



To: South Area Committee 15/07/2013

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Wards affected: Trumpington, Queen Ediths, Cherry Hinton

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

1.0 Executive summary

- This report requests that the Committee determine which of the proposed EIP schemes are allocated funding as part of the 2013/14 Environmental Improvement Programme, from those listed in Appendix A of this report.
- This report also requests that the Committee determine whether the proposed minor traffic regulation order schemes, listed in Appendix E of this report under 'Proposed Traffic Regulation Order Schemes', should be allocated funding from its remaining joint minor highway works budget.

2.0 Recommendations

The South Area Committee is recommended:

- 2.1 To allocate funding of up to £74,448 to the list of proposed projects in Appendix A of this report.
- 2.2 To approve those projects for implementation, subject to positive consultation and final approval by local Ward Councillors.
- 2.3 To note the progress of existing schemes listed in Appendix C of this report.
- 2.4 To approve the delivery of the new minor traffic regulation orders listed in Appendix E, at an estimated cost of £2000, funded by the remainder of the South Area Committee 2011/12 joint minor highway works budget.

3.0 SUGGESTED SCHEMES FOR THE 2013/14 PROGRAMME

- 3.1 Initial feasibility work has been carried out on all of the schemes that have been suggested for the 2013/14 Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP).
- 3.2 The table in Appendix A lists all of the schemes that could be feasibly delivered as part of this year's EIP Programme, should they be allocated funding by South Area Committee.
- 3.3 Any scheme that involves the public highway was submitted to the Highway Authority (Cambridgeshire County Council), to apply for funding from the County Council's Minor Highway Works Budget.
- 3.4 None of the schemes have yet secured funding from the County Council minor highway works budget for 2013/14.
- 3.5 The South Area Committee has £74,448 available to allocate to schemes from its Environmental Improvement Programme Budget. This is made up of an annual allocation of £41,800, plus savings from projects completed within budget from previous programme years of £32,648.
- 3.6 Further details of the proposed schemes can be found in Appendix A of this report.
- 3.7 Some of the suggested schemes for this year's programme have not been included in Appendix A. This is a result of the scheme not being deliverable or the work implemented by others. Table below provides a summary of these schemes.

Scheme	Position
Hills Road – Verge Protection	Illegal verge parking on Hills Road, between Fendon Road and Wort's Couseway has been addressed by the Cambridgeshire County Council.

Table 1.0. Schemes that are non-deliverable or have been already implemented by others.

4.0 PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER SCHEMES

- 4.1 In 2011/12 the County Council, through the Cambridge Area Joint Committee, allocated £5500 to the South Area Committee from its minor highway works budget, to deliver minor traffic regulation orders and related works.

- 4.2 The South Area Committee approved a matched funding allocation from its Environmental Improvement Programme budget in September 2011, taking the total budget to £111,000.
- 4.3 Since then various traffic regulation orders have been delivered, following approval by this Committee, as shown in Appendix E under 'Traffic Regulation Orders Implemented'.
- 4.4 There are also some proposed orders that are still in progress from the list of proposed schemes put forward last year as shown in Appendix E under 'Traffic Regulation Orders in Progress'.
- 4.5 These schemes rely on resources made available by the County Council as the traffic authority. The City Council does not have the authority to carry out the statutory process required for the introduction of the traffic regulation order. It also cannot determine any objections that are subsequently received. This currently has to be carried out by the respective portfolio holder, County Cllr Mac McGuire.
- 4.6 Taking into consideration the cost of schemes that have now been completed and the estimated cost of those still in progress, the remaining budget available for new suggested schemes is approximately £6500.
- 4.7 Suggestions have been received from Ward Councillors and Officers from the City Council's Waste Services Department.
- 4.8 There are streets across the city where access for larger vehicles is made very difficult or in many cases impossible by the location of on street parking.
- 4.9 This also has a direct implication for emergency services, particularly the fire brigade, where the consequences are far more serious.
- 4.10 All of the suggestions made by these officers have therefore been included in Appendix E.
- 4.11 Members of the Committee are asked to approve further development and implementation of the schemes listed Appendix E under 'Proposed Traffic Regulation Order Schemes', subject to positive consultation and any subsequent objections to the proposed TRO being upheld as part of the statutory process.

5.0 Background papers

None

6.0 Appendices

APPENDIX A

Summary of Feasible EIP Schemes for 2013/14.

