

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Report Head of Policy and Projects

by:

To: East Area Committee on 15 April 2010

Wards: Abbey, Coleridge, Petersfield, Romsey

Environmental Improvements Programme

1.0 **DECISIONS TO BE MADE**

Cavendish Road

Decision: Carry out further consultation and implement at a cost of £15,000.

Devonshire Road/Carter Bridge replanting

Decision: To agree to refurbish landscaped area adjacent to the Carter Bridge at an estimated cost of £17,500.

2.0 **BUDGET**

Please see over.

EAST AREA COMMITTEE

Environmental Improvements Programme 2010-2011

Total Budget Available to 31/3/11 **£436,199**

ADOPTED PROJECTS	COMPLETE	Total Spend Previous Years £	Forecast Spend 2010/11 £	TOTAL SCHEME COST £	Approved Budget £
Mill Road Hanging Baskets 2010		0	4,944	4,944	4,944
Cherry Hinton Road Shop Forecourts		5,650	64,000	69,650	70,000
Rope Walk		41,699	3,339	45,038	47,000
Riverside Conflict Reduction Scheme		60,000	60,000	120,000	120,000
Cavendish Road		26	14,000	14,026	14,000
Staffordshire Street Verge Parking		2,117	73,000	75,117	75,000
total cost to implement adopted projects			219,283		
Uncommitted Budget			216,916		
SCHEMES UNDER DEVELOPMENT*		Total Spend to Date £	Total Estimated Cost £		
Perne Road Pedestrian Crossing		900	65,000		
Devonshire Road Cycle Bridge Planting		41	6,000		
total estimated cost of projects in development		941	71,000		
Uncommitted Budget			145,916		

***Projects agreed by Cttee to be investigated, but no budget committed. Costs shown are estimated and will depend on detailed design and site investigation. N.B. The estimated costs shown above are merely given as a rough guide until the projects can be designed and costed.**

3.0 UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF EXISTING SCHEMES

3.1 Staffordshire Street

A Stage 1 Road Safety Audit has been carried out on this scheme prior to consultation and now issues have been raised.

The consultations for both the proposed new verge parking scheme and residents parking will take place shortly and the results presented to the next East Area Committee. A new promoting Councillor is also required for this scheme.

3.2 Rope Walk

All of the civils work is now complete for this scheme, minor electrical work remains to connect the final streetlight.

3.3 Riverside conflict reduction and environmental improvement scheme

The traffic regulation orders are currently being processed and any objections will be presented to the Area Joint Committee in July. Construction is planned to start in late July 2010.

3.4 Perne Road Pedestrian crossing

The County Council are currently preparing a draft layout, which will be presented to the next East Area Committee in August for approval to carry out a consultation.

3.5 Cherry Hinton Road Shop Forecourts

A draft agreement has now been developed in conjunction with legal services to accompany the traders consultation that will be issued shortly. Subject to the result of this consultation, a wider local consultation will be carried out and the scheme constructed subject to a positive outcome in the autumn.

4.0 APPROVED SCHEMES REQUIRING DECISIONS

4.1 Cavendish Road

Further discussions have taken place with the owner of the business premises who is happy to fund his request for the installation of a dropped access and parking space for disabled customers adjacent to the shop. The area of City owned land utilised for this parking space would be leased to the shop owner. This lease will contain conditions that specifically state that the parking space may only be used by disabled visitors to his business premises. Its use will be monitored and the lease revoked if it is used for alternative purposes. The lease will also be non-transferable if the current owner ceases to trade from the premises. The parking area would be incorporated into the landscaped area in this instance.

The current proposals for this scheme are illustrated in the plan (drawing number EIP 020 109), which can be found in appendix 1 of this report.

Officers recommend that further consultation be carried out illustrating the proposed parking bay and the scheme implemented subject to a positive outcome at an estimated cost of £15,000.

Recommendation: To carry out further consultation and, subject to a positive outcome, implement at a cost of £15,000.

Decision: Carry out further consultation and implement at a cost of £15,000.

