



To: West Central Area Committee 12/07/2016

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Wards affected: Castle, Market, Newnham

EIP - Allocations of Funding Canterbury Street and Lammas Land

1.0 Executive summary

This report requests that the Committee:

- Determines whether to proceed with the EIP proposal to restrict the movement of traffic through Canterbury Street, or re-allocate the funding agreed (circa £12,250) to other potential projects.
- Determines whether to re-allocate the EIP funding agreed for Lammas Land Pavilion to Lammas Land Kiosk.

2.0 Recommendations

The West Central Area Committee is recommended:

2.1 To determine whether to:

- Proceed with the EIP proposal Option 1 (see appendix 1) to restrict traffic movement.
- Close the project and re-allocate the EIP funding available to new scheme applications within West Central area.
- Re-consult on the existing two options, or any other potential solutions that might come forward (see appendix 1).
- Alternatively defer the decision to give residents further opportunity to undertake consultation which would feed into WCAC's deliberation for September 29th's committee.

2.2 To consider the re-allocation of EIP funding from Lammas Land Pavilion to Lammas Land Kiosk.

3.0 Background

EIP General

3.1 The Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP) funds and delivers small scale projects around the city that make a lasting and noticeable improvement to streets and public places.

3.2 The programme is supported up to year 2019-20 with an annual capital budget which is split across the council's four areas depending on population, with devolved decision making to Area Committees to allocate the budget available to project applications each year.

4.0 Canterbury Street proposed Traffic Calming

4.1 Canterbury Street EIP scheme to provide traffic restrictions was allocated £12,250 EIP in 2011, it came forward following reports of motorised traffic using Canterbury Street and adjoining roads as a through route between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road (avoiding the Murketts Corner junction).

4.2 In 2012 a public consultation was undertaken on two potential options to calm traffic by narrowing the width of Canterbury Street. Approximately 500 leaflets were distributed to properties within the area (as far as Richmond Road) and known local residents associations. A total of 40 responses were received, of which 21 disagreed with the proposals, 14 agreed and 5 were undecided.

4.3 In August 2012 the Area Committee considered the consultation results and determined to continue pursuing Option 1 of the traffic calming measures. Discussions commenced with the Highway Authority for local roads (Cambridgeshire County Council), who expressed reservations about the proposals. The project consequently has not been implemented, nor been subject to any statutory highways processes.

4.4 It is generally understood that the scheme's likely impact on through movements would be minimal and any restriction on through traffic would also inconvenience local residents and essential traffic movements in the area, including deliveries and refuse collections.

4.5 Whilst some time has elapsed since the last consultation, there will have been minimal change in the local population and relatively little other change in the area. It is not anticipated that a similar exercise repeated now would yield significantly different results.

4.6 If the Area Committee support continuing with the project further statutory consultation maybe required.

5.0 Lammas Land Pavilion and Kiosk

5.1 The reserve of £20,000 from EIP for Lammas Land Pavilion improvement was initially agreed as a project under development at

the 8th April 2010 WCAC. The EIP allocation for the Project was on the adopted list of Projects by the 25th August 2011 WCAC.

- 5.2 The project was under development by Active Community, Arts and Recreation Officers and substantial additional s106 match funding was sought to enable an effective improvement for the Pavilion, however it became clear that s106 funding wasn't available and the project stalled.
- 5.3 As the project seemed to be going nowhere (by 2013/14) Newnham Ward Councillors and Officers felt an alternative option for use of the EIP funding to enable a substantial improvement to Lammas Land would be to use it to improve the Lammas Land Kiosk.
- 5.4 Following agreement with local Councillors to allocate this budget towards the kiosk, development of a number of design concepts were formulated.
- 5.5 A public consultation exercise was then undertaken in Newnham in November 2015, there were 92 responses received. 64 of the responses (or 70%) supported the design of the scheme, 15 of the responses (or 16%) didn't support the proposed design and 13 of the responses (or 14%) were unsure about the design of the scheme.
- 5.6 The change of potential use for the EIP funding hasn't been back to WCAC and this paper is written to inform and consult with the WCAC about this change from the original intended use.

