

Pack of proposals for play area and open space improvements in South Area

Here are the proposals (with personal details redacted) that were received as part of the City Council's 2016/17 S106 funding round. These are presented by ward (Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's and Trumpington).

Reference is made to these proposals in the S106 report to South Area Committee on 24/4/2017. Please note that there is no proposal 'i' so as not to confuse with the list of options in Trumpington ward (in Tables 2 and 3) which makes use of Roman numerals.

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Proposal (a)

Fulbourn Road open space improvements

Opposite the Technology Park and ARM development

Suggested by local resident

1. What sort of improvements do you have in mind?

More park benches (8) and litter bins (4) spaces along the length of the open space, and some more hedge/shrub planting along the boundary with Fulbourn Road.

2. Why is this project needed?

The open space facilities need to be improved given the ARM development and the building of new homes on the nearby garages site.

3. How would local communities within Cambridge benefit?

It would enable encourage local residents to enjoy and make more use of the open space. Well-managed, accessible and very local open space is known to have many benefits for local communities, including physical and mental health and wellbeing. This land is close to a sizeable estate of social housing as well as private housing developments and places of employment. It would also provide somewhere for those working at the Technology Park to exercise or eat sandwiches at lunchtime, thereby supporting the Council's objectives of maintaining Cambridge's quality of life and quality of place for both existing communities and the knowledge-intensive Cambridge cluster.

4. Have any preparations/discussions taken place about this?

Conservations with the local Estates Champion in Housing (who was supportive) and with the Streets & Open Spaces team.

5. Any opposition / potential issues? How might this be overcome?

Council officers have advised that the location of the benches would need some careful thought (for example so that they were not too close to residents' back gardens) but there is an opportunity for everyone to get more enjoyment out of this space.

Proposal (b)

Tenby Close play area improvements

Suggested by Streets and Open Spaces Development team

1. What sort of improvements do you have in mind?

Tenby Close is a well-served play area within Cherry Hinton as highlighted in the recent Outdoor Play Investment Strategy. Improvements and enhancements to play and landscape provision on this site could include better toddler and junior provision, with an appropriate landscape setting.

2. Why is this project needed?

Highlighted in the recent Outdoor Play Investment Strategy research as having potential for investment to raise both the quality and value rating. Site is 'bitty' (not well integrated), and additional equipment and landscaping features could significantly enhance the offer on this site.

3. How would local communities within Cambridge benefit?

Improvements to the play space would improve the value rating of this play site. Links to the local school would aid the consultation to be undertaken for this project.

4. Have any preparations/discussions taken place about this?

Not as yet. It is a highly populated area so consultation would need to be undertaken at an early stage with residents, ward members and the local school.

5. Any opposition / potential issues? How might this be overcome?

As above.

Proposal (c)

Gunhild Close play area improvements (1)

Suggested by a local resident

1. What sort of improvements do you have in mind?

- Better play equipment for children of all ages (perhaps a pirate ship or train theme).
- Improved safety surfacing.
- More things for teenagers to do (e.g., basketball hoop or trampolines in the ground).
- New goal nets for the goal posts.
- More seating and better litter bin, although not just benches (say, 'magic toad-stools', which would be attractive to little kids, but less so for teenagers).
- Bike racks

2. Why is this project needed?

This is a popular Rec. Ground. The equipment is out-dated. The pieces of equipment are separate from each other. There isn't much inter-action between the children playing there. The surfaces are very slippery. There needs to be a better bin because litter spills out onto the ground. Teenagers leave their bikes lying around, making it difficult to navigate with a pram.

3. How would local communities within Cambridge benefit?

It would be more enjoyable and safer, providing more things for teenagers to do.

4. Have any preparations/discussions taken place about this?

I have raised my views with local councillors.

5. Any opposition / potential issues? How might this be overcome?

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Proposal (d)

Gunhild Close play area improvements (2)

Suggested by ChYpPs on behalf of local children

1. What sort of improvements do you have in mind?
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Trampoline Cone climber/ rota web - roundabout that can be climbed on
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2. Why is this project needed?

There are lots of children that live in and around Gunhild Way and they cannot access other parks as they would need to cross main roads. The park is currently extremely basic.
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3. How would local communities within Cambridge benefit?

Children have requested new and improved play equipment to make the park more welcoming and more challenging. They will be able to have free and independent play - increasing exercise and making new friends at a more welcoming park.
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4. Have any preparations/discussions taken place about this?

