



Cambridge City Council  
**West Central Area Committee**

**Date:** Thursday, 16 November 2023

**Time:** 6.30 pm

**Venue:** Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Team

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**Agenda**

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**City Councillors:** Porrer (Chair), Martinelli (Vice-Chair), Bick, Glasberg, Holloway, Nestor, Nethsingha, Payne and S. Smith

**County Councillors:** Gay, Nethsingha and Rae

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**WEST CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

14 September 2023

6.30 - 7.55 pm

**Present**

**Area Committee Members:** Councillors Porrer (Chair), Martinelli (Vice-Chair), Bick, Glasberg, Holloway, Nestor, Nethsingha, Payne, S. Smith and Nethsingha

**Officers:**

Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager: Wendy Johnston

Committee Manager: Claire Tunncliffe

Meeting Producer: Boris Herzog

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**

**2315/WAC Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Rae

**2316/WAC Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

**2317/WAC Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 June were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**2318/WAC Matters and Actions Arising From the Minutes**

Following a discussion on this agenda item the action sheet has been updated accordingly which can be viewed at the following link:

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**2319/WAC Open Forum**

A member of the public asked the following question:

- 1) Could residents be updated on the actions that the council and other bodies are taking on pedestrian safety in Fitzroy and Burleigh Streets as well as on nearby open spaces, particularly in areas where cycling is not permitted but where e-scooters and e-bikes are witnessed using the space, sometimes at speed and without due care for other users of the pathways.**

The following response provided by the Public Realm Engineering & Project Delivery Team Leader was read out by the Chair of the Committee, Cllr Porrer:

The Council has led the establishment of a multi-agency partner steering group to look specifically at the current difficulties. This has met twice thus far and led to a number of enhancement actions, with a further meeting planned this Autumn.

Council officers have checked highway signing in Fitzroy and Burleigh Streets and found that this accords with traffic restrictions in place. Some signs are however looking a little tired so officers have flagged with County Council Highways colleagues the potential to enhance signs to make them more impactful. This might be considered via any further round of Local Highways Improvements, if local ward members are supportive of an application.

The police have engaged closely with Voi and other micro-mobility providers and operators including the fast-food delivery sector, and stepped up patrols in Fitzroy and Burleigh Streets. Council officers also have regular dialogue with Voi and the lead authority for the trial, to ensure that riders are aware of where they can and shouldn't ride and that suitable controls are in place around poor behaviour. The Police are running an education campaign during October advising the public of the legalities around e-scooter use.

On Midsummer Common, the Council proposes to introduce specific signage aimed at raising awareness and improving behaviour. The detail is now agreed with an order for the work placed, which it is hoped will be completed before the end of October.

On Christ's Pieces, which is the only open green space in the area where cycling is prohibited, signing was upgraded in 2015. Officers have reviewed the legal basis for restrictions, which date back many decades, and concluded that unfortunately this is insufficient for direct enforcement action to be taken against offenders at the present time.

Government has however indicated its intention to bring forward new legislation around micro-mobility that should help address many of the current difficulties. The Chief Executive is writing to the Department for Transport to encourage speedy attention to this.

Councillor Bick stated it seemed strange that despite prohibition notices on cycling at all entries and throughout Christ's Pieces that this was not a basis for enforcement action.

**ACTION Cllr Porrer / Cllr Bick** to check with officers as to the reasons for this.

Councillor Porrer advised she had received a couple of e-mails from residents in the Eden Street area who had raised an issue with cyclists at speeding on Fitzroy and Burleigh Streets and had suggested the following.

- i. Where it was known there was a lots of delivery scooters, could the Council investigate the possibility of parking bays specially for these scooters.

**ACTION Cllr Porrer** to pass to the relevant officer.

- ii. More market stalls in Fitzroy and Burleigh Streets to bring vibrancy to the area.

**ACTION Cllr Porrer** – as above.

## **2320/WAC Update on Darwin Green Development Phase BDW2**

The Committee received a report from the Strategic Sites Manager which provided an update in respect of the Darwin Green BDW2 development site, situated to the north of Huntington Road, Cambridge.

Before any discussion was permitted, the Chair advised those Councillors who sat on Planning Committee and / or the Joint Development Control Committee that Darwin Green was a live application, those members should not fetter their discretion and should be mindful of expressing any view which compromised this.

The Chair advised that the following questions had been submitted by members of the public in advance of the meeting which the Strategic Sites Manager had responded to.

1. **Are there any further updates on when exactly demolition work will begin as the start of October seems quite ambitious?**

Before demolition work can commence, information must be submitted to the Councils building control and planning teams for approval. The approval process will take a number of weeks, and it is unlikely that a decision will be made before the end of October. Officers have made BDW aware of this timeline.

**2. During the last public meeting, the demolition of 70 homes was mentioned whereas previously the figure of 96 was referenced in June. What is the reason for this difference?**

The discrepancy relates to the variance in numbers that require a demolition notice (section 80) under the Building Act. Where there are properties with only limited construction work undertaken, ie foundations, they do not require to be notified to Building Control.

**3. (a) Will all of the new homes on phase 2 be built with piled foundations?**

**(b) Are the homes on Franklyn Gardens all built with piled foundations?**

**(c) If so, should we be concerned on phase 1 that ours are not?**

(a) BDW have confirmed that they will be utilising NHBC as the building control body for Phase 2, therefore 3C Building Control will not be able to confirm the foundation details.

(b) (b) BDW have advised that Franklin Gardens have piled foundations and any queries should be referred to BDW.

(c) (c) Foundation designs are based on ground conditions and an assessment by a competent person. This may vary across sites, depending on the results of any surveys undertaken.

**4. Is there any news about when any of the retail units may open as we have no such facilities at all still?**

It is understood enquiries have been received regarding occupying some of the units on the recently completed local centre but at present residents have to travel to Eddington or Histon Road.

**5. BDW seem not to be consulting with our local councillors as our elected representatives. Can anything be done about this, otherwise resident views risk being misrepresented or dismissed?**

The Council has actively encouraged BDW to consult with local councillors and resident associations.

6. **Will we be issued with any safety advice when it comes to the demolition e.g. will it be safe to leave windows open, advice for asthma sufferers etc.**

Potential amenity impacts will be assessed as part of the review of the information submitted to the local planning authority. The Council is also encouraging BDW to provide updates to local residents about the demolition process via the website, letter drops to nearby residents etc.

7. **Regarding the green way opening between Darwin Green and Windsor Road. BDW are proposing motion activated lighting. I am a little uncomfortable with that. Does such lighting fit with whatever rules the council have about lighting and in particular the planning conditions for DG?**

The details of the proposed lighting will need to be submitted to the local planning authority for approval.

