

Item

S106 FUNDING ROUND 2020: PLAY AREAS AND OPEN SPACES



To:

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Wards affected: All, particularly Cherry Hinton, Coleridge, East Chesterton, Market, Queen Edith's, Trumpington, West Chesterton

Key Decision

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Council uses S106 contributions paid by developers to mitigate the impact of developments on facilities and amenities in Cambridge. In line with the arrangements for annual S106 funding rounds agreed by the Executive Councillor in March 2019, the Council invited proposals from community groups and local residents for improving play areas and open spaces within the city as part of the 2020 round.
- 1.2 In view of the Covid-19 lockdown last spring, applications for the 2020 S106 funding round were invited over an extended period (from mid-March to the end of July 2020). Fifteen proposals relating to play areas and open spaces were received and have been assessed against the Council's agreed S106 selection criteria and in the context of the uneven spread across the city of the remaining generic S106 funds still available. This report summarises those applications and assessments and includes recommendations for allocating S106 funding to nine projects.

2. Recommendations

The Executive Councillor is recommended to allocate the following types of S106 funding to the projects listed below, subject to business case approval (see Section 4 and Appendix C for more details).

	Project
N1	Chesterton Rec Ground wheel-sport facility (East Chesterton ward): an additional £20,000 (informal open space).
N2	Five Trees open space: wildflower and tree planting (East Chesterton): £5,000 (informal open space)
N3	Pearl Close play area & open space improvements (East Chesterton): £2,900 (play) and £3,000 (informal open space)
E1	Tree planting in open spaces in Coleridge ward: £13,000 (informal open space)
S3	Nightingale Avenue Rec footpath improvements (Queen Edith's ward): an additional £10,000 (informal open space)
S4	Landscaping for new Nightingale Rec Ground Pavilion (Queen Edith's): £10,000 (informal open space)
S5	Trumpington Rec Ground boundary landscaping (Trumpington): £70,000 (informal open space)
S6	Accordia open space improvements: installation of drainage swales and biodiversity information boards (Trumpington): £5,000 (informal open space)
WC1	Parker's Piece tree planting (Market): provisional allocation until June 2022 of £9,900 (informal open space) towards the wider project costs (see paragraph 4.3c).

3. Context

- 3.1. The Council has secured off-site S106 funding from developers to help mitigate the impact of local development. Prior to regulation changes in April 2015, most contributions agreed were broad-based or generic (for the provision or improvement of particular types of infrastructure in the city). Since then, all new S106 agreements have been for specific projects. See www.cambridge.gov.uk/our-approach-to-s106 for an overview of the Council's approach to the use of S106 funding.

- 3.2 The Council runs annual S106 funding rounds to identify appropriate use of the generic S106 funding still available. The 2020 S106 funding round covers improvements to play areas and open spaces (the focus of this report) and community facilities (being reported to the Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee on 1 October 2020).
- 3.3 A 'golden rule' is that S106 funding has to be used for its intended purposes. Here are some examples of eligible project spend for the S106 contribution types being addressed in this report.
- a. 'Provision for children and teenagers' S106 contributions can be used for play equipment for children/teenagers and safety surfacing in Council play areas.
 - b. 'Informal open space' S106 contributions can be used on the following types of spend within the city's parks and green spaces: paths, landscaping (including skate / wheel-sports parks], fencing/gates, lighting related to the open space itself, signposting, trees/shrubs, drainage, habitat creation, benches, bins, and noticeboards.
- 3.4 Running annual S106 funding rounds enables the Council to make timely uses of the generic S106 funding left available, within S106 expiry or 'use-by' dates. At the same time, there is a recognition that the Covid-19 lockdown and resulting work pressures for the Streets & Open Spaces team means that many of the S106-funded projects from the 2019 round are still on-going. Appendix A provides an update on those projects and sets out revised project delivery timescales – with many now expected to be completed by the end of March 2021.
- 3.5 All wards in Cambridge have benefitted from the provision or improvement of play areas and open spaces, funded by local S106 contributions. However, as mentioned in previous S106 funding reports, the availability of the remaining generic S106 funds is limited and unevenly spread across the city.
- a. This reflects differences across the city in the amount and scale of:
 - (i) housing development per ward and (ii) S106-funded projects (completed or being developed) per ward to mitigate the impact of development.
 - b. In many cases, S106 contributions from a ward is spent in the same ward. However, as the purpose of S106 funding is to mitigate the impact of local development, it is sometimes appropriate for funds

from one ward to be spent on providing or improving nearby (or strategic) play areas and open spaces in another ward.