Children have spoken to council officers and requested new and improved play equipment to make the park more welcoming and more challenging. More of this could be done if needed.
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5. Any opposition / potential issues? How might this be overcome?
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No

Proposal (e)

Nightingale Avenue Rec Ground community meeting facilities

Suggested by Queen Edith's in Bloom
(an RHS-affiliated project of Queen Edith's Community Forum)

1. What sort of improvements do you have in mind?

Design and construction of accessible and sustainable facilities to encourage and enable more people to meet, learn and socialise in the new community garden at Nightingale Rec/Park. There is a range of new structures that would improve the accessibility and usability of the garden for park users and incoming groups and in all weathers:

A. A free-standing veranda to the front of the existing club hut:

- i. This would be **paved** and level with the grassed area around the club hut to make it accessible in all weathers to wheelchairs and people who are unsteady walking.
- ii. It would be **covered** to allow people using the park to take shelter from rain or sun. The latter is especially important to people with some health issues.
- iii. It would have a **green roof** for attractiveness and it could be seeded with chalk grassland. This would increase **biodiversity** and demonstrate one feature of **sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS)**. Both are City Council priorities.
- iv. It would have **fixed benches of different heights** to allow informal appreciation of the view across the garden and could be used by groups of both adults and children visiting the garden.
- v. Excess rainwater from the roof would run into new attractive **rain gardens**, another feature of SUDS.

B. Three new secure and indoor storage and working areas, contained within a single freestanding structure at the back of the existing club hut. The structure would be of timber frame but of a higher quality construction than 'just a shed', and would include insulation and a mains electric supply. The three self-contained, separate areas would be used for:

- i. More-accessible storage of **garden tools** for use by the Nightingale Garden volunteers, many of whom are older people.
- ii. Storage and use of simple tools for **garden-related woodworking and other natural crafts** such as willow weaving; this would enable more people to enjoy the informal open space for more types of leisure and creative activities.
- iii. Safe-access storage of **ecology and learning equipment** for school groups, children and young people.

C. A covered and secure outdoor store for wood, other materials and equipment that need just rain-protection. These can be used by garden volunteers and more groups for a range of outdoor leisure and creative activities.

D. A covered and secure outdoor cooking area, including a cob/earth pizza oven. These could be used for local community gatherings and, especially, by incoming groups of young people.

2. Why is this project needed?

In the new S106-supported community garden, the current facilities supporting groups meeting, learning and working, and for tool storage consist of only:

- A padlocked 3 m x 6.8 m **wooden club hut**, with mains electricity. This is very basic and crowded.
- A small metal padlocked **lean-to** for larger gardening tools, lawnmower, sack barrow and wheelbarrow etc. This is made of corrugated tin, is already too small for its purpose, and has several large holes.

In the garden and park, there is **no permanent outside rain-proof area**.

As a public space, equipment and furniture left outside in the community garden is vulnerable to **vandalism** and has been subject to petty vandalism in the past. For this reason, the indoor storage areas are very crowded and become muddled. If we can create more and better storage space, we can re-organise and re-design the existing club hut as a **clean and social space** for incoming groups. We could also **facilitate new groups** to use the garden more independently of the current volunteers' availability.

Currently, for groups to work or learn in the garden safely, **one of two volunteer garden co-ordinators need to be present** to unlock the padlocks, and move furniture out and back into the club hut and lean-to.

Activities in the garden are also very **weather dependent** – a few people can take cover inside the hut during rain showers but not wheelchair users; equipment and furniture have to be left outside.

3. How would local communities within Cambridge benefit?

The vision for the garden is to be a '**biodiverse garden for everyone to enjoy**'. Since July 2015, when volunteers started to unlock the garden gate each day, we have demonstrated that this garden is used not just by the growing population of Queen Edith's, but also by people from across Cambridge, Cambridgeshire and beyond. This is partly due to its proximity to Addenbrooke's and the Biomedical Campus but also its very good public transport links and small car park.

During 2016, with S106 funding, Streets and Open Spaces, working with volunteers, have made significant accessibility improvements for access to the garden and gardening activities. This includes a new self-closing gate, short ramps in and out of the garden and wheelchair-accessible raised beds. We have also created an attractive nature pond and installed a wheelchair-accessible picnic table.

Since volunteers started working in the former bowling green, **various groups** as well as park users, of all ages and abilities, have enjoyed the space including garden volunteers; social walkers; three Gardening for Health groups and the former Headway allotment group; Papworth Owl horticulture students; Rowan Cambridge; local cubs and helpers; a corporate social responsibility workday; local community events including a winter festival get together, an RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, all-ages drop-in ecology sessions and a produce-abundance swap with a visiting local RHS garden group and in association with the local allotment society.