Members expressed disappointment that no Planning Officer was present who could facilitate further discussion and respond to follow up questions in the meeting. West Central Area Committee was a much smaller relaxed forum, to some of the community meetings, which had been held on this issue which residents would have attended if an Officer would have been present.

It was stated that BDW were not consulting with councillors in any way on this matter and were described as appalling in their lack of response.

The company seemed to be immune to any issues which had not been delivered on site over time such the lighting that had been referenced in one of the public questions. There was an issue with the footpath and motion sensor lighting, the path was opened for walking and cycling but was open until 7am from 6pm. This should be a main route to Mayfield Primary School so not accessible, the footpath was surrounded by high fencing which users found intimidating.

Those Councillors who were not on Planning and JDCC asked that the Council show their support to residents and ask BDW to consult properly with residents and elected councillors as they needed to be accountable.

**ACTION Councillor Porrer** to pass this request and copy of the minutes on this item to planning officers with a request for an update prior to the next WCAC meeting.

### **2321/WAC Environmental Report - WCAC**

Before the Committee received a report from the Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager, a member of the public present put forward the following question:

- 1) Could you please advise which authority is responsible for street cleaning the pavements, gullies, gutters and railings, including the removal of plastic ties and old posters, in Adams Road, Wilberforce Road, Sylvester Road, Hershel Road in the north Newham area.**

**There seemed to be a pathway in Burrells Walk where the maintenance fell between the City Council and County Council. Usually, a resident from the neighbourhood would email for the area to be cleaned.**

**Residents would also frequently litter pick around Wilberforce and Adams Road as there were several construction developments and college maintenance, which despite the site managers best efforts left a mess.**

**Asked if there was a list of useful numbers which members of the public could have access to, to report such issues.**

Councillor Nethsingha advised that Cambridgeshire County Council were responsible for cleaning underground gullies, while the City Council were accountable for the rest of the street cleaning.

Councillor Holloway advised that there was a form on the City Council website which members of the public could complete to request street cleaning of a certain area.

[Report a street that needs cleaning or clearing - Cambridge City Council](#)

The Chair and Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager, advised that at the end of the Environment Report published on the City Council's website, on the West Central Area Agenda pages (public report pack), there were details of key contact (including names) and the areas which they



covered. It may also be possible for the additional streets or area's to be added to the regular cleaning schedule.

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The Chair thanked the member of the public for attending and moved to the discussion of the Environment report.

The report outlined 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, highlighting the number of corporate volunteer groups who had delivered quality work throughout the West Central Area Committee.

In response to Members' comments the Community Engagement and Enforcement Manager said the following:

- i. Noted the comments that the waste bins in the city centre had become dirty over the summer season and required cleaning. Would take this as an action point to speak with the relevant teams regarding the bin cleansing programme.
- ii. Was not aware that the area at the edge of Grantchester Meadows had become a hotspot for litter, fly tipping etc and would highlight with the relevant two Officers who covered the area to include Grantchester Meadows as part of their patrol.
- iii. The Enforcement team would be the relevant Officers to deal with consistent littering caused by anti-social behaviour around the area of the canoe club. Would raise this with the Area Officers who could investigate this further, whether on a particular day and time etc. Would also be worth speaking to representatives of the canoe club to ask for further information and if they required any support.
- iv. Noted the comment that Grantchester Meadows was a popular recreation location particularly at weekends and when the weather was hot; additional litter picking was required.
- v. If residents' association of Castle ward wanted assistance with litter picking, such as being provided with the relevant equipment there was a booking system for equipment that could be loaned out.  
[Litter-picking kits for volunteers - Cambridge City Council](#)
- vi. The Enforcement Team had Cam back radio which were directly linked to the CCTV room if they needed assistance with such issues such as commercial waste becoming an issue and could request footage when required.

- vii. Noted the comment regarding the problem with commercial waste in Market Ward, but this was difficult to resolve if the operators were not on site when the offence had taken place.
- viii. There were six redeployable cameras available for fly tipping and waste crime.
- ix. Agreed that the needle pick up across the wards seemed high but compared to the data over 24 months the number of needles discarded had decreased. Every single needle report received would go through to a series of partners the same day or next working day which included the police, all the needle teams and outreach teams.
- x. Section 47 notices were served on businesses stipulating how they needed to manage, control, and present their waste for collection. Failure to comply was a fixed penalty or prosecution offence.
- xi. Welcomed the comments of thanks assisting with the litter pick on Histon Rec.
- xii. Noted the comments of thanks from the Committee to the volunteers for their work that they had undertaken.

*Committee Manager Note: The Operations Team Leader advised of the following on 22/09/23 to point i of the list above.*

*Our rapid response team incorporate the exterior bin washdown as part of the Cambridge Bid deep cleaning schedule. This team are also tasked with the removal and replacement of internal liners. The cleansing of liners takes place within Cowley Road depot to limit the contamination of our City streets. We work in partnership with Cambridge BID to provide regular external cleansing of key locations within our City. The time dedicated to the internal washdown is limited due to proactively responding to washdown requests across the City. If we have any additional resource, we deploy them to support the cleansing program.*

The meeting ended at 7.55 pm

**CHAIR**

## Committee Action Sheet - West/Central Area Committee

Meeting Date: 14/09/23

Updated 15/09/23

1. Minute reference: 22/19/WAC Open Forum Q1
  - Action: Head of Environmental Services to convene a multi-agency meeting to consider the issues being raised around use of e-scooters / e-bikes / e-mopeds on open spaces, with the aim of agreeing some deliverable management actions.
  - Progress: Head of Environmental Services has circulated an email and briefing note requesting initial meeting with representatives from City Council's Community Safety and Streets and Open Spaces services and Police, County Council and GCP. Meeting date being organised to take place between now and Christmas.
  - Progress: the initial multi-agency officer meeting to discuss issue of e-mopeds, e-scooters, e-bikes on open spaces is confirmed for 30th November.
  - Progress: This multi-agency officer meeting took place on 30<sup>th</sup> November and a note of meeting was shared with Market Ward Councillors Bick, Gilderdale and Porrer.
  - Progress 06/03/23: At the meeting, officers committed to gather further data/ evidence/ intelligence on the issue of irresponsible e-scooter/ e-moped/ e-cycle use in city centre, noting Midsummer Common as the main 'problem site'. Officers also supported proposed trial of behavioural change 'Respect' signage on Midsummer Common; and to pursue the development of a countywide targeted education/ awareness raising campaign, to be led by the Cambridgeshire Road Safety Partnership, as part of its 'Vision Zero' Plan.

A follow up multi-agency officer meeting has been scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> March to review progress on these commitments/ actions.
  - Progress 15/06/23: The three-way partnership involving City, County and Police continues to meet to plan and review progress on actions to tackle the misuse of these vehicles in public places. City Officers are currently finalising the design for the behaviour influencing signage for Midsummer Common, which aim to complete by end of month to be installed in the Summer. This represents a trial, which if successful could be rolled out to other locations.

