnt out motorcycles dumped during October and November. No evidence so far has been gathered to date.



If you would like to report an environmental crime issue in your ward, please get in contact with your Enforcement Officers, Tony Durman and Jordan Hine.

Operations Team

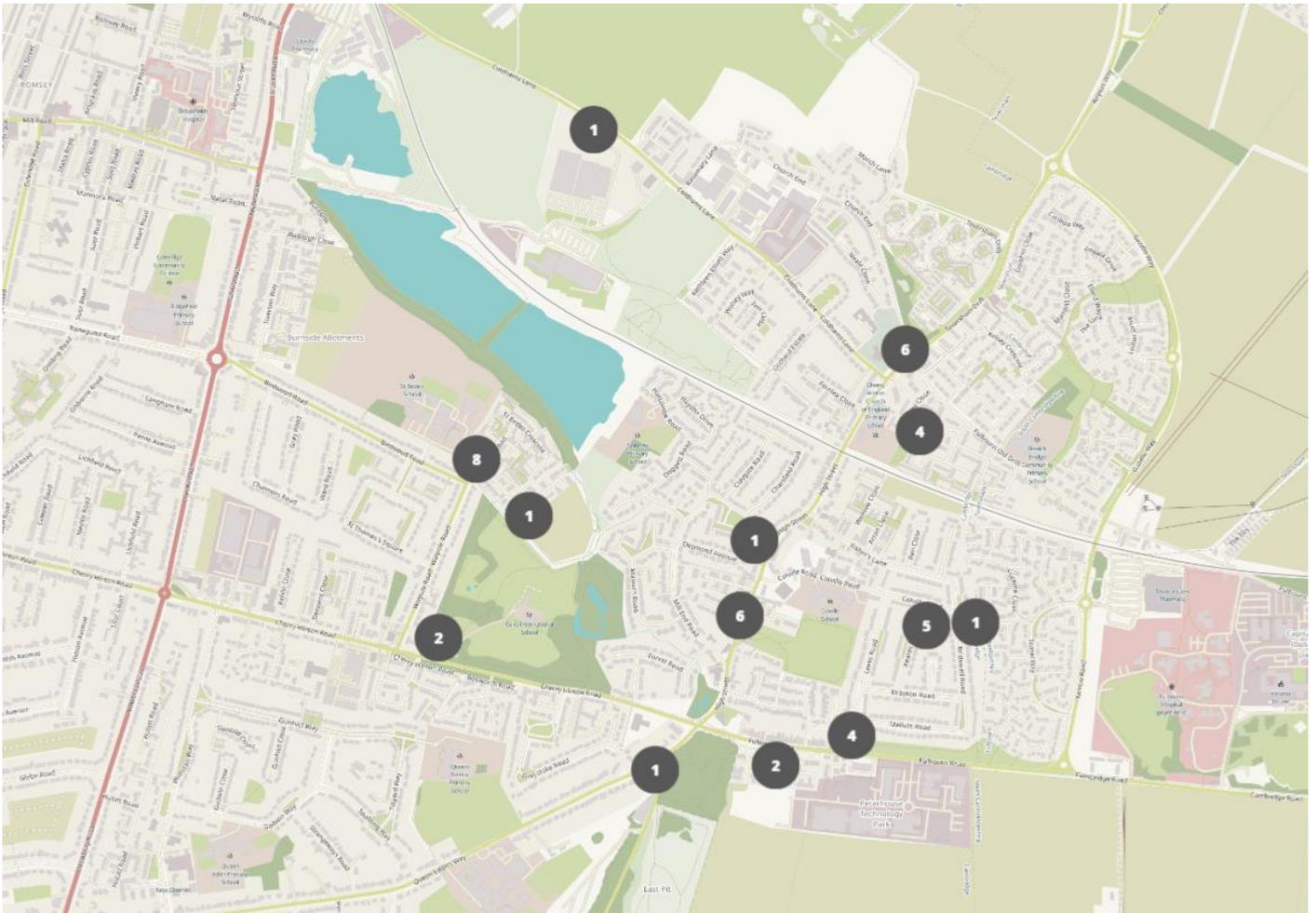
We have been busy clearing all the leaf fall in the area with our grounds maintenance team which started approximately three weeks ago.

Earlier in the year our ground maintenance teams were busy getting Cherry Hinton Hall ready for the Folk Festival (grass cutting, cutting back, erecting fences,) and the event was a great success.

The street cleansing team have been sweeping all the main roads and residential areas of detritus as per the ward schedule. Our team have been targeting areas that require deep cleaning and in need of attention.