- c. Consistent with all previous S106 funding rounds, the 2020 generic S106 funding rounds has only been able to seek project proposals from those wards that still have S106 funding locally.

Table 1: S106 funding availability by ward

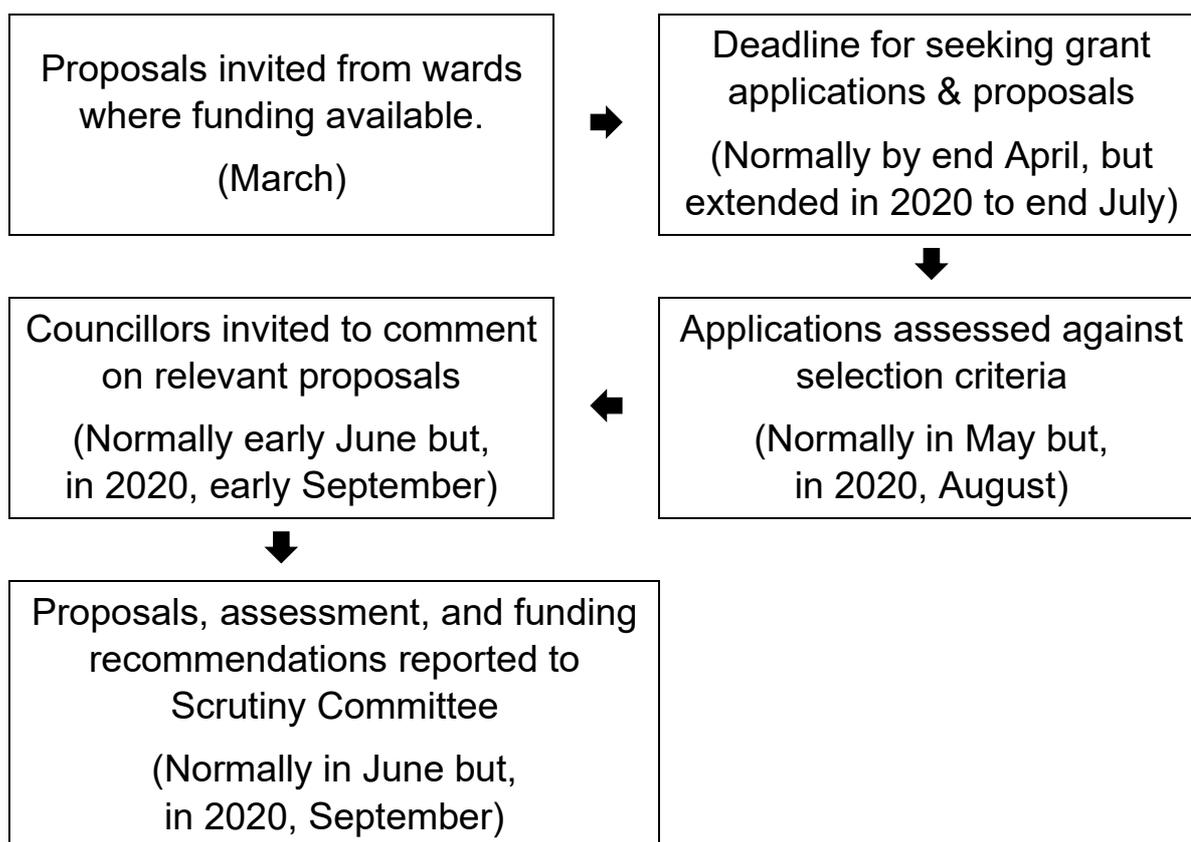
Wards	Generic S106 funds for	
	Play provision	Informal open spaces
NORTH AREA		
Arbury	Below £5,000	None
East Chesterton	Below £5,000	£7,000
West Chesterton	Below £5,000	£23,000
King's Hedges	None	None
EAST AREA		
Abbey	Below £5,000	None
Coleridge	£32,000	£34,000
Petersfield	None	None
Romsey	None	Below £5,000
SOUTH AREA		
Cherry Hinton	None	None
Queen Edith's ¹	£5,000	£21,000
Trumpington	£100,000	£72,000
WEST / CENTRAL AREA		
Castle ward	None	None
Market ward	None	£9,000 (almost £10,000)
Newnham ward	None	None