In May, the City passed a motion on e-scooter and e-moped usage, which included the following resolutions:

- i. To request a report to the Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee within the next 6 months on the progress of the three-way partnership, identifying means by which the city council and partners might take this forward, exercising influence over, and potentially co-ordinating, the best use of existing powers in a concerted fashion to mitigate the adverse, and channel the positive effects of the phenomenon, including but not limited to engagement with:
  - The Police on the use of existing enforcement powers;
  - Highways and Trading Standards at the County Council;
  - The city council's own services with responsibility for public open spaces, (building on the recent initiative for 'Respect' signage on Midsummer Common), environmental enforcement and community safety;
  - The Combined Authority as local sponsor of the Voi licensed pilot in Cambridge
  - Delivery companies whose services utilise the novel vehicles
  - Interest groups in the city representing established users of spaces now also used by novel vehicles.
- ii. *To instruct the Chief Executive to write to the relevant government minister (copying in the city's MPs, the CPCA Mayor, the PCC and the LGA) in order to:*
  - *Request the urgent creation of a national regulatory framework for the novel vehicles, which recognises the need for controls over safety and anti-social use and empowers local authorities and the Police to take effective enforcement action;*
  - *Express the Council's concerns about the impact of the gig economy model on this issue and seek measures which also address that.*

Progress 29/08/23: Final plan of the proposals sent to Ward Councillors and Executive Councillors, stakeholders, etc for their consideration.

Action: To be reviewed at the November WCAC when the police would be present and after paper has been presented to the Environment and Communities committee further to the council motion above.

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2. Minute reference: 22/19/WAC Open Forum Q2

- Action: Head of Environmental Services to investigate the ability for the Council to acquire powers to enforce against engine idling. Would also look into what could be done regarding education about engine idling.

- Progress: Still under investigation, nothing to report as yet
- Progress: 06/03/23: Vehicle engine idling is illegal (Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act (1988)) but only enforceable by police officers whereby a £20 fixed penalty notice can be levied rising to £40 for late payment. That said, there are powers in the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002, which, on application, would allow local authorities to enforce idling. These regulations allow a local authority officer, or designated person by the local authority, in the area of that authority, to issue fixed penalty notices in relation to stationary idling in that area. These relate to idling offences in Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act (1988), which are prescribed as fixed penalty offences for the purposes of these regulations. Previously only the police had the power to enforce these offences under the Road Traffic Act. For statutory Idling offences the fixed penalty allowed under these regulations is £20. The authorised officer/ designated person has to ask the driver to comply with the law and, if they don't, can then issue the fine, via a fixed penalty notice.

The regulations do mention 'district authorities' as one of the bodies which can use these powers, but clearly for the City Council this would have significant resource implications, in terms of investing in the necessary staff capacity to be able to undertake meaningful enforcement; at a time when the Council is having to make significant financial savings to deliver a balanced budget. Also, the City Council does not currently collect or hold data relating to idling issues in the city, other than a very small number of individual complaints; and, to do so, once again, would require significant resource investment. Vehicle idling is also not likely to be considered a local policing priority for Cambridgeshire Police enforcement

Whilst any reduction in vehicle emissions is desirable, studies on idling impacts are thin on the ground and with mixed results. Whilst very local targeted action in areas of high exposure, such as a school might be significant, it is very unclear in terms of national objectives for regulated pollutants, that vehicle idling makes a measurable contribution. The idling issue is also diminishing as 'stop start' technology, hybrid and full electric vehicles (EVs) penetrate the fleet.

So, given the above, City Council officers HAD committed to investigate how we might publicise and promote better driver behaviour in collaboration with partner authorities, including the County Council and Police, through a coordinated programme of education and awareness raising. This builds on previous work undertaken jointly in the past by the City and County Councils, on

communication and education particularly around school zones, with at least one school in Cambridge adopting an anti-idling banner.

- Progress 16/03/23: Councillor Gilderdale advised she would speak with Joel Carre with the suggestion of signage, highlighting the suggestion of the school children competition.
- Progress 15/06/23: Police is currently the only authority with anti-idling enforcement powers but does not see this as a priority and will only enforce when witness a blatant traffic offence.

County Council currently has no legal powers to enforce against idling. To secure such powers, the County would need to apply to the Secretary of State for Transport

Any anti-idling signage in the public highway would need to be approved by the County (as Highway Authority). County currently don't have an approved anti idling Highway sign

Officers query the value/ impact of investing in developing anti-idling Highway signage for general use. However, officers would support use of such signage in school zone locations, where there is a clearly defined target audience and means of engagement, via the school.

To justify the use of such signage, officers would need to investigate and establish that a significant problem exists and secure approval of any resulting Highway sign design. This would require officer time and budget, which officers would find difficult to justify, given current workload priorities and the small consequential benefit to wider air quality.

- City would be willing to publicise the issue of idling in Cambridge Matters and highlight a few key locations where it has been identified as an issue and advice on switching off engines.
- The area already has double yellow lines; and or resident only parking restrictions and so the primary enforcement for breaches on parking restrictions should be through County's Parking Enforcement service.
- The Head of Environmental Services agreed to supply the Committee with details on what is required to apply for the Secretary of State for Transport to secure enforcement powers against idling. Action: to consider at WCAC in November when the police will be present.

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3. Minute reference: 22/21/WAC Update on City Centre Recovery

- Action: Head of Environmental Services to explore the potential for CCTV camera provision at the junction of Burleigh Street and East Road.
- Progress 16/03/23: Head of Environmental Services has asked the Council's CCTV and Community Safety service managers to

consider the request. Both managers support the value of a CCTV camera at the location and have confirmed a pan/ tilt/ zoom camera supply and installation cost of c£12,000.

They are now exploring potential funding sources; and/ or the opportunity to redeploy an existing public space CCTV camera from elsewhere in the city, where it may no longer be providing any real community safety management value, ie. it is a low crime/ ASB area.

- Progress 15/06/23: Officers explored procuring a (PTZ) (pan; tilt; zoom) CCTV camera for the East Road and Burleigh Street junction. Each PTZ camera costs c£8-12k to supply and install. With no available budget to meet these costs, officers have been unable to proceed with procuring a camera.

The Council had recently invested over £600,000 upgrading the public space cameras across the city (100aprx) with a new digital network to support this.

To ensure City is maximising the value/ return on investment of its existing public space CCTV camera network (200+ cameras), officers were undertaking a review of all the public spare camera locations against ASB/ crime evidence to determine whether, or not, there are any locations, where existing cameras are no longer needed; and so can be re-located to other locations of need; and new locations where cameras are needed. If unable to relocate cameras, then results of review will be used to support a capital funding bid to cover the supply and installation of additional public space cameras.