Future opportunities: several individuals and groups have approached the garden volunteers with suggestions or requests for future activities:

- At least one **local school** would like to use the garden for **primary science** and would prefer secure storage for equipment, places for children's bags and coats and to access warm water to wash their hands after handling the wood pile and after pond dipping.
- **Home schoolers** are also likely to want to use the space for outdoor learning activities, including at times when the garden volunteers are not available.
- Some **teenagers** are keen to take part in outdoor activities out of school hours. They might be particularly keen on woodworking and outdoor creative activities.
- **Groups working with young children**, such as cubs and brownie groups, would like to use the space for outdoor activities such as games, bush-craft and cooking.
- There is the potential to set up simple woodworking and outdoor activity groups, such as '**Men's/Community Sheds**'.

The local area has **dedicated housing for older people** at Dunstan Court (Wulfstan Way) and a new housing association development at Nine Wells, both just a few minutes' walk from the park. Both are likely residences of future users of the garden.

4. Have any preparations/discussions taken place about this?

We have discussed these ideas with the Nature Conservation Projects Officer. Garden volunteers and park users are very enthusiastic about having better facilities.

If the S106 funding has initial approval, the project team would calculate the maximum cost of materials for each structure. They will also apply for other sources of funding for this project, which could reduce the total costs. There are several structures that could be created so the budget is very flexible and the work could be carried out over more than one year.

We don't think the structures would need planning permission or buildings control. They shouldn't harm the existing mature trees. Once the designs are approved, we would check the position of the low-impact foundations with the Tree Officer.

Proposed process

The most straightforward option is to fund contractors to design and construct these structures. Another option, which we prefer, is to assemble project partners, including volunteers, to **design and construct at least some of these structures as a learning and inclusive activity**. Two of the regular garden volunteers recently learned techniques for building structures of this type at, and sought advice from, the Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales. The proposal is, therefore:

To use **sustainable techniques and materials** to create accessible, high-quality, long-lasting structures with a lower impact on the environment.

Where safe and practicable, to **work with individuals and groups** recruited from the local community and/or local learning institutions for design and construction of at least part of the structures. This could be the start of a **community shed project**.

During this process, a **budget** would be drawn up for materials and essential professional help. Some of the work will need to be done by contractors, such as dismantling the metal lean-to, groundworks for any paving and electrical wiring. For example, we would seek advice from a structural engineer for the green roof and foundations for the veranda (item A above); we have been advised this might cost ~ £400. The bulk of the funding would be for materials, some of which would be expected to be reclaimed and recycled, including

from the old pavilion across the park, which is due to be demolished and re-built in late 2017.

The design and construction can be **documented and shared online** to inform and inspire local people.

5. Any opposition / potential issues? How might this be overcome?

No, the local community and park users have been very enthusiastic about the new community garden and its plans.

Once we have outline designs, Streets and Open Spaces and/or the garden volunteers would carry out a simple consultation with park users and, especially, with residents who share the boundary of the garden. The structures would be small in scale and mainly made of wood. The ones next to the club hut and within view of residents' gardens (at some times of the year) would be predominantly painted matt black for low aesthetic impact.

Incoming groups would be expected to not be noisy or routinely be in the garden during evenings.

The structures would be complementary to the new indoor community facilities proposed for the 'new' re-built pavilion across the park.

Proposal (f)

Accordia open space improvements

Suggested by Accordia Residents' Association

1. What sort of improvements do you have in mind?

Sustainable and non-recurring improvements to public open space on Accordia to enhance its value as an asset to local residents and office workers and safeguard this important green environment in the longer term. This is a parkland setting established and sustained by Richard Foster of Fosters Bank, and now passed on to the City Council for their stewardship.

Enhancement to planting, fencing and pathways alongside Hobson's Conduit to manage access by residents, particularly children whilst ensuring maximum environmental benefit and protection.

- New tree planting to ensure replacement specimens are established now in the already mature tree belts on the estate.
- Creating a continuous evergreen hedge border along the eastern border (adjacent to Shaftesbury Road) of the estate to enclose the tree and shrub belt.
- Other activities as agreed with the City's ecology and open spaces experts, particularly to enhance attractiveness and ensure long-term sustainability of the drainage swales in front of the apartment blocks along the western (Hobson's Brook) border as far as the nuclear bunker.

2. Why is this project needed?

The City Council has adopted a large area of mature and newly created open space on Accordia. This is unlike most other public open space in the city and presents a challenge in the long term. It is an important, but fragile asset with many rare, mature tree specimens dating from the original Brooklands Estate and a long border with Hobson's Brook. Most of the residential properties on the estate have no private garden, only terrace space, so the shared public green spaces are, in effect, a garden for residents. In addition, the estate is now within a short walk of further new residential and office developments (eg Kaleidoscope, Government Office and CB1) that have virtually no public open space and it is obvious that nearby residents and office workers increasingly make use of and appreciate the beauty of Accordia. When completed in 2018 the Cambridge Assessment development off Shaftesbury Road will mean an additional *several thousand* office workers are within a couple of minutes' walk of the estate. Given that no natural environment stays the same but continues to mature, develop – and degrade, this project can focus on meaningful improvements to the green spaces which are beyond the current resources and budget of the City Council, in order to retain and enhance the environmental quality of this well-used landscape and ensure it can continue to serve local populations well into the future.

