

Eastern Corridor Area Transport Plan Funding and Project Proposals

Note to Members of East Area Committee – 6th September 2012

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1. Background

- 1.1 S106 contributions for transport, received from developers in Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire, are largely collected through the Corridor Area Transport Plan (CATP) process. Contributions are collected from a number of developments, pooled and then spent on a range of schemes that are included in the plans themselves.
- 1.2 The purpose of this paper is to update members, following the paper presented at the December 2011 Committee meeting, on the process for allocating s106 funding and review the project suggestions made by members that have the potential to be supported by Eastern Corridor Area Transport Plan (ECATP) funding, as well as SCATP funding where the committee area extends into the Southern Corridor. The principal factor for fit with the CATP is to mitigate the effect of additional transport related movements from new development, with the link to the plan and area covered attached. This report will be updated on a bi-annual basis.

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/strategies/currenttransportplans/atp.htm>
- 1.3 As in the previous note on context, it is important to note that the process has been developed by Officers from Cambridge City, South Cambridgeshire and County Councils.
- 1.4 It is important to work with local communities in developing a rolling programme of projects funded from s106 allocations. This process commences with East Area Committee Member project proposals, provided after the initial note to Members outlining the requirements that projects need to meet in order to comply with the conditions of the ECATP, or SCATP as referred to in paragraph 1.2, which are then assessed against the Project Selection Criteria, approved at County Cabinet on 10th July 2012 for allocating contributions to future transport schemes. The Project Selection Criteria approach incorporates the Transport Project Assessment and Prioritisation Form to provide scores from the assessment and the estimated cost resulting in a value for money score.
- 1.5 Results of the project proposal scores are reviewed by East Area Committee Members to agree allocations of s106 funding to a rolling programme of projects that form the recommendations to be put to

County Council Cabinet for approval. It is important to note that approval by Cabinet is to only allocate the s106 funding to schemes. The approved allocations of funding will enable the proposals to come forward for detailed work as part of the Council's Capital Programme. As these schemes are developed, detailed consultation will be undertaken.

2. Assessed Member Project Proposals by Value for Money Score

Refreshing all cycle path and cycle lane markings, especially around the Perne Road/Cherry Hinton Road roundabout (Coleridge)

- 2.1 The proposal is to refresh the cycle lane markings and re-align the kerb at the pinch point on Cherry Hinton Road eastbound at the roundabout exit. All works are within the highway at an estimated cost of £5,000. Value for Money score: **12**.

Access link from the CB1 development to the Leisure Park, so that both sites could access the Leisure Park multi storey car park (Coleridge and Trumpington)

- 2.2 A pedestrian bridge over the rail line between the 2 sites would provide a direct link to the Leisure Park facilities and multi-storey car park at a cost of £3 million. The link would significantly improve access between the station and leisure area and reduce walking time leading to a likely increase of use of both facilities. However, planning permission and the agreement of Network Rail would be required. Value for Money score: **6.4**.

Perne Road/ Cherry Hinton Road roundabout improvements to address traffic flow and safety issues (Coleridge)

- 2.3 Safety and congestion issues relating to pedestrian crossing movements and cyclists on Cherry Hinton Road in the vicinity of Perne Road/Mowbray Road and Wulfstan Way. The roundabout and Cherry Hinton Road between Wulfstan Way and Walpole Road are accident cluster sites. The roundabout could be replaced by signals at a cost of £750,000. Improvements to the crossing and Wulfstan Way are limited by the highway space available and additional land may be required. An improvement scheme at this junction would cost in the region of £100,000. Value for Money score: **6.33**.

Madingley Road Cycleway Phase 2 (Castle and Newnham) - (raised at East Area Committee)

- 2.4 Complete the construction of the off road shared use cycleway on the north side of Madingley Road from Queen's Road to the Park and Ride site. The work is within the highway and will improve access to the Cambridge North-West site at an estimated cost of £300,000. Value for Money score: **6.25**.

Contraflow Cycling Signage following audit to identify need (All Wards)

- 2.5 Improve the safety of existing contraflow cycle lanes by improved signage and markings, and review additional sites for contraflow arrangements at an estimated cost of £50,000. Value for Money score: **5.5**.

Tenison Road traffic calming scheme (Petersfield)

- 2.6 Traffic calming measures in Tenison Road and the area to include Devonshire Road, St Barnabas Road and other minor link roads between Mill Road and Station Road to mitigate against the impact of changed traffic movements relating to the CB1 development. S106 funding for approximately half the scheme cost of £500,000 is available as a specific contribution. Value for Money score: **5.4**.

Removal of unnecessary street signage (All Wards)

- 2.7 Removal of unnecessary signs to reduce clutter, improve the visual environment and ensure all statutory restrictions and controls are enforceable at a cost of £50,000. Value for Money score: **4**.

Park and ride facility for Cherry Hinton (Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn)

- 2.8 A Park and Ride facility in the Cherry Hinton Road/Fulbourn Road area could remove traffic from this radial route into the City. A feasibility study would cost £25,000 for a 500 space Park and Ride Site costing in the region of £5 million. Value for Money score: **4**.

Improve safety at Stanley Road junction with Newmarket Road (Abbey)

- 2.9 The proposal to improve safety by restaging the signal sequence, splitting conflicting approaches, improving marking and signing and removing some parking on Stanley Road at an estimated cost of £23,000. There have been 5 slight accidents in the last 5 years with none since 2009. The scheme would improve the safety of the junction, although congestion would increase at the junction. Value for Money score: **Negative**.

Citywide 20 mph/coherent speed limit strategy (All Wards)

- 2.10 This is a Citywide strategy which would need a bid for all areas. The City Council have approved funding to implement a citywide limit. Value for Money score: **Not Determined** at this stage due to lack of cost estimate.

3. Next Steps in the Approval/Implementation Process

- 3.1 When County Council Cabinet are asked to approve the recommendations, next report planned for November 2012, the views expressed by East Area Committee Members will be included as this is key input into the decision to make these local transport improvements.

- 3.2 Following approval by Cabinet to allocate s106 funding to any scheme, the usual separate approval scheme process will follow, with design and consultation on proposed options prior to implementation.
- 3.3 Member's comments are invited on the proposals contained within this report, as well as further proposals invited for future assessment in building the rolling programme referred to earlier.