Sergeant Misik confirmed that under the cycle crime initiative new PTZ cameras had been installed on Burleigh Street for the bike parks, offering additional coverage along Burleigh and Fitzroy Street.

Action; to be reviewed at WCAC in November for an update from Police and city council on sharing of CCTV footage.

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#### 4. Minute reference: 23/8/WAC Open Forum Q1

Action: Councillor Gilderdale to speak with Officers regarding the improvements to Jesus Green and how this can be brought forward working with external groups.

- Progress 15/06/23: Officers would explore with Executive Councillor support for budget bid to be put forward for consideration in the BSR for 2024/25 to support design development/ planning work. This would then feed into the procurement for a new operator for the Lido from March 2026.

Councillor Porrer to contact stake holder and ward councillors regarding the improvements to Jesus Green

Progress 14/09/23: Councillor Porrer would propose a meeting in October 2023.

Update: October 2023: Cllr Porrer has contacted officers to request a site visit with ward councillors and members of the Jesus Green Association to discuss options.

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5. 23/19/WCAC Open Forum Q1

Action: Councillor Porrer to talk with the Public Realm Engineering & Project Delivery Team Leader regarding that despite prohibition notices on cycling at all entries and throughout Christ's Pieces, the Officer's decision that this was not a basis for enforcement action.

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6. 23/19/WCAC Open Forum

Action: Councillor Porrer to talk to officers about Fitzroy and Burleigh Streets to investigate the possibility of parking bays specially for delivery scooters. Would also ask about the possibility of more market stalls in Fitzroy and Burleigh Streets to bring vibrancy to the area.

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23/19/WCAC Darwin Green

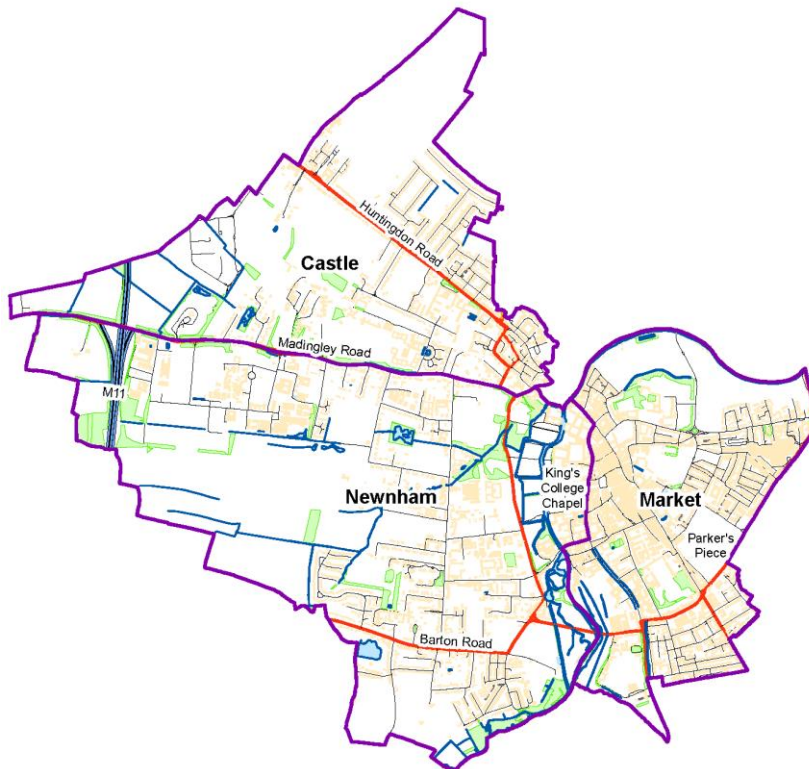
Action: Councillor Porrer to contact planning officers with the minutes of this item and to ask them to note that the Council show their support to residents and ask BDW to consult properly with residents of Darwin Green and elected councillors and to request an update on progress prior to the next WCAC meeting;



## Neighbourhood Profile

### Cambridge City West/Central – November 2023

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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 on-going and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future areas of concern 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 data received from the following sources:

- The Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team for the area;
- The City Council's Community Safety Team;
- The general public, via online and telephone crime and intelligence reporting; and
- Consultation with elected Ward and County members.

## **2. Current Areas of Concern**

At the West/Central Area Committee meeting of 24 November 2023, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- Drug dealing and associated anti-social behaviour, including threatening behaviour and safeguarding of young people;
- Road safety focussing on delivery mopeds and electric scooters illegally used on public highways, particularly those vehicles at night without lights;
- Street begging; and
- Supporting the new (police campaign) expected on drugs with focus on frequent users and the night time economy

Lead officers and actions to be taken were agreed following the committee meeting. The work undertaken and current situation is detailed below.

## **Drug dealing and associated anti-social behaviour, including threatening behaviour and safeguarding of young people**

Objective: To safeguard young people and deal with associated ASB and drug related issues.

Action Taken: The work that we have undertaken in this area has been both directly as targeted enforcement action but also with a number of key pieces of partnership work.

The enforcement work has been targeted at times and locations which have been highlighted by calls made to the Police, which emphasises the importance of people calling issues in. There have been various hotspots across the West/Central area, notably Parkers Piece, Jesus Green, and Rose Crescent. Officers from the NPT supported by both the Special Constabulary and of members of the wider constabulary have conducted High Visibility patrols and well as plain clothed work to both disrupt ASB and deal with offenders.

As well as this targeted work the team has undertaken a number of pieces of partnership work to deal with the route causes of the issues and look to deal with these issues before they become bigger problems.

PC Weldon has carried out work with a number of retailers who trade in areas of the City Centre who are subject to these issues and worked with them and CAMBAC (Cambridge Business against Crime Partnership) to not only listen to and address their concerns but also to ensure that they are reporting issues promptly and with a good level of detail to allow the Police to target patrol work to get the most out of our activities.

PC Weldon has also been working with youth accommodation providers within the area to work in partnership to ensure that young people who are at risk from ASB or crime are effectively safeguarded, and a partnership led response is in place for young people who are involved in crime and ASB with a view to diverting them from further issues.

Current Situation: This work continues and is a key part of the team's work both in terms of safeguarding and dealing with crime and ASB. This work will continue.

Lead Officer: PS 686 Kevin Misik and PC 1105 Jake Weldon

## **Road safety focussing on delivery mopeds and electric scooters illegally used on public highways, particularly those vehicles at night without lights**

Objective: To address issues of Road Safety notably with E-Scooters and delivery mopeds

Action Taken: The issues of e-scooters continue to be addressed with ongoing routine proactive enforcement and engagement work, which is targeted around the locations highlighted road traffic collision data. A number of these locations are in the committee's area, most notably the Hills Rd Junction at the Catholic Church. This enforcement action is happening twice a week at the moment and is set to continue. The team have been actively engaging with the delivery riders to ensure that they are acting in a safe and legal matter.

