

Report by: Head of Policy and Projects

To: West/Central Area Committee 08 April 2010

Wards: Castle, Newnham and Market

Environmental Improvements Programme

1. **DECISIONS TO BE MADE: -**

- **Environmental Improvement Schemes for 2010/2011**

Decision: To agree to officers investigating the potential projects and return to committee with further information for formal adoption.

- **Gough Way – Seat**

Decision: Adopt the proposal and agree to the installation of a seat at an estimated cost of £2,500 following a supportive consultation.

- **Fitzroy/Burleigh Street Refurbishment**

Decision: Agree to allow City officers to work with Cambridgeshire Highways to work up details of the project and return with costs.

2. **BUDGET and DELIVERY PROGRAMME (See over)**

3.0 DELIVERY PROGRAMME

ID	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	% Complete	Scheme Category	Lead Cllr	Project Manager
1	WEST/CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE EIP PROGRAMME 2009/11	410 days	Mon 06/04/09	Thu 11/11/10	50%			
2								
3	WEST/CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING DATES	156 days	Thu 20/08/09	Thu 08/04/10	0%			
4	August Committee	0 days	Thu 20/08/09	Thu 20/08/09	100%			
5	October Committee	0 days	Thu 15/10/09	Thu 15/10/09	100%			
6	December Committee	0 days	Thu 10/12/09	Thu 10/12/09	100%			
7	February Committee	0 days	Thu 04/02/10	Thu 04/02/10	100%			
8	April Committee	0 days	Thu 08/04/10	Thu 08/04/10	0%			
9								
10	WEST/CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE PROJECTS	410 days	Mon 06/04/09	Thu 11/11/10	50%			
11	Canterbury Street [Introduction of a 20mph speed limit]	154 days	Mon 06/04/09	Thu 05/11/09	100%	Minor		Jlsh
22								
23	Oxford Road [Traffic Calming]	155 days	Mon 06/04/09	Fri 06/11/09	100%	Medium	J.Hipkin	Jlsh
33								
34	Lammas Land [Replacement of Pavilion]	335 days	Mon 06/04/09	Thu 29/07/10	26%	Major	J.Smith	DFN
48								
49	Round Church grounds [Repairs to wall & cobble surfacing]	103 days	Mon 06/04/09	Wed 26/08/09	100%	Minor	C.Rosenstiel	DFN
53								
54	Contribution toward Burleigh/Fitzroy Phase 3 refurbishment [Refurbishment of street furniture/tree pits/lighting etc]	372 days	Mon 06/04/09	Mon 20/09/10	63%	Medium	T.Bick	DFN
64								
65	Manor Street/King Street [Cycle Parking Facilities]	322 days	Mon 06/04/09	Mon 12/07/10	36%	Major	T.Bick	DFN
78								
79	Grantchester Rd [Traffic Calming]	324 days	Mon 06/04/09	Wed 14/07/10	54%	Medium	S.Reid	Jlsh
83								
94	Gough Way to Cranmer Rd [Timber Fence Replacement]	212 days	Mon 06/04/09	Mon 08/02/10	100%	Medium	S.Reid	Jlsh
106								
107	Tree Planting Open Spaces [Jesus Green, Midsummer Common & New Square]	410 days	Mon 06/04/09	Thu 11/11/10	10%	Major		DFN

3.0 APPROVED SCHEMES – PROGRESS

3.1 Manor Street / King Street Cycle Parking

Following initial consultation with property owners, the draft proposals and draft tripartite agreement has been sent to the landowner Jesus College and building owner King Street Housing for consideration.

3.2 Lammas Land pavilion

This scheme is being led by Active Community Officers who are currently offering the project for an additional funding contribution from Section 106 monies. Officers propose to return to West/Central Area Committee once further funding has been secured.

3.3 Tree Planting on Midsummer Common, Jesus Green and New Square

Work is being undertaken to develop a consultation/workshop strategy to be organised by Active Communities in order to discuss the current approaches to tree management and planting with residents and other interested parties. A solution to the progression of this work is currently being discussed with Active Communities.

3.4 Mud Lane Lighting

Work is continuing in a bid to secure funding for the maintenance of this lighting.

3.5 Grantchester Road traffic calming features

The Highway Authority have rejected the current proposals on safety grounds. We are looking at alternative proposals to resolve the issues.

3.6 Gough Way – Cranmer Road Footpath : Fencing Renewal

The works of renewing the fencing between the path and the grazing land from the footbridge to Cranmer Road has been completed.

4.0 EXISTING SCHEMES REQUIRING DECISIONS

4.1 Environmental Improvement Schemes for 2010/2011

West/Central Area Committee are asked to review the list of potential projects for 2010/2011 appended (4) to this report and agree that they should be investigated by officers and brought back to Committee with further information for formal adoption.

Recommendation : *West/Central Area Committee to agree to officers investigating the potential projects and return to committee with further information.*

Decision: *To agree to officers investigating the potential projects and return to committee with further information for formal adoption.*

4.2 Gough Way – Seat

A local resident has requested that a seat be installed on Gough Way for bus passengers to wait. The location of the seat would be on Highways land. Highways have been consulted and have agreed to the location. Officers would intend to carry out a small local consultation and if supportive would install a seat in the location shown on the attached appended drawing.

Recommendation : *Officers recommend that the West/Central Area Committee formally adopt the proposal and agree to the installation of a seat at an estimated cost of £2,500. Installation would be carried out only following a supportive consultation.*

Decision: *Adopt the proposal and agree to the installation of a seat at an estimated cost of £2,500 following a supportive consultation.*

4.3 Fitzroy/Burleigh Street Refurbishment

The draft proposals for the refurbishment of Fitzroy/Burleigh Street have been put to public consultation between 10 and 24 March 2010. The consultation summary/analysis is appended to this report. The analysis shows overwhelming support for the works to be implemented.