APPENDIX B

Details of Proposed Schemes

APPENDIX C

Progress of Existing Schemes

APPENDIX D

EIP Eligibility Criteria

APPENDIX E

Proposed Minor Traffic Regulation Order Schemes

7.0 Inspection of papers

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

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SUMMARY OF FEASIBLE EIP SCHEMES FOR 2013/14(CCMHW) = County Council Minor Highway Works Budget
(ESF) = Environmental Safety Fund

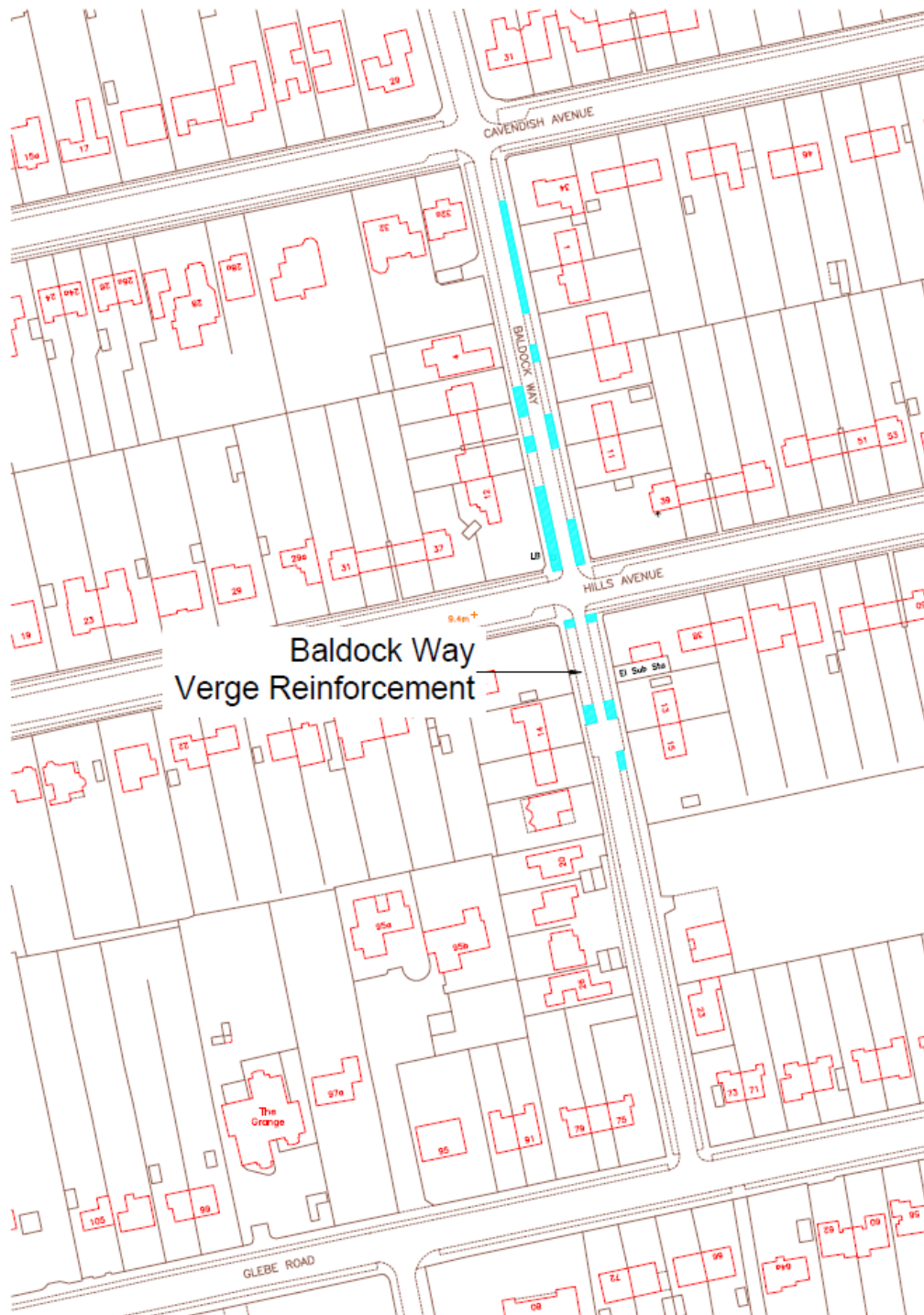
No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Promoted by	Ward	Estimated Budget £	Secured funding contributions £	EIP Allocation requested	Risks to delivery
1	Baldock Way - Verge Reinforcement	Existing grass verges which are subject to vehicle overrun to be reinforced and reseeded. Selected driveways to be widened and resurfaced.	Councillor Sue Birtles	Queen Edith	25,000	0	25,000	Tree routes, position and depth of underground services may impede/ prevent installation.
2	Bateman Street - New Tress and Improved Tree Pits	Improvements to existing tree pits and planting new trees.	Local Councillor	Trumpington	20,000	0	20,000	Existing layout, street furniture and underground services may impede/ prevent required works.
3	Fendon Road - Controlled Pedestrian Crossing	Installation of a controlled pedestrian crossing on the approach to the junction with Queen Edith's Way	Councillor George Pippas	Queen Edith	70,000	0	70,000	Proposal is subject to site constrains. Needs to be approved by the Cambridgeshire County Council as highway authority.
4	Babraham Road - Verge Reinforcement	Soft landscaping improvements - existing grass verges which have been subject to vehicle overrun to be reseeded. Existing crossovers to be re-profiled.	Councillor Sue Birtles	Queen Edith	15,000	0	15,000	Tree routes, position and depth of underground services may impede/ prevent installation.