As well as enforcement action we have been carrying out Road Safety inputs with the new student population. The forces Casualty Reduction Officer attended the ARU welcome fair and PS Misik and PC Bennett attended a number of colleges welcome events and the message around safe cycling, bike lights and bike crime were passed to the students. Now that the clocks have changed the team has a number of LIT scheme enforcement days/evenings where people found to be without lights will be given the opportunity to buy lights and have the tickets cancelled. This work is being supported by the University.

Current Situation: This work continues and the LIT scheme for this year is in its early stages.

Lead Officer: PS 686 Kevin Misik

## **Street begging**

Objective: To deal with issues of Street based begging and ASB.

Action Taken: This is a core function of the City Centre team and there is a well-established partnership to deal with these issues, this includes both problem-solving around people and locations. This work works to divert people into relevant support, help and where appropriate accommodation.

There is a fortnightly meeting which deals with a cohort of the most problematic individuals and works towards solutions to help them and to reduce the effect they have on the wider community.

Since the last meeting the most notable result is the success the team and notably PC O'Flynn had dealing with a repeat offender who had for some

time been the most problematic individual in the City Centre and after hard work the individual was sentenced to prison for a considerable time for breaching his CBO.

<https://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/cambridge-news/thorn-side-cambridge-beggar-jailed-27545572>

Current Situation: This work continues to be one of the main pieces of work that the team undertakes and the partnership we have with primarily with the City Councils ASB team as well as others is key to the continued success.

Lead Officer: PS 686 Kevin Misik PC 1907 Leigh Browne and PC 1507 Laura O'Flynn

### **Supporting the new (police campaign) expected on drugs with focus on frequent users and the night time economy**

Objective: To deal with issues around drug use in the night ime economy.

Action Taken: This work continues in partnership with the venues themselves to understand where and when these offences are taken place as well as making sure that the venues are doing what they should be doing inside their own venues. We have a dedicated policing response the ensures that the night-time economy is a safe environment, and this work has been folded into the normal work that those officers carry out. Working with all of the partners in this environment we have built up a good understanding of what normal looks like so we can target resources into the right area to deal with repeated issues.

Current Situation: This is now business as usual.

Lead Officer: PS 686 Kevin Misik

### **3. *Proactive Work and Emerging Issues***

#### **Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

We are working towards the Christmas and New Year period in both the Night Time Economy and also retail crime areas. As well as this with the cold weather starting, we are working with the City council and other parties to safeguard members of the community who are inappropriately housed.

Finally, the team is working to deal with youth ASB and issues of safeguarding.

## **Cambridge City Council**

The Cambs Against County Lines Project co-ordinated by Cambridge City Council on behalf the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership Board, continues to raise awareness of county lines to help prevent children being criminally exploited into the movement of drugs and money. The project is currently in the process of expanding to make age-appropriate content for younger children with the production of a KS2 video. In addition, a flyer for parents and carers has been created to increase their awareness of county lines and potential impacts on young people. This flyer has been shared with various external agencies. More recently this flyer was included within the Autumn 2023 Edition of the Cambridge Matters publication.

The City Council co-ordinates the multi-agency Peer Groups and Places meeting meets monthly to discuss areas in local community where there are concerns about young people in relation to anti-social behaviour and/or crime and in particular where young people might be at risk of being involved in ASB or criminal exploitation, such as County Lines. The purpose of the meeting is for agencies to share information and agree actions that safeguard the young people whilst reducing the impact of their behaviours on the community. This multi-agency working allows for a contextual safeguarding approach to be adopted and the exploration of alternative activity that young individuals could positively engage with.

With regards to wider City Centre issues, including street based ASB, begging and associated criminality, a problem-solving approach has also been adopted in the form of partnership meetings, between the Community Safety Team (CST), Police colleagues and city centre stakeholders, including the retailers (Grand Arcade, Grafton Centre) and CAMBAC. This has allowed for a holistic agency approach and provides professionals the opportunity to work with and hear directly from those affected by the behaviour.

As part of the ongoing Cycle Crime Prevention work and the 'Save Our Cycles' Campaign which encourages the public to register their bike on Bikeregister.com, the Police and Crime Commissioners Office (OPCC) and Cambridge City Council funded Cycle Marking Kits and Camcycle's Save our Cycle campaign leaflet continue to be promoted and used at bike marking events across the City. The Streets and Open Spaces Development Team have also trialled new Respect signage on public spaces in the city.

The City Councils Street Support Officer (SSO) has been engaging with the street community to discuss behaviours and consequences but also in supporting them to access the services they need. This has been successful in tackling some encampments near the city centre. The winter provision has now opened, and the SSO is encouraging members of the street community to engage with this service with a view to moving into longer term accommodation.

The ASB team has successfully applied for an extension on an existing Injunction Order for one individual who has been a persistently problematic street presence.

The CST has made a video to promote the award winning initiative Cambridge Street Aid and can be found on their website here; [Cambridge Street Aid](#). This initiative continues raise awareness of safe ways in which members of the public can help those on the streets, rather than giving spare change which can lengthen the time spent on the streets.

The CST have been involved with the installation of two refuge points within the Market Square, providing a point of safety for vulnerable members of the public within the night-time economy, which are connected via intercom and visible by CCTV operatives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. These refuge points have now been installed; they are not yet fully operational as they are awaiting to be connected to the control room, but this is due to happen imminently. This has been joint working between Cambridge City Council, the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner, the CCTV control room, CAMBAC/Cambridge BID and the Police.

Cambridge City Council, including the CST, have been working closely with CCTV colleagues to increase the number of cameras / area of coverage in the Market Square, in order to increase community safety (particularly for members of the public who are at increased risk of harm and/or vulnerable). Funding has been provided by Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for 2 x new CCTV cameras to be installed in the Market Square and Market Passage. These areas are considered to have high levels of ASB, crime and disorder, particularly in relation to the night-time economy; it is felt that increased CCTV in these locations will act as a deterrent of ASB and crime. It will also provide live monitoring/surveillance that will assist Police during potential or ongoing incidents and allow for footage to be obtained as evidence following any incidents whereby action is pursued. CCTV has now been installed in Market Passageway, and the installation of the Market Square CCTV camera is hoped to be imminent.

