

West/Central Area Workshop

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BRIEFING PAPER



Developers and property owners are often asked to make financial contributions to the city council to address the impact of their development on Cambridge. Decisions on much of this funding (also known as S106 money) are being devolved to the Area Committees. To help inform your Area Committee's decisions, we would like you to tell us about:

- current gaps in the provision of local community facilities, sports facilities, open spaces and play areas, and public realm in this area (covering the Castle, Market and Newnham wards)
- your ideas for new or improved facilities that could help to meet those needs.

POPULATION CHANGE

	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years +
2011	2,040	10,930	6,790	3,290	2,090
2016	2,880	12,160	8,200	4,000	2,650
Difference	840	1,230	1,410	710	560
% difference	41%	11%	21%	22%	27%

EXAMPLES OF FACILITIES IN YOUR LOCAL AREA (but we're keen to draw on your local knowledge)

<p>Community facilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Augustine's Church & Community Centre • St Mark's Community Centre • Newnham Scout & Guide Centre • St Andrew's Baptist Church and Stone Yard Centre 	<p>Sports facilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 public tennis courts • Jesus Green Outdoor swimming pool • 3 x paddling pools • 3 x lawn green bowls clubs • Parkers Piece providing Cricket and School games areas • Cambridge Canoe Club • Wilberforce Road Athletics Track • Cambridge Lawn Tennis Club • University grass & artificial pitches • Cambridge Rugby Club • West Cambridge Sports Centre
<p>Open spaces include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheep's Green and Coe Fen (20.6ha) • Jesus Green (11.7ha) • Midsummer Common (13.8ha) • Parker's Piece (9.6ha) • Lammas Land (5.4ha) 	<p>Play areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Histon Road Rec Ground play area • Jesus Green play area • Jesus Green skate park • Lammas Land play area • Christ's Pieces play area

PROJECTS 'IN THE PIPELINE' IN THE WEST/CENTRAL AREA

- Projects being implemented: Hobbs Pavilion; Jesus Green play area
- On-site facilities are to be provided on the NIAB and Cambridge University sites, and these will benefit residents in the area.

The Upper River Cam Biodiversity Project (c£120k) is on the 'on hold' list of the city council's Capital Plan: funding has not yet been allocated for this project.

DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE WEST/CENTRAL AREA

This provisional analysis is based on contributions that have already been received, but not yet allocated. Under devolved decision-making, the Area receives 50% of developer contributions arising from major planning applications from the area that are determined by the Planning Committee. It also receives 100% of all other S106 funding relating to planning applications from the area (including minor ones approved prior to the introduction of area committees). An update will be reported to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee in January 2013.

S106 funding available for:	West/Central Area
Community facilities	£225,000
Informal open space	£100,000
Formal open space (changing facilities & outdoor sports)	£50,000
Outdoor sports facilities	£10,000
Indoor sports facilities	£10,000
Provision for children and teenagers	£75,000
Public art	£50,000
Public realm	£25,000

Sums above £25k have been rounded down to the nearest £25,000.

HOW MUCH CAN DIFFERENT TYPES OF PROJECT COST?

Community facilities

- Grants of £100k-£150k have been given towards a number of community facilities (eg, refurbishment of St Philip's Church [Romsey] incl. community rooms and community café).
- £22k grants for the Squeaky Gate recording studios refurbishment [Petersfield]

Open Spaces: works can range from tree-planting to landscaping. This is often linked to wider projects, such as play areas or sports facilities. Typically to supply, plant and maintain a tree costs £500; to plant a shrub bed around £35 per m²; and to lay a lawn £10 per m².

Play Areas: installation of new pieces of play equipment can vary from £3k up to £50k. Complete refurbishment can be up to £200k depending on scale and the number of pieces of equipment.

Sports facilities: Trim trails: £ 6k - £10k. Outdoor Sports equipment pods: £16k - £30k. Individual outdoor sports equipment items from £4k. New tennis court or multi-use games area: c £65k. To carpet new surface for a tennis court: c £17k. Metal 5-a-side goals (eg at Histon Road): £4.5k. "Panna" football skills courts: £7.5k. Outdoor table tennis tables £6.5k. Astroturf: £125k to £500k.

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See our Developer Contributions web page at www.cambridge.gov.uk/s106.