1. Informal open space S106 funding in Queen Edith's ward has been reduced by £1,000 to allow for the provision of a gate at Holbrook Road play area. Although suggested in the 2020 round (see S2 in appendix C), it has been incorporated into play area improvements being delivered following the 2019 S106 funding round.

3.6 Table 1, on the previous page, sets out current generic S106 funding availability² by ward. This is much the same as the March 2020 analysis featured on the Council’s website throughout the 2020 S106 funding round. This focussed attention on primarily seeking proposals for improving play areas in/near Coleridge and Trumpington wards; and open spaces in or near the Chesterton wards, Coleridge, Queen Edith’s and Trumpington.

3.7 The arrangements for annual funding rounds for play area and open space improvements were agreed by the Executive Councillor following a report to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 21 March 2019. This process was followed for the 2020 round, albeit that it was extended in the context of the Coronavirus lockdown:

Table 2: Timescales for annual generic S106 funding round



2. Both this table and the earlier March 2020 analysis have taken account of the deallocation of £10,000 of informal open spaces S106 funds previously assigned to St Clement’s Churchyard open space improvements (Market ward) after it became clear that the project, as originally proposed, could no longer be delivered.

3.8 The process has been publicised via the Council's website, social media, and news releases. Subject to local S106 funding availability, local ward councillors were invited to put forward eligible proposals for its use and asked to encourage local groups also to put forward eligible proposals. The S106 funding round guidance (including agreed selection criteria), which accompanied the application form, is set out in Appendix B.

4. Assessment of proposals received in the 2020 S106 funding round

4.1 The fifteen play area or open space improvements proposals have been assessed against the Council's agreed S106 selection criteria (see Appendix C)³. The comments made by local Members on eligible proposals relating to their part of the city can be found in Appendix D.

4.2 Of those 15 proposals, six have been discounted through the assessment process:

- a. Two are not eligible for the play provision or informal open space S106 funding available in the 2020 round⁴
 - Cambridge North railway bridge mural (N4)
 - Ferry Path / Ferry landing improvements (N5)
- b. Two are already being addressed as part of projects already prioritised as part of the 2019 S106 funding round
 - Chestnut Grove Rec Ground bench (N6)
 - Holbrook Road play area improvements (S2)
- c. One (Cherry Hinton skate park improvements, S1) is not affordable from the informal open spaces S106 funding available locally
- d. Officers advise deferring funding for Coleridge Rec Ground footpath improvements (E2) until it can be considered alongside other local improvements being scoped for Coleridge Rec Ground next year, in order to ensure a joined-up approach (not cutting across each other).

4.3 The nine remaining proposals would represent eligible uses of the S106 funding available and, subject to the following three points, can be afforded from available S106 contributions in relevant parts of the city.

3. The reference numbers for the play area and informal open spaces proposals in this report are based on the area of the city that they are from (e.g., West/Central [WC]).

4. In addition, some repair and maintenance works included in the Accordia open space improvement proposals (S6) would also be ineligible for S106 funding. However, two suggested improvements would be eligible.

- a. The recommendation in section 2 to allocate £2,900 of play provision S106 funding to the Pearl Close proposal in East Chesterton (N3) represents the full amount of local generic S106 funding available.
- b. Officer estimates of the likely costs of the Trumpington Rec Ground boundary landscaping proposal (S5) and the installation of drainage swales and biodiversity information boards at the Accordia development (S6) indicate that these might exceed that availability of generic informal space S106 funding from Trumpington ward. However, this can be overcome by making use of some or all of a specific S106 contribution received for open space improvement (including landscaping at King George V playing field [i.e. Trumpington Rec Ground]). As a result, both proposals S5 and S6 seem affordable.
- c. The overall cost of the Parker's Piece tree planting project (WC1) is estimated at £18,000. Whilst this is more than the £9,900 or so available from Market ward, this contribution would still be helpful and could enable the Council to secure match funding from other external sources. Section 2 of this report recommends that this S106 funding be provisionally allocated to the project until June 2022. If the remaining funding cannot be found by then and the wider project cannot progress, the provisional allocation would need to be reviewed and, possibly reallocated. That said, officers are confident that this project is realistic and achievable.