The Community Problem Solving Coordinator and Youth Liaison Officer have recently attended The Rose Quarter Association meeting, along with



Police colleagues. The aim of this meeting was for Community Safety Team members and the Police to meet professionals representing the businesses in the Rose Crescent area of Cambridge City Centre, to discuss concerns of ongoing ASB and crime and explain work currently ongoing to improve issues in the area. During this meeting, the Community Safety Team members were able to explain how individuals can report incidents of ASB to the City Council and the importance of doing so. Contextual safeguarding was also discussed in relation to concerns of young people in the Rose Crescent area and work ongoing by various agencies to address these concerns (including the Peer Groups and Places meeting). Support for individuals rough sleeping and begging in the area was also explored, including the increased provision for individuals during the winter period (eg additional bed spaces at Cross Ways from 01/11/23). There were high levels of engagement during this meeting, and members of the Rose Quarter Association stated they were reassured to hear of the ongoing multi-agency work and felt they had increased confidence in reporting incidents of ASB and/or crime.

#### **4. Additional Information**

At the neighbourhood level, the [POLICE.UK](https://www.police.uk) website allows for swift access to local crime and anti-social behaviour data at street level. The website can display crimes on a map as well as in chart format, along with trend lines. The three most important sections within this website are: 'overview'; 'crime map'; and 'statistics. This gives a good overview of issues within the local area. To access the local area's relevant data, type "Cambridge" into the search engine on the homepage and then select the relevant area (Cambridge City Centre policing team, Cambridge – North policing team, or Cambridge – South policing team).

#### **5. Recommendations**

The following local areas of concern are recommended for consideration:

[None are advised. We seek views from this committee on those local areas of concern that the police and partner agencies can work together to action and report on at the next reporting committee meeting.]

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

To: West Central Area Committee: 16 November 2023

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**Wards affected:**

Castle, Market and Newnham

**Key Decision: No**

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report details the Environmental Improvement (EIP) applications and ideas received for 2024 funding for projects in the West / Central 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 overall recommendations report to be considered by the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services, 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 West / Central Area Committee is recommended to:

- i. To note the EIP budget allocation for West / Central Area for 2023/24 and for Strategic EIP see 3.4,

- ii. To consider the new EIP ideas and projects submitted for West / Central Area, against the EIP Funding availability and the eligibility criteria (Appendix B - Table 1),
- iii. Consider the recommendations made in the Appendix B; Tables 1 and 2, discuss, and clearly outline the committee's priorities in line with the available area EIP funding, for consideration by the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services.

### 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, Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee approved restructuring the programme budget, allocating £70,000 pa to a Strategic programme (which all Area Committees can bid towards) and £100,000 pa devolved between the four Area Committees (on a per capita basis) for Local project bids with the decision on both Area and Strategic bids now devolved to the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services. 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 which 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 such as the Tree and Biodiversity Strategies, plus the Herbicide Reduction Plan. This includes enhancing tree canopy,

improving biodiversity and benches (that promote community/ social interaction).

- 3.4 Based on the devolved Area Committee Local budget, there is a total of £20,373 available for West / Central 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 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and closed on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023. There was also an opportunity to select any ideas put forward and like or comment on them, this ran until the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The opportunities to submit project bids was advertised, via a press release and on the Council's website through the current consultations page with links through to Citizenlab (the Council's community consultation and engagement platform).
- 3.6 West / Central 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 priority projects for the area EIP funding, to be considered by the Executive Councillor.
- 3.7 Recommended projects will be included in a final recommendation report and include both EIP Local area funded projects and proposed Strategic projects.
- 3.8 Following consideration of the final recommendation report by the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services the approved bids will be published in early 2024.
- 3.9 Following publication of approved projects, project delivery will commence through the Environmental Services - Project Delivery Team throughout 2024 and 2025, in liaison with project proposers and local ward councillors.
- 3.10 Those unsuccessful Local Area 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 if reapplied for (subject to annual budget setting/ any available budget underspends), alongside any new applications received.

3.11 The current status of EIP projects in the West Central Area and other areas can be viewed [here](#),

## **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, 2022/23 and 2023/24 to 2024/25 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 local people directly and further involve and engage all sections of the public in the Council's decision-making processes. All the programme's 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**

- Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee Agenda and Minutes 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019.  
<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=476&MId=3566&Ver=4>
- Current status of EIP funded projects included in:  
<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/environmental-improvement-programme>

### **7. Appendices and Tables**

Appendix A – EIP application form and eligibility criteria,

Appendix B – EIP project submissions, recommendations for 2024 West / Central Area, and strategic programme information.

## **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)

#### 2024 Year Project Ideas

Proposal/ideas are open from the 28th June 2023 until the 17 August 2023. Submission ideas are unlikely to be accepted following the 17 August 2023. Following this ideas submission phase through our [engagement platform](#), you can select any ideas put forward and either like or dislike them to a maximum of 10. This stage will run from the 22nd of August until the 28th September 2023.

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 Such and Such Street – Plant wildflower grasses on greenspace on corner outside number 1 Such and Such Street and change grass cutting regime:

**Outcomes - Why:** Such and Such 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 or local Councillors are supporting the project. Whether group of residents are likely to be engaged and assist in establishing the project for example for wildflowers when initially planted they need some intensive looking after for first two or three months e.g., watering and weeding until they get established.

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

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## **Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP): Eligibility Criteria**

### **Essential Criteria:**

- Projects should have a direct, lasting, and noticeable improvement to the appearance of a street or area.
- Projects should be publicly visible and accessible.
- 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.
- Projects must ensure low future maintenance costs / liabilities.

### **Desirable criteria:**

- Active involvement of local people.
- The project will benefit a large number of local people.
- Additional 'partnership' funding available.
- Ease and simplicity of implementation.
- Potential for meeting key policy objectives (e.g. improves biodiversity, improves community safety or contributes to equal opportunities).

### **Ineligible for funding:**

- Where a readily available alternative source of funding is available.
- Revenue projects (i.e. management and maintenance of existing facilities).
- Projects 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 fund 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

**Projects we generally fund and deliver from EIP Area funding are:**

Pathways, wayfinding lighting on recreation space, landscaping, Street Trees, benches on recreation space and highway, community noticeboards, fencing.

**EIP Strategic project funding key themes:**

Strategic EIP allocation is for initiatives to make better use of the city's green amenity spaces and verges, enhancing tree canopy, encouraging social interaction in our open spaces and encouraging biodiversity. Applications of this type are more likely to be funded from Strategic EIP.

**Appendix B – EIP project submissions, recommendations for 2024 West / Central Area, and strategic programme information.**

Please consider that the funding available is **£20,373** and the 10 project submissions just for the Area EIP are estimated to cost **£41,300**, 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 West/Central 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 rating based on Officer comments and analysis, table 2 puts the green and green/ amber rated projects into Officer recommendations for approval. 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 may have added or adjusted to appropriate estimated amounts.