The cleansing teams continue to empty bins and litter pick and remove fly tips and graffiti. Also, the streets are regularly swept by mechanical sweepers. Over the course of the coming months the team will continue to clear leaves from our ground maintenance areas.

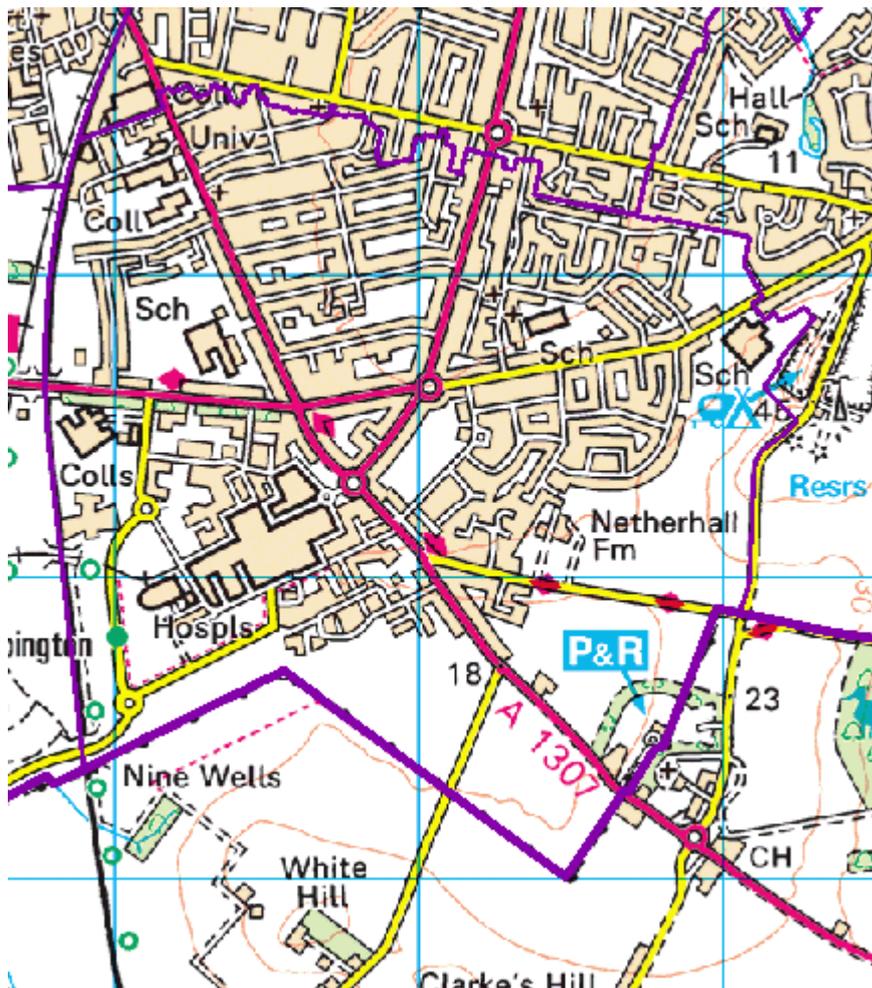
The hot spot map shows the numbers and locations of the flytips cleared within the last six-month period.



If you would like to report a cleansing or grounds maintenance issue, please visit our website, and complete the relevant webform (found at <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/street-and-park-maintenance>) or contact our Customer Service Centre.

Ward Profile: Queen Edith's

Map



Community Engagement team

The Community Engagement Team supported the clean up day that was run at Wulfstan Way in November 2022.

Sunday volunteer litter pick groups are run in Cherry Hinton, Trumpington and Queen Edith, where community engagement coordinate monthly litter pick locations.

SOS Volunteer gathered for the summer get together at Nightingale Garden, where we enjoyed pizza made on their new pizza oven, cake, and strawberries, as a thank you for their involvement.

If you would like to nominate some work for the Community Payback to undertake or to get involved with volunteering, please get in contact with the Community Engagement Team.

Enforcement team

Regular patrols have been carried out in the area spending approximately 7 hours per week.

Officers had a total of six abandoned vehicles in this area, including the following areas: Addenbrookes, Godwin Way, Beaumont Road, Mowbray Road, Cavendish Avenue, and Holbrook Road. All have been claimed by the owners or they were no longer at the location on the follow up visits.

Officers have had reoccurring issues with an HMO and their domestic bins on streets in a particular area. This was resolved by contacting the owner and giving them an educational talk. For the time being there are no further issues at the property.