5. Implications

5.1 **Financial implications:** This report has taken account of both:

- a. the eligibility and affordability of the proposals being recommended in the 2020 S106 funding round, alongside compliance with the three statutory tests for the use of S106 funding; and
- b. whether any currently allocated or unallocated S106 contributions in the 'play provision' or 'informal open space' S106 contribution types are at imminent risk in terms of expiry or 'use by' dates.
 - i. Most of the proposals received in 2020 S106 funding round have sought informal open space S106 funding. Of the £100,000 of generic play provision S106 funding in Trumpington ward, there is around £70,000 from a development near Cambridge Station, that needs to be contractually committed by October 2023. Whilst there is still plenty of time for this to be used, it would be useful

for proposals to come forward in the 2021 S106 funding round next spring, so that this funding could be allocated in the priority-setting report next June^{5,6}.

- ii. As mentioned in the play area and open spaces S106 report in March 2019, officers are also mindful that there is an £85,000 allocation of informal open space S106 funding from the 2015 S106 funding round for the improvement of the Coldham's Common BMX track. The oldest contributions assigned to this project need to be used by October 2023. The latest update is that the consultants appointed to assess the feasibility of the project are reviewing their findings and options prior to wider stakeholder engagement. Officers aim to report back to the relevant scrutiny committee in June 2021, with proposals and revised costs for the way forward, in order to ensure that the S106 contributions currently allocated can be used on time.
- c. The latest generic S106 funding availability figures included in Table 1 under paragraph 3.5 highlights a number of wards which have less than £5,000 of generic play provision or informal open space S106 funding available. Such sums could be put towards relevant projects in or near the ward for which specific S106 contributions are being collected in due course.

6.2 **Staffing implications:** The delivery of the prioritised projects will be managed within existing resources within the Streets & Open Spaces team.

6.3 **Equality and poverty implications:** The primary purpose of S106 funding is to mitigate the impact of development (not address pre-existing needs). The equality implications for particular S106-funded proposals are considered at the business case stage before projects are implemented.

6.4 **Other implications:** Climate change, community safety and other considerations are also addressed at the business case stage.

5. Consistent with paragraph 3.5b, these proposals for play area improvements may either be in the same ward as the development being mitigated or nearby in another ward.

6. The 2021 funding round is scheduled to revert to the normal timescales as set out in Table 2 under paragraph 3.7.

7. Consultation and communication considerations

- 7.1 The arrangements taken to publicise the 2020 funding round have been explained in paragraphs 3.7, 3.8 and 4.1 and Appendix D. Those proposals recommended for S106 funding, if approved, will be subject to further consultation as part of the business case process.

8. Background papers

Background papers used in the preparation of this report:

- 'S106 Funding: Next Steps (Streets and Open spaces)' report to Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee, 21 March 2019.
- 'Approach to S106 funding' briefing note, available at www.cambridge.gov.uk/our-approach-to-s106.
- 'Availability of S106 funding by ward for play areas and open spaces', Cambridge City Council, March 2020.
- S106 project proposals received during the 2020 S106 funding round for play provision and informal open space S106 contributions.

9. Appendices

- Appendix A: Progress made on 2019 S106 funding round priorities
- Appendix B: S106 guidance for proposing improvements to play areas and open spaces in Cambridge: 2020 S106 funding round
- Appendix C: Summary of 2020 S106 proposals and officer assessments: play areas and open Spaces
- Appendix D: Summary of comments received from councillors on applications received in 2020 S106 funding round

10. Inspection of papers

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

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Appendix A: Progress made on 2019 S106 funding round prioritised projects

Funding decisions made by the Executive Councillor for Planning & Open Spaces: 25 June 2019.

