

East Area Committee 7/04/2016

Item 8 Environmental Improvement Programme

This pages replace text in following paragraphs:

- Paragraph 2.1 on p43 – East Area replaces North Area.
- Paragraphs 2.3 on p43, and 4.2, 4.5 and 4.7 on p45 - £36,880 replaces £38,880.
- Paragraph 4.5 on p45 - £41,120 replaces £39,120.
- Paragraph 4.8 on p46 and paragraph E7 – St Matthews Street on page 50:

Environmental enhancement of a small site on the East Rd Estate fronting St Matthew's St, opposite New Street junction. Phase 1 would be a small landscaping project (£10,000 estimate); Phase 2 (future year application) could add two new parking bays at an estimated additional £10,000. 2 Phases, £20,000 total.

EIP APPLICATION FOR PHASE 1

Phase 1: Remove cobbles and slate chips from the planting bed next to the garages, partially re-configure the bed and re-plant. Upgrade planting bed next to Inveron retaining current borders and re-plant. Create new planting bed on St Matthew's St frontage and plant. Oak posts to borders of all beds. Allocation requested **£10,000**.

Applicant's supporting comments:

'In terms of EIP requirements, this proposed project is exemplary in that it ticks all boxes.

The site adjoins St Matthews Street, which is one of only two access roads into the JA part of Petersfield. St Matthew's St is used on a daily

basis by hundreds of Petersfield residents, who necessarily pass by this neglected site.

The site is both an eyesore and a blight upon the area.

The shabbiness and neglect of the site has been thrown into high relief by the recent completion of the Anglia Ruskin University new wing, diagonally opposite and only a very short distance away.

Renovation would greatly enhance and uplift the area to the benefit of the estate's council tenants living close to the site and also residents in other parts of the estate, as well as to all Petersfield residents and visitors who regularly access the JA part of Petersfield via St Matthew's St.

The site is also passed by and viewed by hundreds of students at and visitors to ARU's new wing. This ARU building is stunning and also has imaginatively designed small landscaping and planting, with which the proposed project design seeks to reference and harmonise.

This site is close to the Magistrates Court, with the Vue Cinema and the Grafton Centre situated nearby - there is thus also benefit to a wider civic space.'

Officer comment:

Land involved appears to be partly City Council owned and part adopted public highway. Scope of works therefore dependent on securing the necessary agreements. Potential further phase works may require statutory Traffic Orders.