Officers have also worked closely with RARA area group at Greenland's. This year we have two site meetings with the group, and they regularly keep us updated. Officers are currently trying to see how we could be of further benefit to the residents and volunteers.

Officers dealt with four reports of dog control issues for this reporting period. Two in parks and two that were reported by neighbours. Although officers patrolled the park areas regularly the alleged culprits were never identified. The other two reported issues with dogs out of control were reported by neighbours. On both occasions officers attended the alleged suspects' address and spoke with the owners and there has been no further reported incidents.

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Operations Team

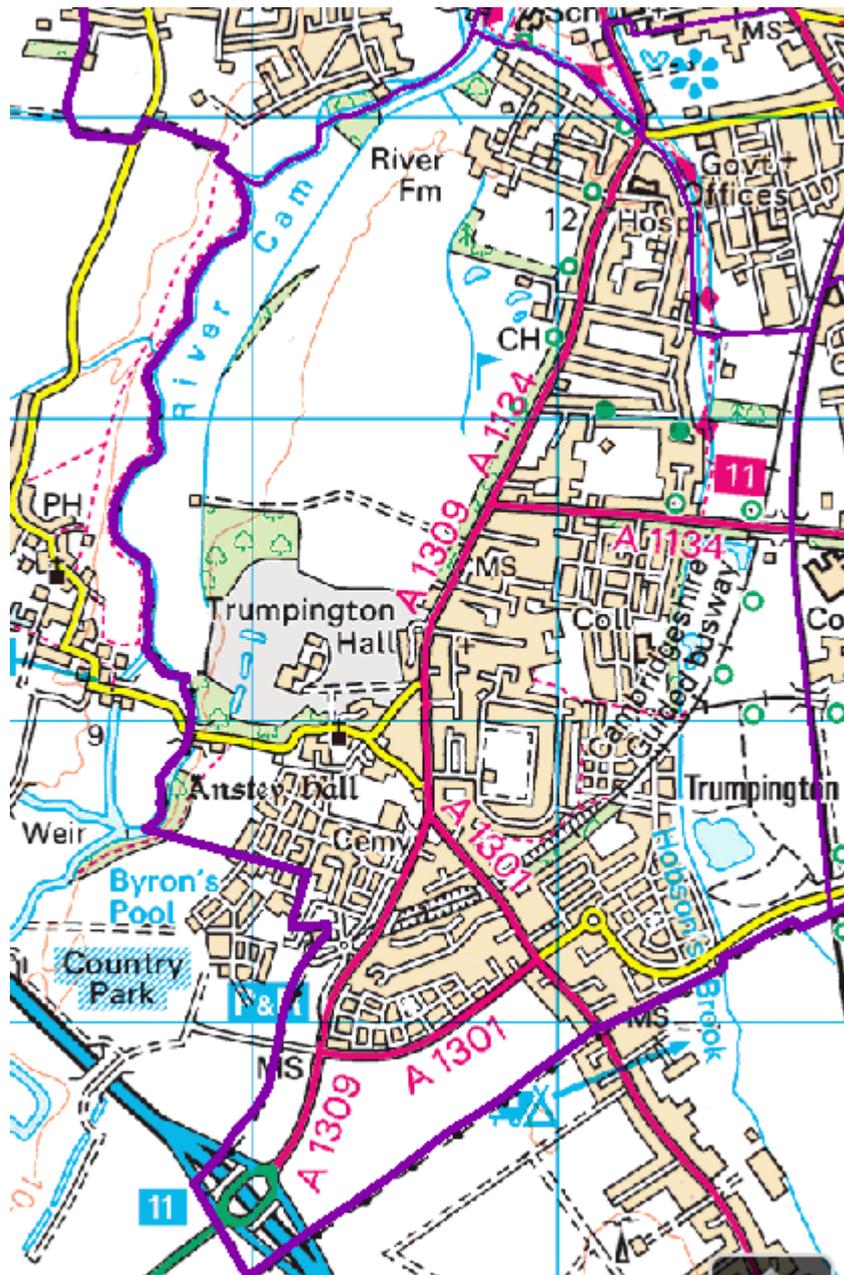
The whole grounds maintenance team have been busy clearing all leaf fall in the area as per schedule. The team earlier in the year have been working on jobs arising from the supporting living service in all three wards such a grass cutting/pruning/maintenance.

The street cleansing team have been sweeping all the main roads and residential areas of detritus and completing deep cleaning as we go around the ward. Over the course of the coming months the team will continue to clear leaves from are ground maintenance areas.