**Table 1 - Summarised project submissions, support and Officer ratings for 2024 West/Central Area:**

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description (Shortened)	Proposed by	Ward	Est. Cost £	Cost Deliverability Eligible Rating	Persons in Support and neg. comments	Officer funding suggestion (Summarised Text)	Link to Application
WC1 - 2024	Replacement of dead and removed Tree, Burleigh Street	To replant a tree in the same position although would still require an engineered tree pit. Trees in such a heavily pedestrianised area offer many benefits including shade, shelter, greenery (wellbeing), softening of the hard built environment, biodiversity, nesting, and roosting.	Aboriculture Team	Market	7.5k	Amber	Thumbs up 8 and 1 Negative Comment	Not recommended – Planning Application now received for Grafton Centre and surrounding redevelopment	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
WC2 - 2024	Protect a beautiful ancient willow and help biodiversity recover	At Grantchester meadows motorists park under a willow and have now compacted the earth over the tree roots. The proposed solution is to lay cut tree trunks along the north side of the path to prevent parking and to sow wildflower seeds and water and weed around the willow to speed regrowth and regain biodiversity.	Local Resident	Newnh am	4k	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 47 and 3 negative comments	Recommended – Strongly supported, but note it is not in the City Councils ownership and therefore not responsibility.	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
WC3 - 2024	Turn a dank corner into a pleasant place to rest awhile	Corner of the Coton Footpath and Wilberforce Road is neglected with heavy vegetation, the bench needs to be refurbished, the trees and shrubs need to be trimmed and flowers planted, to make it a place where people can enjoy.	Local Resident	Newnh am	2.5k	Amber / Red	No comments or thumbs up	Not recommended – This project could be delivered through Community Engagement Team also ownership not City Council	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
WC6 - 2024	Histon Road Rec Biodiversity Improvements	Improving Biodiversity on Histon Recreation Ground. The project proposes to renew and add additional bird and bat boxes, create areas of more appropriate meadow via native perennial turf meadow and introduce hard wood logs and possibly beetle towers, e.g., sunk vertically into the ground, drilled for bees and invertebrates.	Cllr Nestor	Castle	4k	Green	Thumbs up 14	Recommended – works or items need to be capital expenditure	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
WC7 - 2024	Neighbourhood Access to Christs Pieces	Creation of a formal entry onto Christs Pieces through the continuous fence along Emmanuel Road to recognise the strong 'desire line' and the provision of a soft surface path connecting to the existing path network on the green space.	Cllr Bick	Market	5k	Amber	Thumbs up 13	Not recommended - Soft path conflicts with tree roots and alternative access point less than 100m away.	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
WC8 - 2024	Biodiversity in Ascension Parish Burial Ground	To protect and enhance the biodiversity of the burial ground's delicate habitat, improve people's enjoyment and access to this environment, and support volunteers who help maintain the burial ground. The measures proposed include creation of a small pond, woodcrete bird boxes, paved area in front of soon notice boards, Sheffield hoop bicycle stands, tools for with general purpose biodiversity management, dowels on gravestones to protect volunteers and visitors	Friends to the Parish of the Ascension Burial Ground	Castle	3.5k	Green	Thumbs up 18	Recommended – works or items need to be capital expenditure	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>

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No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description (Shortened)	Proposed by	Ward	Est. Cost £	Cost Deliverability Eligible Rating	Persons in Support and neg. comments	Officer funding suggestion (Summarised Text)	
WC9 - 2024	Improve biodiversity and provide additional seating at Cockcroft Place	Improve biodiversity at Cockcroft Place by planting new shrubs and wildflowers. These would be placed near the Clarkson Road entrance, on the east side, to be able to also be enjoyed by residents not living at Cockcroft Place. Provide additional seating with wooden benches to encourage community cohesion near to the main site entrance.	Cllr Holloway	Newnh am	4k	Amber	Thumbs up 3	Not recommended - on private road and housing area already landscaped limited biodiversity gains	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
WC 10 - 2024	Creation of a Biodiversity Hub at St Clement's Church in central Cambridge	St Clement's church in central Cambridge the churchyard is managed by a small team from the church and the surrounding parish. They wish to expand their work by creating a "Biodiversity Hub" /potting shed in the churchyard, both to promote local interest in the churchyard ecosystem and provide resources such as plants and seeds to give to residents to enrich their gardens. It is the intention to build further involvement through contacts and by involving other local churches who have expressed an interest in joining the project which we see as a great opportunity for creating a city centre churchyard biodiversity network with St Clement's as its Hub.	Local Community Group lead	Market	4k	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 24	Recommended - works or items need to be capital expenditure	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
WC 11 - 2024	Improve local biodiversity & increase habitat for pollinators at Storey's Way	Plant wildflowers along the verges in Storey's Way (Maddingly Rd end) to improve local biodiversity and provide much needed habitat for pollinators.	Local Resident	Castle	2k	Amber / Red	Thumbs up 2	Not recommended - Areas not in Council/Public ownership. Contact made with University Biodiversity Promotions Team.	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
WC 12 - 2024	Improve local biodiversity & increase habitat for pollinators within Windsor rd	Plant wildflowers along the verges in Windsor Road to improve local biodiversity and provide much needed habitat for pollinators.	Local Resident	Castle	4.8k	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 2 and 8 negative comments	Recommended - Work with Community Engagement Team and happy bee streets to look at options to install turf to resident selected verge areas.	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>

**Table 2 - Officer recommendations for project approval from the West/Central Area EIP (Green and green/amber rated projects):**

Project Number	Scheme Title	Project Value £	Available £
WC2 - 2024	Protect a beautiful ancient willow and help biodiversity recover	4,000	
WC6 - 2024	Histon Road Rec Biodiversity Improvements	4,000	
WC8 - 2024	Biodiversity in Ascension Parish Burial Ground	3,500	
WC10 - 2024	Creation of a Biodiversity Hub at St Clement's Church in central Cambridge	4,000	
WC12 - 2024	Improve local biodiversity & increase habitat for pollinators within Windsor rd	4,800	
<b>TOTAL WEST CENTRAL AREA EIP</b>		<b>£20,300</b>	<b>£20,373</b>

**Table 3: Project submissions for West / Central Area EIP - rejected:**

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No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description (Shortened)	Proposed by	Ward	Est. Cost £	Cost Deliverability Eligible Rating	Why Rejected	Link to Application
WC4 – 2024	Upgrade Pump out facilities at Jesus Green	To refurbish the pump out facilities so that it can provide clean facilities for river users, a larger area for waste disposal from portable toilets and a pump out mechanism that can accept card payment.	Local Resident	Market	??k	Rejected	The project doesn't fit within the EIP criteria as it would not have a direct, lasting and noticeable improvement to the appearance of a street or area and wouldn't likely be publicly visible and accessible	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
WC5 – 2024	Eddington Lake Ecological Regeneration Proposal	To improve the biodiversity of Lake and surrounds.	Local Resident	Outside City Boundary	7.5k	Rejected	The project doesn't fit within the EIP criteria as it is outside the boundary of Cambridge City.	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>