3. How would local communities within Cambridge benefit?

An additional aim of the project would be to engage with residents of Accordia in options and actions in order to strengthen community ownership of, and respect for, the shared green spaces. There are already regular and popular Green Gym sessions on the estate

which help connect residents to the green spaces and involve them directly in maintenance and tidying tasks, but there is a need to sustain these in the longer term and engage with new residents as properties change hands. This project will therefore have an important awareness-raising function. Inevitably, if the open spaces look as though they are cared for, residents and visitors will value and respect them more.

4. Have any preparations/discussions taken place about this?

Discussions among residents have been going on for some months. Representatives of the residents' association (ACRA) have walked the site with the City's Ecology, Tree and Asset and Project Officers to assess a number of possible actions which would fit the eligibility criteria.

5. Any opposition / potential issues? How might this be overcome?

No.

Proposal (h)

CB1 Mill Park improvements

Suggested by Brookgate. Information provided by the applicant has been summarised and adapted by council officers under the standard headings of the proposals form.

1. What sort of improvements do you have in mind?

In order of priority:

- **Park enhancements** (£90,834): To change Mill Park from 'kick about' space to urban park (i.e. inclusion of new paths to break up the space and reflect desire lines; and installation of the new raised 'corten' planters). This will facilitate the transformation of Mill Park and beneficial change in users' habits as the park will no longer be suitable for ball games, which was a source of some anti-social behaviour previously. This expenditure is fundamental to create the necessary physical changes to enhance use of the park for all.
- **Lighting** (£24,000): To improve lighting and amenity, principally in the 'pocket parks' between the residential blocks. This includes LED bollard lighting within the perimeter planting beds for the 'pocket parks' and LED uplighters for raised planters (3-7 per planter). This will allow the improvement of light levels as the first line of defence against anti-social behaviour to deter undesirable activities. A contribution towards improved lighting measures would certainly enhance the proposed urban park but would not be transformational undertaken on its own.
- **Irrigation** (£33,390): To install an automated irrigation system to ensure the grassed area and planters within the park remain in top condition. Irrigation systems can be retro-fitted if monies become available; therefore delaying this element is an option if it allows the Committee to look more favourably on the larger capital cost of park enhancements.

The budget information submitted in support of the S.106 funding shows an overall total budget of £148,224. We appreciate funding may not be available for the full package at the outset. Whilst ideally these works should be undertaken together, phasing of works is an option to reduce the overall grant request.

2. Why is this project needed?

Brookgate are keen to improve the landscape design of the park to make it more appropriate for its mixed use built surroundings and better suited **for all users** of the park - both local residents and office workers, as well as those passing through - without attracting anti-social behaviour which has been experienced to date.

3. How would local communities within Cambridge benefit?

The landscape proposals seek to improve and enhance Mill Park, making it more accessible, creating a safer environment to meet the needs of all who live, work, study and visit Cambridge. This will make the space more desirable for people to use and enjoy as an informal recreation area. The space is not only used by CB1 residents and office workers but by a much wider community - principally commuters to/from the station and busway drawn from a wide radius but also school children, students, mothers & babies,

joggers etc dependant on time of day.

The land is designated as public open space in perpetuity (unless otherwise agreed by the Council) and therefore *is available to all* whether living/working locally or from further afield in Cambridge.

The original intent of the space for informal 'kick about' can be accommodated elsewhere if Mill Park amenity is enhanced. The City provides recreational spaces throughout Cambridge - in particular Coleridge Recreation ground is a short walk away from CB1 and has recently been upgraded. The presence of these facilities can be communicated to target groups (e.g. incoming student population resident at accommodation in CB1) so ensuring those groups wanting to play ball games are fully aware of alternative spaces and not disadvantaged.

4. Have any preparations/discussions taken place about this?

Discussions with Planners and Urban Growth Project Manager. Planning application has been submitted – outcome awaited.

5. Any issues to be aware of?

The land is vested in CB1 Management Company Limited but responsibility for the original landscape works was passed to Hill as part of their original Development Agreement with Brookgate.

Separate from the application for S106 funding, Hill has started to remedy the current defects in Mill Park (compaction of subsoils has restricted the grass sward). This involves removing the turf, breaking up the underlying compaction and preparing the soil before re-seeding. The seeded area will then be watered and maintained whilst the new grass establishes. Throughout this period (potentially up to 12 months) the park will be fenced off and not available for public use.