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Ward Profile: Trumpington

Map



Community Engagement team

The Community Engagement team have tree works sessions being planned for Trumpington Recreation Ground where volunteers will be invited to help us with young apple tree maintenance, weeding, mulching, and resetting stakes and cages.

In coming weeks volunteers will be working alongside the team to complete hedge laying in Trumpington Community Orchard.

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Enforcement team

- Barrow Road – (June) Dog repeated straying – Community Protection Warning letter served.
- Bentley Road – (June) Suspected abandoned vehicle reported. Vehicle investigated and notice served. Subsequently, vehicle claimed by registered keeper.
- Byron Square Public Recycling Point (Site now closed) – (June) Large amount of cardboard waste found dumped on the ground at the site. Suspect identified and investigated, resulting in a fixed penalty notice issued for failure to comply with Household Duty of Care.
- Glebe Farm Drive – (June) Waste dumped next to the underground recycling bins. Suspect identified and investigated, resulting in a fixed penalty notice issued for littering.
- Royal Way – (June) Two suspected abandoned vehicles investigated and notices issued. The vehicles were subsequently claimed by the registered keepers.
- Spring Drive – (June) Suspected abandoned vehicle investigated, notice served. Vehicle not on site at time of re-inspection.
- Byron's Pool LNR – (July) Tents illegally camping managed.
- Crossways Gardens – (July) Suspected abandoned vehicle reported and investigated. Vehicle subsequently claimed by the registered keeper.
- Austin Drive - (July) Suspected abandoned vehicle investigated, notice served. Vehicle not on site at time of re-inspection.
- Whittington Road – (July) Suspected abandoned vehicle reported and investigated. Vehicle subsequently claimed by the registered keeper.
- Clay Farm Drive – (July) Suspected abandoned vehicle reported and investigated. Vehicle declared abandoned and removed from the site.



- Anstey Way – (July & August) Investigations into waste repeatedly dumped in the garage area at the rear of flats and in front of small recycling point, including waste oil canisters!



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Operations Team

The grounds maintenance team have been cutting back hedges, grass cutting and maintenance of shrub beds across the highways and parks.

The whole team have been working with the Enforcement Officers to reduce the amount of fly-tipping in Trumpington. A hot spot for fly-tipping in the ward is a recycle centre in Trumpington Recreation Ground as well as communal bin stores in new build estates.

The street cleansing teams have been busy emptying bins and litter picking this summer in our parks and open spaces. Over the course of the coming months the team will continue to clear leaves from our ground maintenance areas.

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Community Engagement Team Updates

Hedgehog Holes

The Community Engagement Team continues to work with Cambridge Hedgehogs to promote hedgehog holes and highways. The team can assist residents by cutting holes in fences to facilitate hedgehog movement between gardens.



To date the team have cut over forty new hedgehog holes across the city. Should residents wish to have a hedgehog hole cut they can email the Community Engagement Team at sosvolunteers@cambridge.gov.uk who will make suitable arrangements.

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service Update

Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service Updates for Cambridge (Covers the period of July to November 2022):

Date	Event
02.07 2022	Whitehill Road CAD
05.10 2022	Wolfson College recycling talk
05.11 2022	Wulfstan Way CAD
08.10 2022	Ditton Fields CAD
09.07 2022	Brackley Road CAD
1.10 2022	Teversham Drift CAD
11.09 2022	Croydon Classic Car show recycling stall
13.08 2022	Cockerell Road CAD
14.10 2022	The Guildhall Council Zero carbon lunch event
15.10 2022	Ancaster Way CAD
16.07 2022	Tenby Close CAD
17.09 2022	Thorpe Way CAD
18.07 2022	COPE AGM St Luke's Church Recycling Stall
20.07 2022	Hanover Court CAD
20.08 2022	Jack Warren Green CAD
22.10 2022	Cambridge Museum of Technology Recycling stall
23.07 2022	East Chesterton CAD
29.07 2022	Cambridge Folk Festival recycling bag handout and recycling stall
29.10.2022	Grand Arcade Eco recycling stall

Environmental and Waste Data

Public Realm [South Area]

Period	Activity	Total number of incidents	Cherry Hinton	Queen Edith's	Trumpington
June 2021 to November 2021	Fly tipping	136	54	15	67
June 2022 to November 2022	Fly tipping	132 ¹	42	16	74
June 2021 to November 2021	Needles	4 needles (2 instances)	3 needles (1 instance)	1 needle (1 instance)	0 needles
June 2022 to November 2022	Needles	51 needles (2 instances) ²	50 needles (1 instance)	0 needles	1 needle (1 instance)
June 2021 to November 2021	Fixed penalty notices	14	3	6	5
June 2022 to November 2022	Fixed penalty notices	8	2	0	6

Summary of public realm data:

Fly tipping:

Hot spot maps within each of the ward profiles shows the numbers and locations of the flytips within the last six-month period.

