

South 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 (Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's and Trumpington wards);
- your ideas for new or improved facilities that could help to meet those needs.

POPULATION CHANGE IN THE SOUTH AREA

	0-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65 years +	TOTAL
2011	4,350	4,440	6,890	6,010	3,970	25,660
2016	6,240	5,730	10,160	7,860	5,210	35,020
Change	1,890	1,290	3,270	1,670	1,240	9,360
% change	43%	29%	47%	28%	31%	36%

Much of this population increase relates to developments on the Cambridge Fringe growth sites that have their own S106 agreements mainly requiring on-site facilities, plus some off-site contributions.

EXAMPLES OF LOCAL FACILITIES (We're keen to draw on your local knowledge)

<p>Community facilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centre@St Paul's • Trumpington Pavilion • Spinney Primary School (Cherry Hinton) • Cherry Hinton Library • Queen Edith's Chapel • Community groups also meet at a wide range of church / school halls 	<p>Sports facilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherry Hinton Village Centre • Hills Road Sport & Tennis Centre • C.U.P. Sports Centre • Netherhall School Sports Centre including Floodlit Astro turf pitch, Tennis and basketball • Nightingale Avenue Rec: Football, tennis court, bowls club, multi-use games area • King George V playing fields – Bowls & Tennis, Muga, Basketball & skate • Cherry Hinton Hall Tennis & Paddling Pool • Cherry Hinton Rec Pitches & Pavilion
<p>Open spaces include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Byron's Pool (30.7 ha) • Cherry Hinton Hall (14.1 ha) • Nightingale Avenue Rec. Ground (5.1ha) • Trumpington Recreation Ground (4ha) • Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground (2.9ha) 	<p>Play areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cherry Hinton play area and skate park • Church End play area • Nightingale Avenue Rec play area • Trumpington Rec play area

PROJECTS 'IN THE PIPELINE' IN THE SOUTH AREA

- Projects being implemented: Wulfstan Way public art commission (due to complete in Autumn 2012); Cherry Hinton Hall grounds improvements - phase 1 (spring 2013); and Southern Connections public art commission (autumn 2015).
- On-site community, sports and recreation facilities and a country park and other public open spaces are being provided as part of the Southern fringe growth sites and these will benefit residents in the South area as a whole.
- Developer contributions have been provisionally allocated to phase 2 of the Cherry Hinton Hall ground improvements project, but this project is included on the 'on hold' list of the city council's capital Plan pending the outcome of a further funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- The proposed refurbishment of the Nightingale Recreation Ground Pavilion (estimated cost = c.£225,000) is also on the on-hold list. Funding has not yet been allocated, although the scheme has been linked to developer contributions that could arise from the Bell School development.

DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE SOUTH 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:	South Area
Community facilities	£200,000
Informal open space	£275,000
Formal open space (changing facilities & outdoor sports)	£150,000
Outdoor sports facilities	£5,000
Indoor sports facilities	£5,000
Provision for children and teenagers	£75,000

*Sums above £25k have been rounded down to the nearest £25,000.
Does not include contributions for which specific uses are stipulated.*

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). Also, a £22k grant 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. Metal 5-a-side goals [eg, at Thorpe Way]: £4.5k. "Panna" football skills courts: £7.5k. Outdoor table tennis tables £6.5k. Astroturf: £125k to £500k.