2019 prioritised S106-funded projects	S106 allocated		Update (Anticipated delivery timescales include assumptions about Covid-19 and weather permitting)
	Play area	Open space	
Logan's Meadow: provide more benches and bins	-	£7,500	Public consultation in September/October on outline concept for Logan's Meadow extension. Includes proposals for bin and bench provision.
Bramblefields local nature reserve: more planting	-	£7,500	Public consultation planned for November/December 2020.
Arbury Court play area: landscaping & equipment	£15,000	£15,000	Business case approved. Tendering process under way. Public consultation planned in November/December. Anticipated delivery by end March 2021.
Jubilee Gardens: improved access, landscaping, planting, and seating	-	£40,000	Project details being developed. Business case to be considered by Spring 2021, prior to anticipated delivery in Summer 2021. See Appendix E for comments from Councillor Sargeant. Officers consider the current level of funding to be sufficient.
Chestnut Grove Play Area: benches and bins	-	£7,500	Anticipated delivery by end March 2021.
Thorpe Way Rec Ground: new footpath	-	£15,000	Anticipated delivery by end March 2021.

	S106 allocated		
2019 prioritised S106-funded projects	Play area	Open space	Update (Anticipated delivery timescales include assumptions about Covid-19 and weather permitting)
Robert May Close play area: equipment and benches	£35k	£5,000	Business case approved. Tendering process under way. Public consultation planned in November/December. Anticipated delivery by end March 2021.
Cherry Hinton Hall play area improvements (incl. accessible play equipment & landscaping)	£90k	£60,000	Business case approved. Contract awarded. Anticipated delivery by end January 2021.
Holbrook Road play area: additional equipment & bench	£46k	£1,000	Business case approved. Tendering process under way. Public consultation planned in November/December. Anticipated delivery by end March 2021. Will incorporate suggestion S2 in the 2020 S106 round for a play area new gate (see footnote 1 of main report and Appendix D).
Nightingale Avenue Rec Ground: new all-weather footpath between car park and community garden	-	£15,000	Will be taken forward alongside proposal S3 in the 2020 S106 round for further footpath improvements, assuming the recommendation for £10,000 of additional funding is agreed. The business case will be reported in spring 2021.
Nightingale Avenue Rec Ground community garden: accessible poly-tunnel		£1,500	Purchased and currently being erected by volunteer group.
Consort Way play area: fencing	-	£30,000	Cost estimates reduced following further scoping of project. Order placed. Expected by end October 2020.

2019 prioritised S106-funded projects	S106 allocated		Update (Anticipated delivery timescales include assumptions about Covid-19 and weather permitting)
	Play area	Open space	
Jesus Green: new wildflower meadow	-	£18,000	Completed. Laid as turf in March 2020, with full flower in first year. First cut & collect by volunteer team in mid-September. Perennial mix, so will flower year-on-year with single autumn cut & collect.
Jesus Green ditch: improve landscaping & biodiversity	-	£53,000	Technical analysis commissioned to inform design for public consultation in November/December 2020.
Jesus Green: ecological/ educational space	-	£7,000	To be incorporated into Jesus Green ditch enhancement S106 project.
Jesus Green: BBQ area & signs, drinking water fountain	-	£12,500	BBQ area and signs complete. Drinking water fountain to be delivered by March 2021.
Midsummer Common community orchard: drinking water fountain	-	£2,500	Drinking water fountain to be delivered by March 2021.
Sheep's Green LNR: biodiversity bank improvements at Mill Pond	-	£22,000	Being taken forward alongside (non-S106 funded remedial works). S106 funding now being focused on enhancing adjacent ditches for fish nursery & water vole habitat.
'Bee banks' at parks in East Chesterton, Coleridge, Trumpington and Market wards	-	£5,000	Logan's Meadow Bee bank consultation complete. Installation is due in October 2020. Bramble field Bee bank is also due for consultation. Further bee bank proposals to be to be designed.

S106 guidance for proposing improvements to play areas and open spaces in Cambridge

2020 S106 funding round



The City Council is inviting proposals for improvements to public play areas and open spaces in those parts of the city where S106 funding is available locally.

Given the Coronavirus pandemic, the timescales for making an application in the 2020 S106 funding round have been extended until 30 July 2020 (three months later than the original deadline), in order to give community groups more time to work up their proposals. If you have any other queries, please email S106@cambridge.gov.uk.