Needles:

- Cherry Hinton: In August fifty needles and syringes were found besides some of the flats at Wenvoe Close
- Trumpington: In September one needle was found in Grantchester Meadows.

Fixed penalty notices:

Fixed penalty notices issued across the period includes one for small scale fly tipping, one for littering from a motor vehicle, three for littering domestic waste and two for breach of household duty of care.

¹ Data is from 1st June to 7th November 2022

² Data is from 1st June to 31st October 2022

Private Realm [South Area]

Period	Activity	Investigations	Treatments Carried out	Informal Action / Written Warnings	Statutory Notices Served	Legal Proceedings
June 2021 to November 2021	Pest Control	NA	154 ³	NA	NA	NA
June 2022 to November 2022	Pest Control	NA	101 ⁴	NA	NA	NA
June 2021 to November 2021	Refuse and waste complaints	3 ³	NA	5	0	0
June 2022 to November 2022	Refuse and waste complaints	3 ⁴	NA	5	0	0
June 2021 to November 2021	Other public health interventions ⁶	9 ³	NA	5	0	0
June 2022 to November 2022	Other public health interventions ⁶	7 ⁴	NA	5	0	0
June 2021 to November 2021	Noise complaints	57 ³	NA	5	0	0
June 2022 to November 2022	Noise complaints	68 ⁴	NA	5	4	0
June 2021 to November 2021	Private Sector Housing interventions	33 ³	NA	5	2	0
June 2022 to November 2022	Private Sector Housing interventions	22 ⁴	NA	5	3	0

³ Data is from 1st June to 8th November 2021

⁴ Data is from 1st June to 9th November 2022

⁵ All complaints will generally have at least one such action.

⁶ Other public health complaints includes odour, smoke, bonfires, filthy and verminous

Waste and Recycling Data [Greater Cambridge Area]

Recycling rate:

This is based total amount of recycling collected in blue and green bins. Waste is subject to seasonable fluctuations.

Activity	Q1 Apr-Jun 22/23	Q2 Jul-Sep 22/23
Recycling rate – dry recycling	20.44%	22.37%
Recycling rate – composting	31.56%	26.97%
Amount collected for disposal	48.00%	50.66%

3. Key contacts

Area	Contact	Telephone Number	Email
Community Engagement	Community Engagement Team	01223 458084	sosvolunteers@cambridge.gov.uk
Local Nature Reserves Ranger	Vic Smith	01223 458282	Victoria.Smith@cambridge.gov.uk
Enforcement (Cherry Hinton, Queen Ediths and Trumpington)	Tony Durman Jordan Hine	01223 458581 01223 457157	Tony.durman@cambridge.gov.uk Jordan.hine@cambridge.gov.uk
Streets and Open Spaces Operations / Commercial	Paul Jones	01223 458282	paul.jones@cambridge.gov.uk
South Area Operations Team Leader	James Maberly	01223 458282	James.maberly@cambridge.gov.uk
Recycling Champions	Birgitta Laurent	07525 213774	recycling.champions@scambs.gov.uk

If you have a question about one of the council's services, you will be able to find several answers on our website www.cambridge.gov.uk. If you can't find what you are looking for, or want to discuss something with us, you can contact us on the details above or call 01 223 457000.

4. Volunteer schemes

Time Credits

You can earn Time Credits for your time as volunteer. Every hour of involvement with us earns you a 1-hour time credit – which can be spent in places like cinemas, gyms, swimming pools or music venues. The more time you give the more time credits you receive.

Streets and Open Spaces Volunteers:

We're looking for volunteers to make the streets of Cambridge even cleaner, tidier, and more pleasant and to spread our motto 'A greener, cleaner city starts with you'. So, whether you're already part of an existing local group and want some additional support or you're an individual who feels strongly about these issues, then get in touch to take part. Our volunteers work to improve their local streets by taking action to keep them clean, tidy, and looking their best.

With the support of a dedicated Area Ranger, you'll be able to:

- Recruit other local people to help you in a project
- Organise events locally to promote cleaner streets: litter picks, ward walks etc.
- Have access to and use specialist equipment for removing graffiti and litter
- Take part in large city-wide events for volunteers
- Provide education to other members of the public
- Work with a variety of council departments and other agencies to solve problems that you find on your streets.