Once Hill's remedial works are successfully completed, CB1 will take back control and maintenance of the land. We therefore hope to proceed with landscape enhancement works once Hill's maintenance period for the proposed remedial works ends in Summer 2018. This still relies on grant of planning consent for the landscape enhancement scheme and a positive outcome to the request for S.106 funds.

Proposal (h)

Footpath improvements between Coe Fen and Chaucer Lane/Latham Close

Suggested by local resident

1. What sort of improvements do you have in mind?

The path is in need of resurfacing and permanent drainage. It is also in need of lights. With effective, permanent drainage a gravel surface could be used. Alternatively, asphalt could be used. There is no lighting at all for the path. Motion detecting lights placed low to the ground at regular intervals would be effective. Alternatively, correctly positioned street lights at the path's entrances and exits might provide sufficient light.

2. Why is this project needed?

The path gets extremely muddy, making it difficult and unpleasant to walk or cycle on. It is often wet and remains muddy for long periods after rain. This makes it difficult to push a pram on and impossible for anyone in a wheelchair to use. Lack of lights makes it even more difficult and unsafe to use after dark. The path is narrow with high sides so is particularly dark. This is a safety concern, particularly as it is used by many school children to access the nearby sports fields.

3. How would local communities within Cambridge benefit?

The path is used every day by Cambridge residents, local school children and visitors to the area. People park nearby and use the path to access the nearby sports fields and play area, walk their dogs, access town, the Botanic Gardens and other Cambridge sites.

4. Have any preparations/discussions taken place about this?

I believe the neighbourhood association and The Leys School have discussed the condition of the path. However, as far as I am aware, it seems unclear who is responsible for maintenance of this path.

5. Any opposition / potential issues? How might this be overcome?

I have no doubt anyone using the path regularly would welcome making it usable and safe. It is possible that homeowners directly adjacent to the path might object to lights. This possible objection could be overcome by placing motion sensor lights low to the ground so that they would only come on when necessary and would not shine onto any properties. Alternatively, lights correctly positioned at entrances and exits of the path might work.

Proposal (j)

Empty Common community garden meeting hut

Suggested by the Treasurer of Empty Common Community Garden

1. What sort of improvements do you have in mind?

To build a meeting hut. To improve the versatility of the garden with somewhere dry that people can use for workshops, meetings, social events etc.

This is our blog where you can see the things we get up to

<http://emptycommongarden.blogspot.co.uk/>

This is a short video of an event we did for Cambridge's "Festival of Change" which was luckily on a day with good weather

http://emptycommongarden.blogspot.co.uk/2016_01_01_archive.html

This is a summary of our 2015-2016 year.

<http://emptycommongarden.blogspot.co.uk/2016/10/our-review-for-2015-2016.html>

2. Why is this project needed?

At the moment we are doing a lot more than growing fruit, vegetables and flowers. We are growing a community and also connections with other groups. On top of this we are educating people about various environmental issues. We are providing a green space for an area which has been, and still is being, built on. Many of our participants are from the local housing such as Accordia, Kaleidoscope, the new Trumpington developments etc.

3. How would local communities within Cambridge benefit?

We desperately need a simple space where people can be under cover and meet in town but in a garden and green area which is ideal for those promoting environmentally sound living and those wanting to be in an informal green space.

4. Have any preparations/discussions taken place about this?

We have discussed this and want to make it with sections which display environmentally sound forms of building, for example materials such as hempcrete. The building of the hut would ideally be an educational process with workshops allowing people to help in the building and learn skills, For example how to build in cob, wattle and daub etc.

5. Any opposition / potential issues? How might this be overcome?

No

Proposal (k)

Trumpington noticeboards

Suggested by Trumpington Residents' Association

1. What sort of improvements do you have in mind?

Notice boards in the established and new open spaces in Trumpington.

As a result of the major housing developments currently coming to completion in Trumpington, there are a large number of open spaces in both the established parts of the village and the new developments. We are proposing a series of community notice boards which will enhance the value of these open spaces and support community development and the well-being of residents. We believe that this proposal fits well with the role of S106 funding to support improvements in 'informal open spaces'. The proposal is being submitted by the Trumpington Residents' Association (TRA), with support from across the community.

At present, there are only a few outdoor notice boards in the Trumpington area and we believe it would be very beneficial to install new notice boards at a number of additional locations. We envisage these notice boards being used by residents and local groups to more actively promote the open spaces, community activities and community involvement. They could include information about the open space and the immediate area and links to sources of fuller information. They could promote awareness of the open space and its surroundings and, where appropriate, its biodiversity, history, etc., and any activities taking place in the open space. The notice boards would be relevant to all residents and particularly residents who have limited access to online information.

