

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF: S106 West/Central Area Seats Improvements 2013

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WEST CENTRAL

TO: Area Committee - West

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WARDS: Castle, Market, Newham

BENCH IMPROVEMENTS

1 INTRODUCTION

At January's West/Central Area Committee members were asked to identify projects for delivery and A01 Seats and benches in parks (Area wide) was approved. £30,000 in developer contributions has been allocated and a number of possible locations identified.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Area Committee is recommended to: -

a) Approve the installation of seating at the suggested locations (see Appendices):

Drawing 1

Midsummer Common by Orchard - 1 no. Bespoke

Midsummer Common - 5 no. (2 Either side of Cutter Ferry Bridge)

Jesus Green - 1 no.

Drawing 2

Christs Piece's - 4 no.

Drawing 3

Coe Fen - 2 no.

Launders Green facing Scudamores - 2 no.

Drawing 4

Paradise 2 no. – Bespoke

Lammas Land by Newnham Road - 1 no.

New Bit - 1 no.

Drawing 5

Queens Green - 5 no.

Drawing 6
Penarth Place - 2 no.

Drawing 7
Shelly Road play area - 1 no.

- b) Consider and amend the list of proposed locations.

3. **BACKGROUND**

Twenty five new benches with new bases for open spaces are being proposed as additions for the West Central Area. The locations suggested thus far have been:

Nineteen Acre Field – This area has been identified as University owned land. Therefore it is not an applicable site for this project.

Queen’s Green – Five possible locations have been identified.

Cutter Ferry bridge – Two possible locations have been identified.

Midsummer Common Orchard – The orchard is currently fenced off and will be for a few years to allow planted trees to mature. However a possible location in-front of the orchard facing the river has been identified and would be suitable for a bespoke style Wooden Bench.

4. **OPTIONS**

There are three types of benches that the Assets Section currently adopts for its open space.

Option 1: Furnitubes New Forest Cast Iron & Timber Bench with arm rests. High seating position aids mobility. The ends of the timbers are secured within and protected by the inner profile of the cast end standards; the fixings are not visible from the front which minimises damage to clothing and the risk of vandalism.

Option 2: Bespoke carved benches/seats from Oak and Sweet Chestnut, unique to each location.

Option 3: Omos s59.2 seat for contemporary locations, installed recently in new developments at the southern fringes.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- (a) **Financial Implications** Capital spending for a three months period in Summer/Autumn 2013. Subsequent maintenance costs to be met by parks furniture and equipment repairs and renewals.
- (b) **Staffing Implications** Streets & Open Spaces Assets Technical Team will be assigned to deliver the project.
- (c) **Equal Opportunities Implications** An equalities impact assessment will be completed before commencement to ensure there is no negative impact from this. proposal. It is generally recognised that seats are most helpful to old people and encourage people to walk.

- (d) **Environmental Implications**

+ L: The proposal has no climate change impact.

- (e) **Procurement**

RFQ obtained from contractors and suppliers.

- (f) **Consultation and communication**

Members are invited to offer alternative locations.

- (g) **Community Safety implications**

Seats may encourage an increase in inadvertent anti-social behaviour which may be problematical when positioned next to residential properties. The seats suggested for this scheme with the exception of Location 1 are Location 27 are situated in open spaces and away from residences.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS: The following are the background papers that were used in the preparation of this report:

Report of: Director of Environment
To: West/Central Area Committee 1/11/2012
Wards: Castle, Market, Newnham

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

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7. APPENDICES

1.0 Drawings (See Attached)

2.0 Location Photos

Drawing 1 Location Photos



Location 1: Midsummer Common by Orchard – Bespoke



Location 2: Cutter Ferry Bridge – Traditional



Location 3: Cutter Ferry Bridge - Traditional



Location 4: Midsummer Common Path - Traditional



Location 5: Midsummer Common Path – Traditional



Location 6: Midsummer Common Path - Traditional



Location 7: Jesus Green London Plane path - Traditional

Drawing 2 Location Photos



Location 8: Christ's Pieces (by Wesley Church) - Traditional



Location 9 and 10: Christ's Pieces - Traditional



Location 11: Christ's Pieces - Traditional

Drawing 3 Location Photos



Location 12 and 13: Launder's Green facing Scudamores - Traditional



Location 14: Coe Fen - Traditional



Location 15: Coe Fen - Traditional

Drawing 4 Location Photos



Location 16: Lammas Land - Traditional



Location 17 and 18: Paradise Nature Reserve – Bespoke



Location 19: New Bit - Traditional

Drawing 5 Location Photos



Locations 20, 21 and 22: Queens Green - Traditional



Location 23: Queens Green - Traditional



Location 24: Queens Green - Traditional

Drawing 6 Location Photos



Location 25: Penarth Place - Contemporary



Location 26: Penarth Place – Contemporary

Drawing 7 Location Photos



Location 27: Shelly Row Play Area - Contemporary

3.0 Bench Styles



Contemporary



Traditional



Bespoke examples