As a volunteer you're free to suggest your own ideas and we will do our best to accommodate them. We don't expect you to give huge amounts of time to our projects, as a volunteer, we just hope you can commit some regular time each month to keep the project active and vibrant in the community.

To sign up or find out more visit our webpage <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/streets-and-open-spaces-volunteers> or contact our Community Engagement Team on sosvolunteers@cambridge.gov.uk or 01223 458084

Recycling Champions:

Are you a passionate about recycling? Would you like to meet other people who are also keen to help to promote recycling, minimizing waste and sustainability? Do you enjoy working with the public? If yes, then why not become a recycling champion. The Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service is looking for volunteers to help spread the word about recycling within the community. You don't need any experience or previous knowledge, you just need to believe that recycling is important, be friendly and approachable and be willing to convey your enthusiasm about helping the environment to others. Full training will be provided.

Our volunteers do a variety of roles such as:

- Run stalls at various events in the city and south of Cambridge
- Do door knocking around flats, hand out leaflets
- Attend monthly recycling champions meetings
- Do talks to community groups and schools about recycling
- Write articles in newsletters and go on trips to visit various recycling sites to learn about waste management and recycling.

To become a recycling champion please visit our webpage <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/become-a-recycling-champion>, or contact recycling.champions@scambs.gov.uk or telephone 07525 213774.

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Item

Environmental Improvement Programme Project Submission Summary Report (2023) for Discussion

To: South Area Committee: 28 November 2022

Report by:

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Wards affected:

Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's and Trumpington

Key Decision: No

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report details the Environmental Improvement (EIP) applications and ideas received for 2023 funding for projects in the South Area. The Area Committee can comment on the applications and make recommendations. The area-based recommendations made by all the area committees and those put forward for city-wide strategic funding will be included in an overall recommendations report to be considered by the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces, Food Justice and Community Development, for an out of cycle decision on behalf of the Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 The report provides information on eligibility, funding criteria and funding budgets for the Environmental Improvement Programme.

2. Recommendations

The South Area Committee is recommended to:

- i. To note the EIP budget allocation for South Area for 2022/23 and for Strategic EIP see 3.4,
- ii. To consider the new EIP ideas and project submitted for South Area, against the EIP Funding availability and the eligibility criteria (Appendix A),
- iii. Consider the recommendations made in Appendix B, discuss and clearly outline the committees' priorities in line with the available funding for consideration by the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces, Food Justice and Community Development.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Council's Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP) has been operating as a rolling programme since 2004. The programme budget, which has been £170,000 per annum for the most recent period up to 2020/21. In 2020/21, Committee approved restructuring the programme budget, allocating £100,000 pa to a Strategic programme (which all Area Committees can bid towards) with the decision on Area and Strategic bids devolved to Executive Councillor for Open Spaces, Food Justice and Community Development; and £70,000 pa devolved between the four Area Committees (on a per capita basis) for Local project bids. The current EIP eligibility criteria are set out along with the programme application form in **Appendix A**.
- 3.2 The programme has been subject to periodic review to improve flexibility, ensure good value and help speed up project delivery. That said, there have been delivery difficulties with much of the programme was put on hold for 2020/21 and 2021/22, due to the impact of the Covid pandemic and the need to redirect resources towards Covid response and recovery.
- 3.3 As referred to in 3.1 above, there are now two forms of EIP funding:
 - **Local Area:** With a budget of £100,000 pa, which is devolved and divided between the four Area Committees (South, East, West/Central and North), in proportion to the size of each Area's population. Committees consider which projects in their area they recommend for funding, up to a project value of £5,000 (or £10,000 if strongly supported).

- **Strategic:** With a budget of £70,000 pa, this element of the programme is dedicated to priorities the Council has identified as being important across all areas of the city and which are aligned to the Corporate Plan and supporting strategies including Tree / Biodiversity / herbicide reduction plan, long grass policy etc. This includes making better use of roadside verges, enhancing tree canopy, improving biodiversity, benches (that promote community/ social interaction) and providing free public drinking water points.

3.4 Based on the devolved Area Committee Local budget, there is a total of £25,529 available for South Area as a proportion to the size of its population and £70,000 for citywide Strategic EIP.

3.5 An open application process for project bids within the city was started on the 21st September 2022 and closed on the 28th October 2022. The opportunity to submit project bids was advertised on the Council's website through the current consultations page with links through to Citizenlab (the Council's new community consultation and engagement platform).