APPENDIX A

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Promoted by	Ward	Estimated Budget £	Secured funding contributions £	EIP Allocation requested	Risks to delivery
5	Godwin Way - Amendments to Carriageway Layout	Carriageway adjacent to the existing grass island to be widened.	Councillor Sue Birtles	Queen Edith	3,000	0	3,000	Underground services may impede/ prevent construction works. Needs to be approved by the Cambridgeshire County Council as highway authority.

Scheme Number:	1
Scheme Title:	Baldock Way – Verges Stabilisation
Scheme Description:	Grass verges affected by vehicle over-run to be appropriately reinforced and reseeded. Driveways to be widened and resurfaced where required.
Promoted by:	Sue Birtles
Ward:	Queen Edith
Estimated Budget:	£25,000
Risks to Delivery:	Existing tree routes, street furniture, position and depth of the underground services may impede installation and increase cost. Proposal to be approved by the Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority.
Further Scheme Information:	-

Location Plan:



Selected Photos of Existing Location:



Scheme Number:	2
Scheme Title:	Bateman Street – Improved Tree Pits and New Trees
Scheme Description:	Existing trees to be retained and new trees to be planted, in order to replace those which did not survive. All existing tree pits to be improved. Larger tree pits are required to provide sufficiently large volume of soil to supply the trees with water and nutrients needed for growth. Also appropriate species to be selected.
Promoted by:	Local councillors
Ward:	Trumpington
Estimated Budget:	£20,000
Risks to Delivery:	Existing street furniture, position and depth of the underground services may impede installation and increase cost. Proposal to be approved by the Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority.
Further Scheme Information:	-

Location Plan:

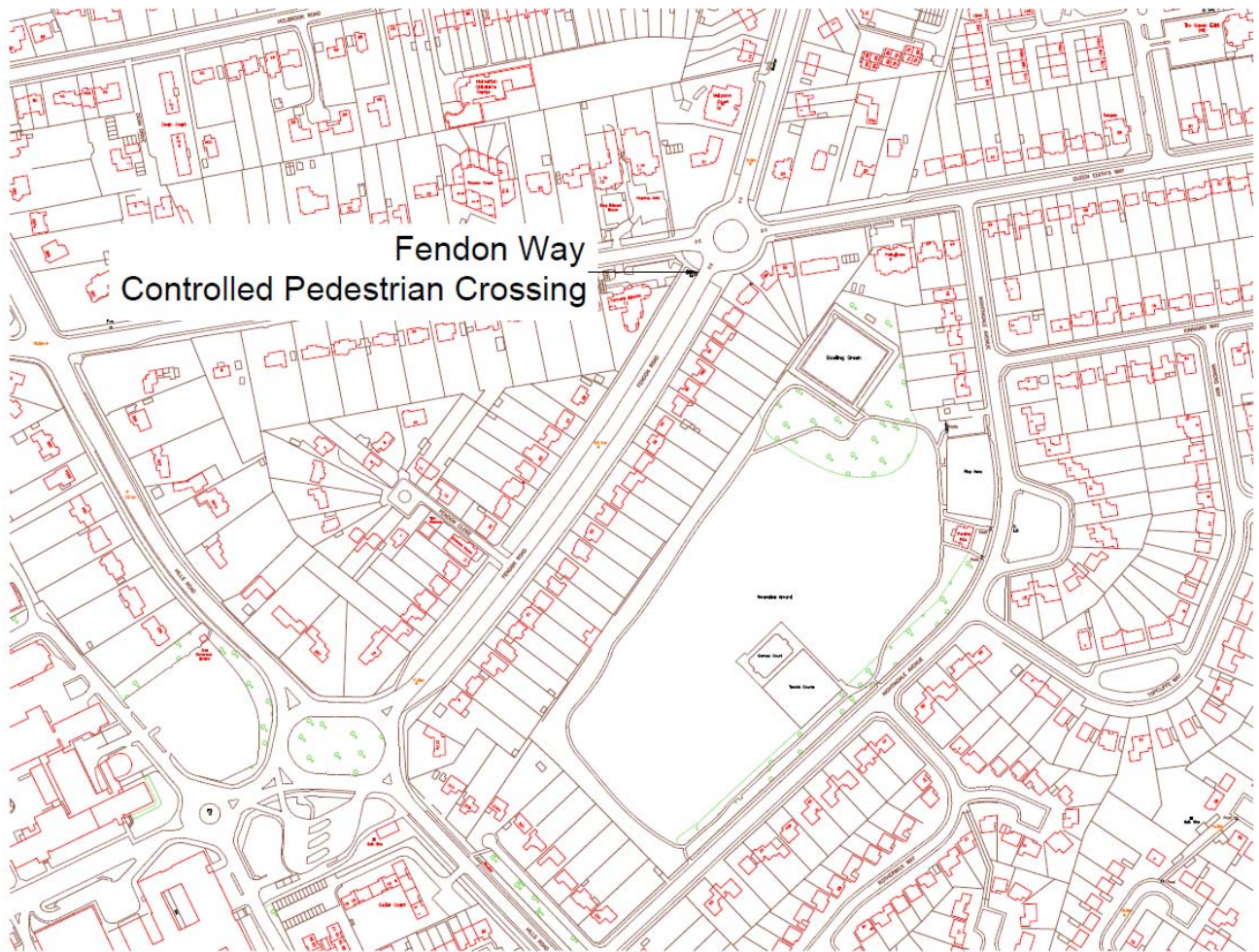


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Scheme Number:	3
Scheme Title:	Fendon Road - Controlled Pedestrian Crossing
Scheme Description:	Installation of a controlled pedestrian crossing on the approach to the junction with Queen Edith's Way. Existing uncontrolled crossing to be removed. New crossing to be located at 20m from the give way line. The crossing to comprise of the appropriate tactile paving, road markings and features that cater for the needs of those with visual disabilities.
Promoted by:	George Pippas
Ward:	Queen Edith
Estimated Budget:	£70,000
Risks to Delivery:	The crossing is subject to site constraints. Needs to be approved by the Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority.
Further Scheme Information:	-

Location Plan:

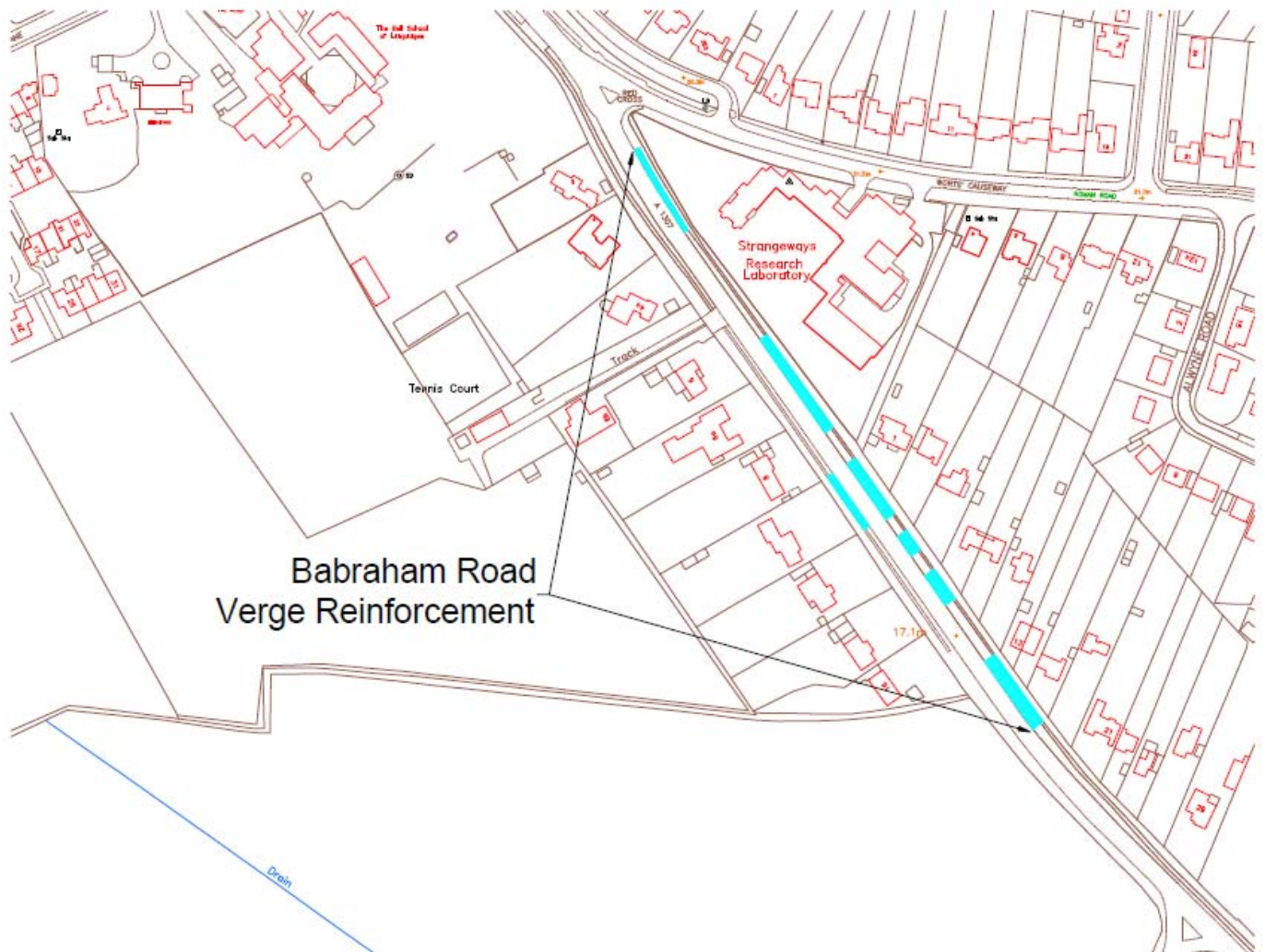


Selected Photos of Existing Crossing:



Scheme Number:	4
Scheme Title:	Hills Road - Verge Protection
Scheme Description:	Illegal verge parking on Hills Road, between Fendon Road and Wort's Causeway has been already addressed by the Cambridgeshire County Council. As grass verges on Babraham Road have been badly damaged by vehicular over-run, it is recommended to reseed them. Selected crossovers to be re-profiled.
Promoted by:	Sue Birtles
Ward:	Queen Edith
Estimated Budget:	Proposed works on Babraham Road priced at 15,000
Risks to Delivery:	Proposal to be approved by the Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority.
Further Scheme Information:	-

Location Plan:



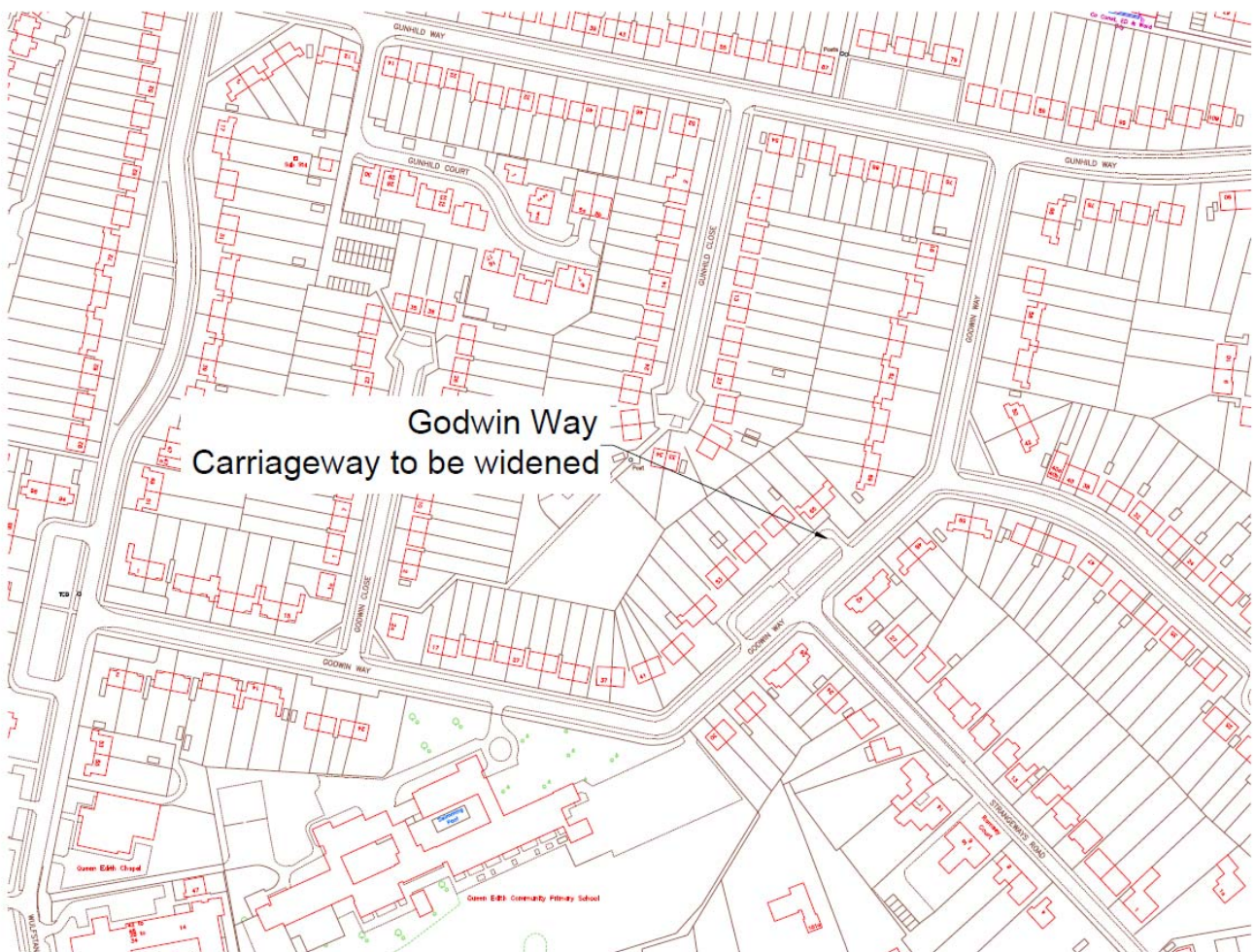
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Babraham Road



Scheme Number:	5
Scheme Title:	Godwin Way – Verge Protection
Scheme Description:	Existing corner of the grassed verge island has been badly damaged due to vehicle overrun. Cars tend to park within existing carriageway, which forces vehicle driving pass to drive over existing grass verge. In order to improve appearance of the verge as well as to make it safe, it is proposed to widen the carriageway.
Promoted by:	Sue Birtles
Ward:	Queen Edith
Estimated Budget:	£3,000
Risks to Delivery:	Position and depth of the underground services may impede construction works and increase cost. Proposal to be approved by the Cambridgeshire County Council as the highway authority.
Further Scheme Information:	-

Location Plan:



Selected Photo of Existing Location:



PROGRESS OF EXISTING EIP SCHEMES

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Promoted by	Ward	Approved Budget £	Completion Expected	Comments
1	Rectory Terrace Cherry Hinton High St	Refurbishment of privately owned shop forecourt.	Ward Cllrs	Cherry Hinton	60,000	Mar-14	Final design option to be agreed with forecourt owner. Legal agreement to be signed by the owner. Meeting with land owner on the 1st of July to discuss design options.
2	Mill End Road/Cherry Hinton High Street Bollards	Installation of bollards and cycle stands to prevent vehicles mounting the pavement and parking on the forecourt.	Ward Cllrs	Cherry Hinton	3,500	Completed	-
3	Cherry Hinton War Memorial	Village war memorial near the recreation ground. Existing fence to be moved back, hard surface to be put down around this area and the memorial to be raised up from the ground.	Ward Cllrs	Cherry Hinton	5,000	Mar-14	On hold until additional funds found.
4	Noticeboard on Cherry Hinton Rec	Provision of double sided noticeboard.	Ward Cllrs	Cherry Hinton	4,500	Completed	-
5	Trumpington War Memorial	Drainage and landscaping around the base to be improved. Information board to be installed.	Ward Cllrs	Trumpington	8,500	Mar-14	On hold until additional funds found from war memorial fund.
6	Hobson's Brook from Bateman Street to Lensfield Road	Railings along Hobson's Brook from Bateman Street to Lensfield Road (on the Trumpington Road frontage of the brook) to be refurbished.	Ward Cllrs	Trumpington	9,000	Completed	-
7	South Mobility Crossings	Disabled dropped crossing to get constructed.	Ward Cllrs	-	6,000	Mar-14	Online consultation to be undertaken in order to determine crossings that need attention. Councillors suggestions welcome.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