In 2010, the Trumpington Residents' Association, the City Council and others collaborated to place a notice board on the green by the Anstey Way shops (purchased for £1350 plus VAT, installed by the City Rangers). Other than that, there are just a few Council notice boards, plus one at the Consort Avenue entrance to the Trumpington Meadows development and a few others. We are not aware of any plans to install notice boards as part of the planning applications for the major developments. In the case of Hobson's Park, we understand that the reserved matters planning applications for the southern area and the NEAP in the northern area include signage and information panels and do not include notice boards.

We are therefore proposing around 13 notice boards at locations to be decided in consultation with local residents but such as:

King George V Playing Field

Trumpington Community Orchard, off Foster Road

Trumpington Meadows:

- 'Anstey View' open space/play area
- Open space/play area off Kestrel Rise

Glebe Farm:

- Central play area/open space

Clay Farm:

- Hobson Square (including Virido): near the Clay Farm Centre
- Hobson's Park: access route to the park by the busway junction

- Hobson's Park/Community Gardens: access route to the park through the Community Gardens
- Northern area (Aura, Halo): open space near Wingate Way or green space near the Lime Avenue/Long Road junction
- 'School Square' opposite Trumpington Community College
- Southern area (Abode): open space between Trumpington Park Primary School and Hobson's Park
- Southern area (Abode): the green space at the corner of Hobson Avenue/Hobson Road or the green space at the Addenbrooke's Road/Hobson Avenue roundabout
- Southern area (Abode, Paragon, Seven Acres): open space at the Whittington Road/Cromwell Road junction

In the case of Hobson Square, we believe there is a need for a large-scale notice board in the open space in the Square, that could promote the square and be used by residents and also to raise awareness of the activities within the Clay Farm Centre, as a central focus for Trumpington.

The existing notice board on Anstey Way is two sided and we think this is a good model for the new notice boards: one side enclosed behind polycarbonate, with a key needed to open it and change the information; and the other side unglazed with a pin board.

We envisage the overall management of the notice boards being the responsibility of the TRA but with each of them having a local coordinator who would be responsible for holding one of the keys and occasionally checking the content and also adding local information. In areas where there is a local residents' group, the local coordinator would ideally be drawn from that group. In a number of cases, it should also be possible to have a key held at a nearby community centre, school or shop. (In the case of the Anstey Way notice board, one key is held by the local Post Office and the other by a TRA member.)

If it is established that the developers are committed to providing notice boards at some of the locations noted above, we suggest that their subsequent management and use could fall into a similar approach.

In the limited time available to develop this application, we have consulted widely with local groups and residents and a number of City Council officers. We hope it will be possible to work up the ideas and budget with the relevant officers.

The potential costs are for the notice boards themselves and for their installation.

As an indication of the unit cost of notice boards, the example on Anstey Way was purchased for £1350 plus VAT in 2010 and we have a current estimate for a similar design of £1500 plus VAT (from Greenbarnes Ltd, www.greenbarnes.co.uk/). If it is assumed that the majority of the notice boards are similar to the one on Anstey Way, with one or two possibly smaller in scale and the one on Hobson Square at least double in scale, the overall purchase cost might be c. £22,000 plus VAT, with the opportunity of a bulk discount, etc.

We assume that the installation options and costs would be assessed by Council officers and that the installation may be carried out by the developers or the Council.

2. Why is this project needed?

The number of homes and the population in Trumpington is growing at an unprecedented rate. With building work in the major housing developments continuing for another 3 or 4 years, by the year 2020 a high proportion of local residents will be new to the area. While

the established parts of the village and the new developments include excellent open spaces and play areas, they lack notice boards which could be used to encourage the use of the space.

At a City Council workshop about community development in Trumpington held in September 2016, there was a recognition of the need to get information about community issues, local activities and local groups out to residents, including less mobile residents, the disadvantaged and those without good online access. There are community initiatives, local classes and local groups which are failing to reach their potential audiences, and the potential for new groups to become established, all of which would benefit from a wider availability of notice boards.

3. How would local communities within Cambridge benefit?

The availability of a network of notice boards would improve public awareness of the open spaces and their use and of community developments, activities, classes, local issues and concerns. They would provide a focus for a local area and a good opportunity to encourage local volunteering through the care of the notice boards (key holders, checking content, cleaning, etc.). There would be an opportunity for the TRA and the volunteers involved in caring for the notice boards to take part in the time credits scheme. The information on the notice boards would be particularly useful to residents who have limited access to online information.