3.6 South Area Committee members are asked to consider the projects included in Appendix B and after considering the funding parameters, eligibility and known public support (indicated from the Citizenlab platform) to make clear recommendations on priorities to be considered by the Executive Councillor.

3.7 Priority recommendations will be included in the final recommendation report and include both EIP Local area funded projects and Strategic projects.

3.8 Following consideration by the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces, Food Justice and Community Development of the final recommendation report the approved bids will be published in early 2023.

3.9 Following publication of approved projects, project delivery will commence through the Environmental Services - Project Delivery Team

throughout 2023, in liaison with project proposers and local ward councillors.

3.10 Those unsuccessful Local project bids, along with any Strategic project bids, supported by Area Committees but unable to be afforded this year, might be considered in any further available funding round in 2023 (subject to annual budget setting/ any available budget underspends), alongside any new applications received.

3.11 Note, current status of EIP projects, already approved in the South Area and other area programmes can be viewed at [link](#).

4. Implications

(a) Financial Implications

The current EIP has an approved capital budget allocation of £170,000 per annum from 2021/22 (funding re-phasing from 2021/22 and 2022/23 to 2023/24 subject to annual budget setting).

(b) Staffing Implications

Historically a small number of projects have proven difficult to develop and deliver and have had a disproportionate impact on staffing resource in comparison with other programme work. The programme needs to be managed and delivered within the existing funded EIP programme management staffing resource (2 FTE).

(c) Equality and Poverty Implications

EIP project bids have historically been prioritised across all areas proportionate to population and in accordance with locally identified need. The impact of all EIP projects on Equality Act 'protected groups' is assessed at the design/ planning stage of each approved project. All hard infrastructure schemes are designed to national standards to accommodate the needs of those with physical impairments, including mobility, sight and hearing. The overall impact of the programme is considered positive.

(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 Council has declared both a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency and there is increased focus on climate change mitigation and adaptation and biodiversity protection and net gain. The overall impact of the programme on the environment within Cambridge is therefore rated as +M (positive; Medium).

(e) Procurement Implications

The programme projects are either delivered in-house, utilising existing internal resource within Environmental Services, or externally, via existing framework contract arrangements. To ensure value for money, the larger Strategic programme schemes may be delivered through competitive tender processes.

(f) Community Safety Implications

The programme is designed to deliver local public realm environmental improvements and foster increased pride of place and community cohesion. Several local area projects have been delivered in association with local community and voluntary groups. As a result, the programme is considered to have a positive impact on community safety.

5. Consultation and communication considerations

The Citizenlab engagement tool has been used to canvass public views directly and further involve and engage all sections of the community in the Council's EIP decision making process. All the programme projects are consulted on at the planning/ design stage, with the level/ type of consultation determined by and proportionate to the nature, scale, and scope of the proposed project. With much of the programme being small-scale projects, it is imperative that the proportionate principle continues to be followed.

6. Background papers

Background papers used in the preparation of this report:

- Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee Agenda and Minutes 21st March 2019.
<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=476&MId=3566&Ver=4>
- Current Status of EIP funded projects:
<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/11531/environmental-improvement-project-summary-2022-23.pdf>

7. Appendices

Appendix A – EIP application form and eligibility criteria,

Appendix B – EIP project submissions and recommendation for 2023 South Area.

8. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on this update report please contact:

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Appendix A

Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP) 2023 Year Project Ideas

Proposal/ideas are open from the 21st of September 2022, the earlier you submit them the sooner we can post them on Citizenlab and once on their the greater the chance others may support. Submission ideas are unlikely to be accepted following the 28 October 2022.

First Name

Surname

Email Address
(not to be shared
with public) so
we can contact
you for more
project details if
your idea is
supported

Location of suggested
Environmental Improvement -
Street/Greenspace name or
nearest postcode

Title - What: Issue/Problem/Improvement – please give a title to idea and what your idea is likely to achieve:

Description - How: Suggested Solution – please outline how you feel your objectives might be best met e.g., improve biodiversity on Joe Street – Plant wildflower grasses on greenspace on corner outside number 1 Joe Street and change grass cutting regime:

Outcomes - Why: Joe Street is part of an important Local Nature network corridor, it will help with health and wellbeing of local people, improve the environment, contribute towards secure nature species for the future.

Who: Please outline who or which Group is proposing the project or whether local Councillors support?

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Proposed Budget - Not compulsory - But may outline items required, and possibly an approximate cost of these giving an approx. budget requirement - note Officers with experience may add in estimate costs or change any costs inputted based on experience of delivering projects.