As agreed by the Executive Councillor (Environment) on the 18th March 2003 with amendments agreed on the 22nd March 2005.

Essential Criteria:

- Schemes should have a direct, lasting and noticeable improvement to the appearance of a street or area.
- Schemes should be publicly visible and accessible.
- Should the scheme be on private land, the owners' permission must be granted – unless there are exceptional circumstances by which the Area Committee may wish to act unilaterally, with full knowledge and responsibility for the implication of such action.
- Schemes must provide low future maintenance costs.

Desirable criteria:

- Active involvement of local people.
- The project will benefit a large number of local people.
- 'Partnership' funding.
- The potential for inclusion of employment training opportunities.
- Ease and simplicity of implementation.
- Potential for meeting key policy objectives (e.g. improving community safety or contributing to equal opportunities).

Ineligible for funding:

- Where a readily available alternative source of funding is available.
- Revenue projects.
- Schemes that have already received Council funding (unless it can be clearly demonstrated that this would not be 'top up' funding).
- Works that the City or County Council are under an immediate obligation to carry out (e.g. repair of dangerous footways)
- Play areas (S106 funding should pay for this resource)

Other Information:

The following categories of work were agreed as being eligible for funding by the Area Committees:

- Works in areas of predominately council owned housing
- Works to construct lay-bys where a comprehensive scheme can be carried out which not only relieves parking problems but achieves environmental improvements.

SUMMARY OF MINOR TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER SCHEMES**APPENDIX E****SOUTH AREA BUDGET £11,000****Traffic Regulation Orders Implemented**

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Ward	Status	Final Cost £	Comments
1	Reed Close, Shelford Road	Double yellow lines on the corner of Reed Close/Shelford Road	Trumpington	Completed	£ 355.75	Traffic order made and double yellow lines implemented on site.
2	Chelwood Road junctions with Claygate road/Chartfield Rd	Double yellow lines on Chelwood Road at the junction of both Claygate road and Chartfield Rd	Cherry Hinton	Completed	£ 643.15	Traffic order made and double yellow lines implemented on site.
3	Nightingale Avenue	Change from single yellow line to double yellow line around the central crassed island.	Queen Ediths	Completed	£ 588.30	Traffic order made and double yellow lines implemented on site.
4	Cranleigh Close, Shelford Road	Double yellow lines lines on the corner of Cranleigh Close/Shelford Road.	Trumpington	Completed	£ 329.33	Traffic order made and double yellow lines implemented on site.
SUB-TOTAL					£ 1,916.53	

Traffic Regulation Orders In Progress

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Ward	Status	Estimated Budget £	Comments
1	Paget Close/Paget Road	Proposed double yellow lines and Bus Stop Clearway where Paget Close meets Paget Road.	Trumpington	Ongoing	£ 500.00	This proposal is being implemented by the County Council, an update on the status of ths traffic order has been requested.
SUB-TOTAL					£ 500.00	

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order Schemes

No.	Scheme Title	Scheme Description	Ward	Status	Estimated Budget £	Comments
1	Langdale Close	Proposed double yellow lines to improve access for larger vehicles.	Cherry Hinton	New	£ 500.00	Proposal to be developed further by the City Council.
2	Aberdeen Avenue Area (including Kingfisher Way)	Investigation of access issues for larger vehicles and the selection of suitable options to resolve any current issues.	Trumpington	New	£ 1,500.00	Proposal to be developed further by the City Council.
SUB-TOTAL					£ 2,000.00	

TOTAL ESTIMATED SPEND	£ 4,416.53
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BUDGET REMAINING	£ 6,583.47
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