4. Have any preparations/discussions taken place about this?

The ideas have evolved as a result of discussions with local residents, councillors and a number of officers. The local residents who have been consulted include members of the Trumpington Residents' Association, coordinators of local groups within the new developments and other local groups including Trumpington Community Orchard and Trumpington Local History Group. The local City and County Councillors were also consulted at an early stage in our thinking (Nick Avery, Zoe O'Connell, Donald Adey, Barbara Ashwood). The officers who have been involved in the process include the Trumpington Neighbourhood Team, the Clay Farm Centre Manager and the Open Spaces team.

5. Any opposition / potential issues? How might this be overcome?

None that we are aware of.

Proposal (I)

Trumpington Rec Ground trim rail and outdoor fitness equipment

Suggested by Trumpington Residents' Association

1. What sort of improvements do you have in mind?

We believe it would be very beneficial to establish a trim trail with one or two groups of outdoor exercise/fitness equipment at King George V Playing Field, suitable for use by able and disabled teenagers and adults. The new developments include excellent play areas for young children but very little for teenagers and adults. We are aware that an active recreation area is being constructed in the northern part of Hobson's Park and we strongly support this plan, but we understand that this focuses on a trim trail with dispersed fitness stations and we note it will be a considerable distance from the western and central parts of Trumpington (NEAP planning application, 15/1829/REM).

We very much hope that our proposal will be considered under the 'informal open space' and 'provision for children and teenagers' criteria. We understand from councillors and officers that this type of equipment may be regarded as a sports provision item but we would argue that the proposal would be a significant enhancement to the facilities at King George V Playing Field and this S106 round seems an timely opportunity to take it forward, while Hobson's Park is still under development and the population is growing so quickly.

We envisage a trail with one or two groups of equipment concentrated near to each other, as with the facility at Nightingale Park. This includes two areas with 5 and 9 items of equipment, supplied by HAGS (www.hags.com, see www.hags.com/products/sport-and-fitness/60-fitness).

We have not identified the potential cost and hope that officers will be able to advise on this.

2. Why is this project needed?

The pending facilities in the NEAP on Hobson's Park and the newly opened sports facilities at Trumpington Community College (Trumpington Sport) are very welcome resources but we believe it would be valuable to have the additional outdoor equipment proposed in this application. The NEAP on Hobson's Park will be a considerable distance from the western and central parts of Trumpington. The facilities at the Community College have specific opening hours and we appreciate that Trumpington Sport has to charge its users. Access to free fitness and active lifestyle equipment can improve people's health and wellbeing. We understand that research undertaken for the NHS 'get fit for free' campaign shows that exercising outdoors boosts people's physical and mental health more than going to indoor gyms, even in winter. Also, the cost of attending regular classes and fitness groups can be prohibitive to those on restricted or low incomes.

3. How would local communities within Cambridge benefit?

This equipment would give an opportunity for local residents to improve their fitness.

If suitable equipment was available, initiatives such as complimentary fitness groups, boot-camps and sofa-5K classes could be encouraged to become established in the local area,

with support from the Neighbourhood Team and the Sports Development Officer. This has proved to be a successful model to kick-start support for new classes launched at the Trumpington Meadows Country Park, where buggy-fit is now a self-sustaining group run by a Cambridge resident.

4. Have any preparations/discussions taken place about this?

The ideas have evolved as a result of discussions with local residents, councillors and a number of officers. The local residents who have been consulted include members of the Trumpington Residents' Association and other local groups. The local City and County Councillors were also consulted at an early stage in our thinking (Nick Avery, Zoe O'Connell, Donald Adey, Barbara Ashwood). The officers who have been involved in the process include the Trumpington Neighbourhood Team (Vicky Haywood and Kelly Smith). We have also had advice from the Sports Development officers and the Clay Farm Centre Manager. The manager of Trumpington Pavilion has also been involved.

5. Any opposition / potential issues? How might this be overcome?

None that we are aware of.

Proposal (m)

Trumpington Rec Ground play area improvements for over 8 year olds

Suggested by ChYpPs on behalf of local children

1. What sort of improvements do you have in mind?

New climbing frame to challenge children with a large slide and monkey bars
Trampoline x2 (wheelchair accessible)
Climbing wall
Fitness equipment
Children would also love to see a new half pipe ramp.
Currently the electronic equipment is broken (this is something that has been reported to the correct department).

2. Why is this project needed?

Trumpington Pavilion is accessed by local children from the surrounding area and Trumpington Recreation is a large and central space next to the Pavilion that children from all areas of Trumpington can meet and play.

More challenging equipment would encourage children outside with or without their parents and play with other children. Through play children are able to have exercise, make new friendships and learn what their own boundaries are.

3. How would local communities within Cambridge benefit?

Children have spoken to Council Officers and requested new and improved play equipment to make the park more welcoming and more challenging. They will be able to have free and independent play- increasing exercise and making new friends at a more welcoming park.