The focus is now primarily on seeking proposals for improving:

- play areas in (or near) Coleridge and Trumpington wards; and
- open spaces in (or near) the Chesterton wards, Coleridge, Queen Edith's and Trumpington.

Please see the 'Mid-March 2020 estimates of generic S106 funding availability for play areas and open spaces', which can be found on the Council's [S106 priority-setting](#) web page.

As a rough guide, up to £25,000 could provide additional items of equipment and landscaping features. Up to £50,000 could help refurbish an existing small play area or open space. Similarly, up to £75,000 could help improve an existing medium-sized play area or open space and, over £75,000, an existing large play area or open space.

How to apply: Please complete the form on the next two pages and return it by 30 July 2020 by email (S106@cambridge.gov.uk) or by post to S106 Funding, Corporate Strategy, Cambridge City Council, PO Box 700, Cambridge, CB1 0JH.

Assessment process: Proposals will be assessed against the following selection criteria.

Proposals need to be:

- a. eligible for S106 funding (i.e., within the city of Cambridge and **not** for repairs, maintenance, like-for-like replacements nor running costs).
- b. affordable within the S106 funding available in the appropriate contribution type.
- c. about providing additional benefit.
- d. an effective use of resources (e.g., related to relevant Council strategies, such as the Outdoor Play Investment Strategy).
- e. accessible, in line with Council equalities policies.
- f. realistic, achievable & ready (i.e., deliverable within around 18 months of a funding decision);
- g. financially viable, with a robust business case and/or management plan.

For eligible proposals, council officers will scope out what might be possible within the S106 funding available locally. The views of relevant ward councillors will also be invited.

Note: there is a separate form (visit www.cambridge.gov.uk/s106-priority-setting) if you are looking to make a S106 community facilities grant application.

Updated: 29/6/20 (with new 30 July 2020 application deadline)

Appendix C: Summary of 2020 S106 proposals and officer assessments

	Summary of proposal	Officer assessment
NORTH AREA		
N1	<p>Chesterton Rec Ground wheel-sport facility (East Chesterton ward)</p> <p>Officer proposal seeking a further £20k, (alongside the £50k already allocated to the project) to design and build a modern and inclusive outdoor wheel-sports facility (for bikes, scooters, and skateboards).</p>	<p>This additional funding would allow this wheel-sports facility to be on a par with the one introduced at Trumpington Rec Ground last year. These improved proposals were requested by the scrutiny committee. The overall scheme costs could be afforded from contributions from East & West Chesterton and other nearby developments.</p> <p>Recommended S106 funding: £20,000 (informal open space)</p>
N2	<p>Five Trees open space planting (East Chesterton)</p> <p>Proposal from a local resident to improve the open space's biodiversity by introducing native wildflower areas and planting native tree and orchard species.</p>	<p>Meets the selection criteria and could be affordable from open space contributions available from East Chesterton ward.</p> <p>Recommended S106 funding: £5,000 (informal open space)</p>
N3	<p>Pearl Close play area & open space improvements (East Chesterton)</p> <p>Proposal from a local resident for new play equipment at the play park. Also, a community garden with fruit trees and raised beds, which disabled residents could use.</p>	<p>Meets the selection criteria and could be afforded from the open space contributions and 'minimal' play provision contributions available from East Chesterton ward.</p> <p>Recommended S106 funding: £2,900 (play provision) and £3,000 (informal open space)</p>

	Summary of proposal	Officer assessment
N4	<p>Cambridge North Railway Bridge mural (East Chesterton)</p> <p>Proposal from a local resident for a mural to cover current graffiti.</p>	Not eligible for the S106 funding available in the 2020 S106 funding round, which does not include public art.
N5	<p>Ferry Path and Ferry landing improvements (West Chesterton)</p> <p>Local residents propose to transform the mostly barren fence side of the Ferry Path and Ferry Landing into a strip of sustainable plants & flowers.</p>	Not eligible. Sounds a really interesting community proposal for this residential/ pedestrian area, but it would not meet the eligibility criteria for S106 open space funding. Officers are exploring whether any other sources of funding might be available instead.
N6	<p>Chestnut Grove Rec Ground bench (West Chesterton)</p> <p>Proposal from a local resident for repairing or replacing the bench at the recreation ground.</p>	Already in hand. £7,500 was allocated in the 2019 round for new benches & bins there.
EAST AREA		
E1	<p>Tree planting in open spaces in Coleridge (Coleridge ward)</p> <p>Officer proposal for high-quality tree-planting at Coleridge Rec Ground, Lichfield Road play area & St Thomas' Square play area.</p>	<p>Meets the selection criteria. Could be afforded from informal open space S106 contributions from Coleridge ward.</p> <p>Recommended S106 funding: £13,000 (informal open space)</p>