3.5 Devonshire Road/Carter Bridge replanting

Consultation literature on the proposals to fell the weaker trees and to replant the area of landscape adjacent to the Carter Bridge on Devonshire Road was sent to residents living in Devonshire Road and Ravensworth Gardens earlier in the year. Two meetings were consequently held with interested residents and the proposals finalised.

The two drawings in appendix 2 of this report (drawing numbers EIP 020 097 01 and EIP 020 097 02) illustrate the felling and planting proposals.

The works would be carried out in the autumn if approved by the Committee at an estimated cost of £17,500.

This cost includes tree felling, ground preparation, fencing, planting, mulching and maintenance. It should be noted that the landscaped area is owned by the County Council property department who have agreed to the proposals including the felling.

Recommendation : *Committee agree to felling and planting proposals as attached and to refurbish landscaped area adjacent to the Carter Bridge at an estimated cost of £17,500.*

Decision: *To agree to refurbish landscaped area adjacent to the Carter Bridge at an estimated cost of £17,500.*

5.0 NEW SCHEMES IN DEVELOPMENT FOR ADOPTION

Work is ongoing on the initial development of new schemes for 2010/11. We expect to return to the August East Area Committee for approval to implement the adopted schemes subject to positive consultation.

5.1 Highway Verges

A walkabout with Councillors and Officers is planned during June to review the condition of verges within the Whitehill Estate, Greville Road and Birdwood Road. The current proposed funding allocation is £75,000

5.2 Yellow Lining

The waiting restrictions for Stone Street, Fairsford Place and Ainsworth Place are currently being developed in conjunction with the County Council and Ward Councillors. The current estimated cost to implement these waiting restrictions is £3000.

5.3 Rustat Road Footpath

A design is currently being developed and discussed with Cycling Officers and the County Council. The current estimated cost for this scheme is £9500.

5.4 Mill Road Cemetery

Cambridge City Council, Trustees and Friends of Mill Road Cemetery work closely together to agree continued protection and enhancement of Mill Road Cemetery. Funding was received in 2009 by the Heritage Lottery fund (£49,000) to support the development of a new website, educational material, tree planting and signage to aid further knowledge of the site and encourage more visitors. The additional money allocated from East Area Committee will enable significant memorials to be repaired, which will have an aesthetic impact on the site. It is proposed that priorities for repairs will be agreed with the Trustees and Friends and Faculty application made to the Diocesan for approval. The current proposed grant is £5000.

5.5 Romsey Planting

Site inspections have taken place to assess the remedial works to the edging and bollards of the planting areas in the north Romsey area as well as the condition of the planting itself. The area of north Romsey includes all planting areas between Mill Road and Coldhams Lane and Ross Street and Cromwell Road and is shown on the attached plan in appendix 3 of this report.

The estimated cost of the repairs to the edging and bollards is £10,000 and the cost of refurbishment of the planting including topsoil improvement, replanting where necessary, mulching and maintenance would be £8,000.

5.6 Ashbury Close to Golding Rd Cycle Route

The drawing attached in appendix 4 of this report shows a proposed layout for this scheme. The estimated cost currently stands at £42,000 to carry out the minimum amount of work required.

5.7 Burnside Toad Crossings

The lowering of the kerbs and slopping of the adjacent verge at four points along Burnside is estimated to cost £2000.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF NEW SCHEMES - £154,500

CURRENT AVAILABLE BUDGET - £145,916

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

APPENDIX 1 - Cavendish Rd Scheme Design

APPENDIX 2 - Devonshire Rd/Carter Bridge replanting proposals

APPENDIX 3 - Romsey proposed replanting areas

APPENDIX 4 - Ashbury Close to Golding Road Cycleway proposal.

APPENDIX 5 - EIP Eligibility Criteria.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Equal Opportunities Implications:** These are taken into account on individual schemes.
- b) **Environmental Implications:** All of the projects seek to bring about an improvement in the local environment.
- c) **Community Safety:** This has been included as one of the assessment criteria agreed by Committee and is considered on each project.

8.0 INSPECTION OF PAPERS

To inspect or query the background paperwork or report, please contact,

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