Having a park so close to Trumpington Pavilion which is a well-used facility by the 'old' and 'new' areas of Trumpington enables children from all areas of Trumpington to use the space and bring the community together in an informal way.

4. Have any preparations/discussions taken place about this?

Cambridge City Council's ChYpPS Team have been consulting with children in the local area and listening to how we can improve their local park.
Other suggestions from children also included a maze, 'better equipment', spider web swing, table tennis table.

5. Any opposition / potential issues? How might this be overcome?

No.

Proposal (n)

Trumpington Rec pavilion and Clay Farm Centre outdoor area improvements

Suggested by Trumpington Residents' Association

1. What sort of improvements do you have in mind?

This application is one of three being submitted by the Trumpington Residents' Association (TRA). It proposes additional equipment to improve the usability of outdoor areas at Trumpington Pavilion and Hobson Square/Clay Farm Centre.

The TRA has had experience of managing Trumpington Pavilion since 2009, including its use for many activities involving young children, such as local community events and soft play sessions. The Pavilion has a patio to the rear which opens onto the open space of King George V Playing Field. This environment has proved to be an excellent venue for open air activities but has the disadvantage that it is not enclosed. We are therefore proposing a package of improvements which would enable users to more fully benefit from the patio.

We are looking forward to the opening of Hobson Square and the Clay Farm Centre and believe that similar facilities would be valuable in the Square but which we understand are not included in the current plans (13/0912/REM). Some of the groups using the Centre will be keen to take their activities into the outdoor space of the square. The Square includes a Plaza Space which is adjacent to the Hobson Avenue/Lime Avenue spine road which will be used by cars and by bus services. The Plaza Space should prove to be an attractive area but with the disadvantage that it is open, which will constrain its use by groups with young children.

We believe this proposal is relevant to both the 'informal open space' and the 'provision for children and teenagers criteria'.

Portable fencing for activities and small-scale events

It would be valuable to have two sets of movable interlocking plastic fencing that could be used to zone off parts of the patio at Trumpington Pavilion and the Plaza Space at Hobson Square. It should be emphasised that this would not be a permanent fence, but would be put in place when needed. It would be used for activities such as reading groups and outdoor children's groups. It would need to be attractive and able to be stored within the Pavilion and Clay Farm Centre. Examples include 'kiddie trains', which are a series of interlocking plastic panels with the outline of a steam train.

Soft play equipment suitable for outdoor use

Users of Trumpington Pavilion and the Clay Farm Centre would also benefit from two sets of mats and soft play equipment that could be used in the outdoor areas and also indoors. Activities such as soft play are very popular at community centres including the Pavilion.

Overhead screening such as gazebos

In addition, it would be very beneficial for users, particularly those involving youngsters, to have a gazebo or similar facility that could give basic protection from wind and wet weather and screening from summer sun. These would need to be portable and able to be erected on hard surfaces rather than grass.

The facilities at Trumpington Pavilion would be the responsibility of the Pavilion manager and stored in the Pavilion. The facilities at Hobson Square would be the responsibility the Clay Farm Centre manager and stored in the Centre.

As an indication of the potential costs:

- 'Kiddie train' fencing, including sets with 4 interlocking panels (4 meters each set), plus posts and foot bases: Trumpington Pavilion: £1800 plus VAT (6 sets of panels); Hobson Square/Clay Farm Centre: £2300 plus VAT (8 sets of panels)
- Soft play equipment, including box plus tumbling mats and groundsheet: c. £900 plus VAT at each venue
- Gazebos, including heavy duty gazebo and weights: £700 plus VAT at each venue

2. Why is this project needed?

At present, there are limitations in the ways young children can use the outdoor area around Trumpington Pavilion, due to it being open to the surrounding field and with no shelter. A similar situation will apply at Hobson Square when the Clay Farm Centre opens, with none of the square having an enclosed space or shelter.

The facilities described in this proposal would increase the usability of the open area around Trumpington Pavilion and the usability of the Clay Farm Centre and Hobson Square. They would enable local community groups to make greater use of the outdoor areas, giving them more options on how and where they meet for a more diverse range of activities to take place.

3. How would local communities within Cambridge benefit?

The fencing, soft play equipment and shelter at Trumpington Pavilion and the Clay Farm Centre/Hobson Square would enhance the usability of the centres and the open spaces, and particularly the safety of young children.

They would provide more options when it comes to when and where groups can meet. They would enable the centres to develop a better programme of activities to get different people together. By providing a temporary enclosed area with shelter, they would provide safer spaces for children than will otherwise be the case.

4. Have any preparations/discussions taken place about this?

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5. Any opposition / potential issues? How might this be overcome?

None that we are aware of.