	Summary of proposal	Officer assessment
E2	<p>Coleridge Rec Ground footpath improvements (Coleridge)</p> <p>Officer proposal to widen and resurface some existing footways and create additional footways, giving easier all-year access to facilities.</p>	<p>Meets the selection criteria, BUT it would be advisable to defer making path improvements until this can be placed in the context of more detailed plans for improving the pavilion there (already allocated outdoor sports S106 funds), which are being developed for the 2021 round. This is in case of any changes to the pavilion 'footprint'.</p>
SOUTH AREA		
S1	<p>Cherry Hinton Rec Ground skatepark improvements (Cherry Hinton ward)</p> <p>Proposed by two skate park users seeking an extension of the skatepark and to remove the grass hump in the middle of the park. They suggest that this would create more space for skaters and provide a safer environment.</p>	<p>Not affordable. No informal open space S106 funds left from Cherry Hinton after the £400,000 Cherry Hinton Hall grounds improvements and the planned landscaping improvements as part of the Cherry Hinton Hall play area refurbishment (prioritised in the 2019 round): these schemes have also been funded from other parts of South Area.</p>
S2	<p>Holbrook Road play area gate (Queen Edith's ward)</p> <p>Proposal from the Children and Young People's Participation Service for a gate to the play area to ensure that children cannot run out into the busy road.</p>	<p>Already being addressed. As S106 funding was allocated in the 2019 round for improving Holbrook Road play area, this suggestion has already been incorporated into the business case for implementing that project.</p>

	Summary of proposal	Officer assessment
S3	<p>Nightingale Avenue Rec footpath improvements: (Queen Edith's ward)</p> <p>Officer proposal to improve & reconfigure footways and add new ones to allow easier access to facilities.</p>	<p>Meets all the selection criteria. This would be in addition to the £15,000 allocated in the 2019 round for a new all-weather footpath between car park and community garden.</p> <p>Recommended S106 funding: £10,000 (informal open space)</p>
S4	<p>Landscaping for new Nightingale Rec Pavilion (Queen Edith's ward)</p> <p>Proposed by officers to improve the landscaping and planting around the new pavilion.</p>	<p>Meets all the selection criteria. Proposals for further community facilities and outdoor sports S106 funding for this Pavilion project are also due to be considered in the S106 report to the Environment & Community Scrutiny Committee on 1 October 2020.</p> <p>Recommended S106 funding: £10,000 (informal open space)</p>
S5	<p>Trumpington Rec Ground boundary landscaping: (Trumpington ward)</p> <p>Proposal from a local councillor for an earth bund or swale with wildflower planting (or some other of knee-high barrier) around the perimeter of the open space – as an environmental enhancement, which would also help to protect recreational use by local residents.</p>	<p>Meets the selection criteria. In addition to generic informal open space S106 funding availability, £15,000 of specific informal open space contributions for improvements to Trumpington Rec Ground (King George V playing field), including landscaping, has been received.</p> <p>Recommended S106 funding: £70,000 (informal open space)</p>

