



To: North Area Committee 26/07/2012

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Wards affected: Kings Hedges, Arbury, East Chesterton, West Chesterton

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

1.0 Executive summary

- This report requests that the Committee determine which of the proposed EIP schemes are allocated funding as part of the 2012/13 Environmental Improvement Programme, from those listed in Appendix A of this report.
- It also requests a decision on the way forward with the existing scheme to ban verge and footway parking on Kendal Way, which has had a negative response from local residents following public consultation.

2.0 Recommendations

The North Area Committee is recommended:

- 2.1 To determine a way forward with the Kendal Way Verge Parking Prohibition scheme.
- 2.2 To allocate funding of up to £59,200 to the list of proposed projects in Appendix A of this report.
- 2.3 To approve those projects for implementation, subject to positive consultation and final approval by local Ward Councillors.
- 2.4 To note the progress of existing schemes listed in Appendix C of this report.

3.0 KENDAL WAY VERGE PARKING PROHIBITION

- 3.1 This scheme proposes to ban verge and footway parking throughout Kendal Way, signed as a zone at its entry points off Milton Road and Green End Road.

- 3.2 This would be achieved through the introduction of a traffic regulation order by the County Council, as the Highway Authority, and enforced by their civil enforcement officers as a parking restriction.
- 3.3 A consultation was undertaken with local residents with 23 responses received, these detailed responses can be found in Appendix D of this report.
- 3.4 It is clear from the consultation that local residents do not support this scheme, with only 3 in a favour of the proposals.
- 3.5 The common issue being the availability of alternative parking spaces for residents wishing to park close to their property, particularly when parking on the carriageway is perceived to have the potential to lead to safety issues.
- 3.6 There is some support for only restricting verge parking, but the clear majority remain against any restrictions.
- 3.7 It is therefore recommended that this scheme be abandoned in its current form.
- 3.8 Alternative measures such as verge reinforcement could be considered, a similar scheme has been implemented on Birdwood Road and its performance is currently being monitored.

4.0 SUGGESTED SCHEMES FOR THE 2012/13 PROGRAMME

- 4.1 Initial feasibility work has been carried out on all of the schemes that have been suggested for the 2012/13 Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP).
- 4.2 The table in Appendix A lists all of the schemes that could be feasibly delivered as part of this year's EIP Programme, should they be allocated funding by North Area Committee.
- 4.3 Any scheme that involved the public highway was submitted to Cambridgeshire County Council, as Highway Authority, to apply for funding from the County Council's Minor Highway Works Budget.
- 4.4 The North Area Committee has an annual budget of £59,200 to allocate to schemes from its Environmental Improvement Programme Budget.
- 4.5 Further details of some of the proposed schemes can be found in Appendix B of this report.

5.0 Background papers

None

6.0 Appendices

APPENDIX A

Summary of Feasible EIP Schemes for 2012/13.

APPENDIX B

Details of Proposed Schemes

APPENDIX C

Progress of Existing Schemes

APPENDIX D

Kendal Way Consultation Results

APPENDIX E

EIP Eligibility Criteria

7.0 Inspection of papers

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

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