6.0 Background papers

WCAC Area Committee Agenda Item 7 – Environmental Improvement Programme Report (20/04/2016)

7.0 Appendices

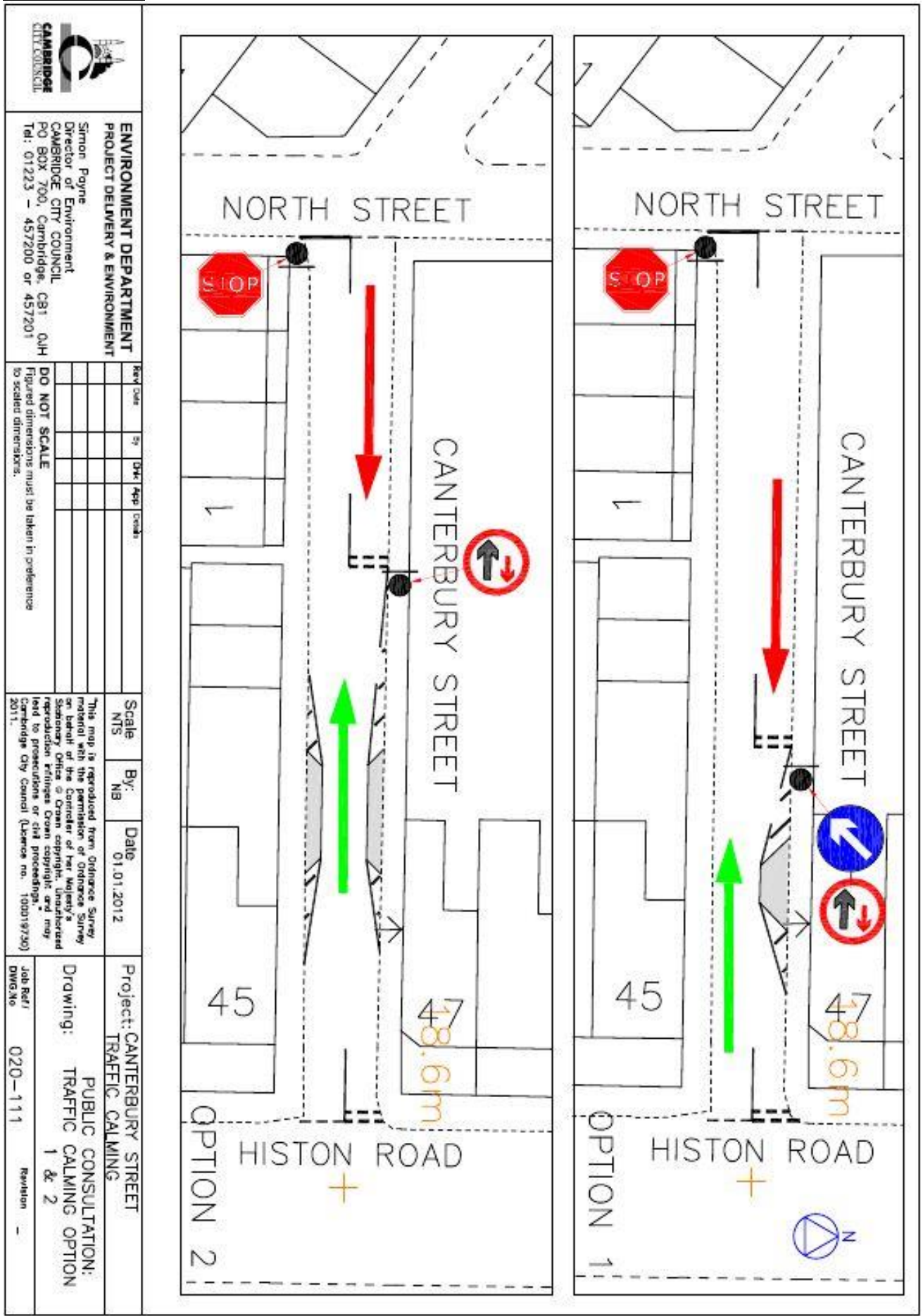
Appendix 1 - 2012 Consultation Options for Canterbury Street (Designs).

8.0 Inspection of papers

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

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Appendix 1



		
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