**Table 4: Projects For Strategic Funding.** (The projects recommended are an equal value to the Strategic EIP funding allocation)

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description (Summarised)	Proposed by	Ward	Estimated Cost	Cost Deliverability Eligibility Rating	Persons in Support and neg. comments	Status	Link to Application
					£	R/A/G			
sE6 - 2024	Whitehill Estate Green Corners - from "no ball games" to cheerful spaces	Implement a variety of improvements to be shared across several green corners of the Whitehill Estate for the benefit of people and biodiversity. Improvements include seating for relaxation, sensory garden(s) for residents with disabilities, night blooming plants for nocturnal species such as moths, wildflowers to attract pollinators, and communal food growing to promote community cohesion.	Cllr Bennett	Abbey	7,500	Amber	Thumbs up 9	Not recommended	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
sE13 - 2024	Trees needed in barren streets	Plant trees in the streets of north Petersfield where there are currently none to provide a natural habitat for many animals, birds, and insects, harness storm water, reduce noise and light pollution and improve the overall wellbeing of people, wildlife, the environment, and the street scene.	Cllr R Robertson	Petersfield	15,000	Amber	Thumbs up 53 and 3 negative comments	Not recommended	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
sE18 - 2024	Increase biodiversity and tree cover on Cherry Hinton Road	To plant a number of trees on Cherry Hinton Road as it has long stretches without trees and between Perne and Coleridge Road has wide pavements on one side. There are also two patches of grass, one outside Kwik-fit and one on the corner of Derwent Close which could have some planting to increase biodiversity and improve the look and feel of the road for residents.	Cllr R Moore	Coleridge	15,000	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 31	Recommended	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
sE26 - 2024	Improve and brighten up the whole area around the roundabout at Cromwell Road	Create colourful, welcoming, and habitat rich areas of planting on several small green spaces in Romsey Place to promote pollinator and other species and provide a sense of wellbeing and community cohesion among residents. Install seating to enable people to sit, relax, and enjoy the space(s)	Cllr Baigent	Romsey	5,000	Amber	Thumbs up 21	Not recommended	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
sN3 - 2024	Biodiversity Improvements on St Alban's Recreation Space	Improve the biodiversity and amenity value around the boundary edges of St Alban's Recreation Ground. Improvements could include invertebrate and wildflower banks, with the banks creating a wildflower seed bank, bee-mounds, additional tree planting, and social interaction through seating.	Project Development	Arbury	20,000	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 14	Recommended	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
sN5 and sN8 combined 2024	Biodiversity Improvements on Arbury Town Park	Improve the biodiversity and amenity value on the boundary areas of Arbury Town Park. Improvements could include invertebrate and wildflower banks, with the banks creating a wildflower seed bank, hedging along Arbury Road park-edge, bee-mounds, additional tree planting, and social interaction through seating. An access point created with lockable bollards or similar, to allow authorised vehicles onto the green space.	Project Development and Local Resident	Arbury	20,000	Green / Amber	Combined Thumbs up 51 and 1 Negative Comment	Recommended	<a href="#">Link to Application (1)</a> <a href="#">Link to Application (2)</a>
sN9 - 2024	Hedges for Kings Hedges - for Biodiversity and People Friendly Spaces.	Plant hedgerows to improve green spaces in Kings Hedges and provide a diverse sheltered sanctuary where insects, birds and mammals can thrive. Four locations are proposed (Along the south side of Hanson Court; in Arbury Town Park; The Pulley, close to the old hedging at the Apollo Way end; and grass bordered by Roxburgh Road, Northfield Avenue and Sackville Close).	Local Resident	Kings Hedges	10,000	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 36	Recommended	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
sN18 - 2024	Greening Gilbert Road Through Tree Planting	Plant trees along the south side of Gilbert Road at the Milton Road end, near The Fellows House Aparthotel to replace lost trees and plant new to re-green and reclaim this end of the road from further unsightly development, and to improve the wellbeing of people, wildlife, the environment, and the street scene.	Cllr S Carling	W Chesterton	5,000	Green / Amber	Thumbs up 40 and 7 Negative Comments	Recommended	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description (Summarised)	Proposed by	Ward	Estimated Cost	Cost Deliverability Eligibility Rating	Persons in Support and neg. comments	Status	Link to Application
City 4 - 2024	Citywide Happy Bee Street Biodiversity and Habitat Creation Projects	Create opportunity for residents to be able to undertake and manage small scale biodiversity improvements in their neighbourhoods across the city, including creation of wildflower meadows, benches, habitats (bees, invertebrates, and hedgehogs), tree planting, bulb planting and community garden areas (such as raised planters). This will involve making increasing use of green assets to reduce climate impacts, improve biodiversity, and promote social well-being.	Community Engagement Team	All	10,000	Amber	Thumbs up 11	Not recommended	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
City 5 - 2024	Citywide led Biodiversity, Habitat and Green Infrastructure Improvement Projects	Community led volunteer groups working with residents, businesses, and organisations to develop and enhance local community areas and growing spaces ensuring better value for money and reducing environmental impact by utilising local resources. Measures will reduce climate impacts, improve biodiversity, and promote social well-being and include benches (to increase social interaction), wildflower meadows, trees, and invertebrate (bees) and wildflower bank(s)/features, as well enhancing existing areas to support wildlife corridors. Many of these project interventions will incorporate and improve the availability of hedgehog habitats and highways across the city.	Community Engagement Team	All	10,000	Amber	Thumbs up 6	Not recommended	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>
City 7 - 2024	Fingerposts advising the public of the locations of City Centre public toilets	Install directional signage to enable residents and visitors to access public facilities/conveniences easily and quickly ensuring their visit to the city centre is a comfortable one. Signage will improve the offer of the city, enable people to navigate external spaces more easily and efficiently, improve pedestrian flow, and create a more pleasant experience for all.	Parks Assets Team	City Centre	7,500	Amber	Thumbs up 6	Not recommended	<a href="#">Link to Application</a>

**Table 5 - Officer recommendations for project approval from the Strategic Funding (Green/amber rated projects):**

Project Number	Scheme Title	Approved Value £
sE18 - 2024	Increase biodiversity and tree cover on Cherry Hinton Road	15,000
sN3 - 2024	Biodiversity Improvements on St Alban's Recreation Space	20,000
sN5/8 - 2024	Biodiversity Improvements on Arbury Town Park	20,000
sN9 - 2024	Hedges for Kings Hedges - for Biodiversity and People Friendly Spaces.	10,000
sN18 - 2024	Greening Gilbert Road Through Tree Planting	5,000
<b>TOTAL OVERALL STRATEGIC EIP PROJECTS</b>		<b>£70,000</b>

**\*Note:** Several projects were rejected as being ineligible for EIP funding if you wish to see a list of these please contact us and we will be happy to share these.





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