	Summary of proposal	Officer assessment
S6	<p>Accordia open space: (Trumpington ward)</p> <p>Proposal from local residents for improvements/repairs to pathways, wooden structural features, fences, lawns, and other overgrown/neglected areas of open space on the Accordia estate.</p>	<p>S106 funds cannot be used for maintenance & repairs, but particular proposals relating to the installation of drainage swales and biodiversity information boards seem to meet the selection criteria: these could cost around £5,000.</p> <p>Recommended S106 funding: £5,000 (informal open space)</p>
WEST/CENTRAL AREA		
WC1	<p>Tree-planting in city centre parks: (Market ward)</p> <p>Officer proposal S106 part-funding towards a wider high quality tree-planting scheme at Parker's Piece (estimated costs: £18k) or at Jesus Green/ Midsummer Common (estimated costs: £48k), which would also require other sources of S106 funding.</p>	<p>Would meet the S106 selection criteria. Cambridge is involved in an EU-funded project to boost tree-planting on public and private land. BUT there is only around £9,900 of open space S106 funds available from Market ward. Other sources of funding would need to be raised. The report recommends provisionally allocating all this available funding from Market ward to the Parker's Piece for two years (until June 2022) in order to strengthen the Council's ability to lever in the remaining amount needed. Other sources of funding would also need to be raised for the tree-planting proposals at Jesus Green / Midsummer Common.</p> <p>Recommended S106 funding: Provisional allocation of £9,900</p>

Summary of comments received from councillors on applications received in 2020 S106 funding round

Councillor	Comment
Cllr Baigent (Romsey)	<p>(Could I apply) for the provision of planters at the junctions of one-way streets off Mill Road to separate vehicles from cycles?</p> <p>Officer response: Sorry, this would not qualify for the informal open space S106 contributions.</p>
Cllr Bird (East Chesterton)	<p>I'm very happy that East Chesterton has been considered for the funding for our projects. I know many residents will benefit....I'm also so pleased to see that the wheel-sport facility on Chesterton Rec (N1), is also being considered.</p>
Cllr Lord (Trumpington)	<p>Indications to date (from my perspective) are that there is a high level of local support for the (Trumpington Rec boundary landscaping land proposal, S5). On the other hand, I've heard nothing from constituents about the proposal for Accordia (S6).</p>
Cllr Martinelli (Market)	<p>(On behalf of Market ward councillors) We are all in favour of the tree-planting proposals in Market (WC1) and we would see this as a good first step to delivering a long-lasting improvement to Parker's Piece.</p>
Cllr Porrer (Market)	<p>I agree with Cllr Martinelli's email and....support the tree funding bid (WC1). This....has been raised by residents in the communities around Parker's Piece and will help maintain and enhance this very important public space - the heavy usage during the pandemic has demonstrated its importance to local residents for now and in the future.</p> <p>I would also like to confirm my support, as Open Spaces opposition spokes, for the Five Trees proposal (N2): this was supported by both me and Cllr Bird at the time of submission and we hope that this can improve a piece of green space in a ward which badly needs this.</p>

Councillor	Comment
Cllr Sargeant (West Chesterton)	<p>As public open space is short in West Chesterton, perhaps we should allocate any funds left to the rest of Jubilee Gardens along Chesterton Road.</p> <p>Officer response: £40,000 of S106 funding is already allocated to this project for improving access, seating, and landscaping of the embankment between Boathouse pub, Chesterton Road & Jesus Lock footbridge. Officers consider that this will be sufficient. As part of the assessment of 2020 round proposals in Appendix C, it is envisaged that the informal open space S106 funding still available from West Chesterton would be put towards the wheel-sport facility (N1) at nearby Chesterton Rec Ground, which would benefit West Chesterton residents.</p>
Cllr Summerbell (Trumpington)	I support the boundary landscaping proposal at Trumpington Recreation Ground (S5). I think it is a widely-requested initiative that will both add a visually pleasant and biodiverse addition to the area and secure the grounds.
Cllr Tunncliffe (West Chesterton)	<p>Ferry Path proposal (N5) is a good one. A way to fund it should be found. How about, if instead of digging up part of the footpath, there were planters all down the fence-side?</p> <p>Officer response: Even with the councillor's suggestion, this proposal for improvements to footpaths in a residential area would still not qualify for informal open space S106 funding. Alternative sources of funding are being explored.</p>
County Cllr Ashwood (Trumpington division)	I (fully) support the Trumpington Rec Ground boundary landscaping proposal (S5)...Although steps have been taken to (mitigate the impact of development) in the new areas, the original heart of the 'village' has so far been overlooked....Residents of the older part of Trumpington have only the Rec Ground which....has been designed piecemeal....The proposed work would serve not only to prevent (illegal camping) incursions in future but would be a major addition to the flora & fauna....A landscaped areawould be a welcome addition to a much used green space in the heart of the community.