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Eligibility Criteria for Environmental Improvements

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

Essential Criteria	tick	Desirable Criteria	tick
Projects have a direct, lasting and noticeable improvement to the appearance of a street or area		The project will benefit a large number of local people	
Projects should publicly visible and accessible		Ease and simplicity of implementation	
Should the scheme be on private land, the owners' permission must be 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	
Projects must ensure low future maintenance costs.		It meets one/more key policy objectives (e.g. improves biodiversity, 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 more than £10,000; without Area Committee authority
- Where an 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

Appendix B – EIP project submissions and recommendation for 2023 South Area,

Please consider that the funding available is **£25,529** and the 3 project submissions for the Area EIP are estimated to cost **£7,000**, as set out in the table 1 below.

Prior to the committee the project list and details were sent out to Ward Councillors for the South Area with the advice that Councillors consider the projects put forward giving an opportunity to indicatively prioritise which ones they would wish to proceed. Within the Table below there is an Officer Funding suggestion based on Officer comments and analysis. However, this is to be discussed with the final recommendation for project funding approval coming from Area Committee Board Members. Where applicants have estimated costs of works, or not included, Officers have added or adjusted to appropriate estimated amounts.

Table 1 - Summarised project submissions for South Area:

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description (Shortened)	Ward	Proposed by	Est. Cost	Cost Deliverability Eligible Rating	Persons in Support	Officer Funding suggestion
					£			
S1 - 2023	Installation of drinking fountains - Hobsons Square	Drinking fountains to be installed near the Clay farm Centre on Hobson Square, Trumpington.	Trumpington	Cllr D Levien	2.5k	Green	Thumbs up	Yes
S2 - 2023	Safe Access and Entry to a LEAP	Safer Access and entry to the LEAP between Old Mills Road (CB2 9AJ) and Proctor Drive.	Trumpington	Local Resident	1.5k	Green	Thumbs up	Yes
S3 - 2023	Reduce yearly Christmas tree cutting and disposal by installing lights in tree	Reducing CO2 consumption. Queen Edith's, Wulfstan Way, has a Christmas tree which is cut down, transported, installed and removed each year. Lights could be installed as a tree wrap on trees in Wulfstan Way, which will provide the same effect of lighting in a more controlled way through an app system, ensuring that lights are only turned on when it is dark.	Queen Edith's	Local Resident	3k	Green	Thumbs up	Yes

Table 2 - Submissions for Projects Strategic Area Funding.

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description (Shortened)	Proposed by	Ward	Est. Cost	Cost, Delv, elig,	Persons in Support	Officer Funding suggestion
					£	R/A/G		
City 1	Citywide Community Engagement led Biodiversity and Habitat Improvement Projects	Established volunteer work groups led by Environmental Services Community Engagement Team to work with residents to develop local community gardens and food growing spaces on works such as benches (to increase social interaction), local food production, wildflower meadows, trees, and invertebrate (bees) and wildflower bank(s)/features as well as projects that focus on Food Poverty by creating growing spaces – cultivating areas of green space several small scale projects – assisting groups cultivate farm and harvest land for social benefit, during the current national financial crisis.	Environ Services Community Engagemen t Team	All	circa 15k	Green	Thumbs up 1	Yes – Amount dependent on budget pressures
City 2	Genuine Biodiversity gain	Work with homeowners street by street, ward by ward, and offer to put green roofs on flat roof extensions, bring back front gardens with as much or as little planting the home owner will allow.	Local Resident	All		Amber/ Red	Thumbs up 6	Unclear - Deliverability other Council Teams could help delivery, very high time resource.
City 3	Environment al map of Cambridge	Wildlife need corridors to enable travel around the city. An environmental map would look at the City's open and closed spaces to highlight the spaces that are great for wild birds, reptiles, fish, insects, amphibians and mammals but also the spaces that are used for domesticated animals, pets and farm. It could identify the spaces of travel, for these creatures plus showing areas which may need more corridors created.	Local Resident	All		Red	Thumbs up 1	No - ineligible

Table 3 - Submissions of Project Ideas for South Area EIP or Strategic EIP that more appropriately funded through Other Funding such as LHI, S106, and or others.

Scheme Title	Scheme Description (Shortened)	Proposed by	Ward
Introduce electric auto rickshaws in Cambridge City	An Auto electric Rikshaw solution: People could use auto rikshaws to reach the boarding points for buses/railway stations.	Local Resident	Citywide