The scheme has been designed in consultation with Cambridgeshire Highways who would now progress the proposals, with City officers, should West/Central Area Committee wish to proceed. West/Central Area Committee has already provisionally agreed £100,000 for this project and further funds have been secured through S.106 (£72,295) and the Environmental Safety Fund (£12,000). The project has been approved by Environment Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendation : *Officers recommend that the West/Central Area Committee agree to allow City officers to work with Cambridgeshire Highways to work up details of the project and return to Ctte in the summer with firm costs for agreement to implement.*

Decision: *Agree to allow City officers to work with Cambridgeshire Highways to work up details of the project and return with costs.*

5.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

See appendices.

7. IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Equal Opportunities Implications:** These are taken into account on individual schemes.
- b) **Environmental Implications:** All of the projects seek to bring about an improvement in the local environment.
- c) **Community Safety:** This has been included as one of the assessment criteria agreed by Committee and is considered on each project.

8. INSPECTION OF PAPERS

To inspect or query the background paperwork or report, please contact,

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APPENDIX 1

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - as agreed by Executive Councillor (Environment) on 18 March 2003 with amendments agreed 22 March 2005

The essential criteria for consideration of funding of Environmental Improvement works are:

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

Desirable criteria – potential schemes should be able to demonstrate some level of:

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

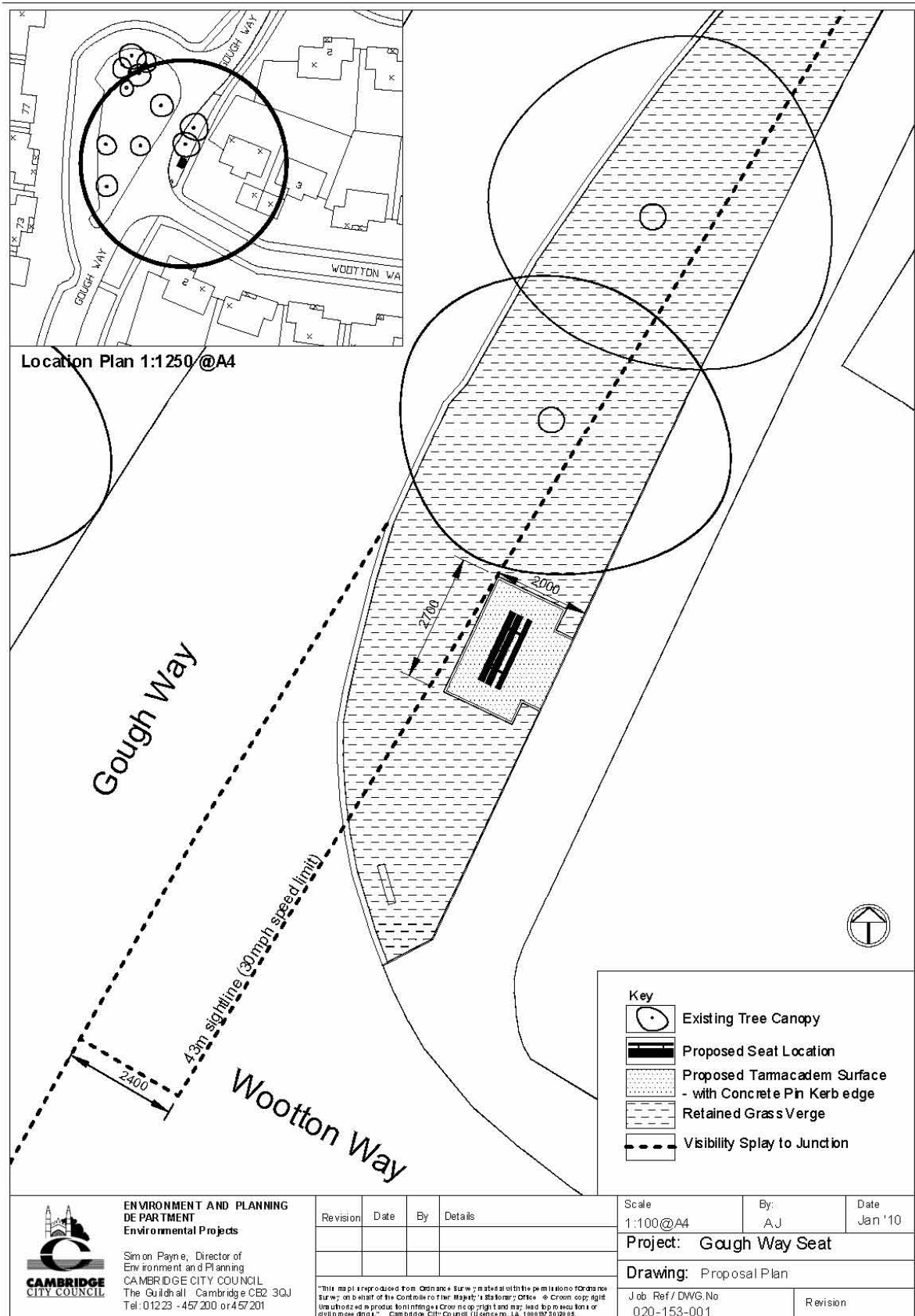
Categories of scheme ineligible for funding:

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

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

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

APPENDIX 2 : Gough Way Seat



APPENDIX 3

FITZROY and BURLEIGH STREET REFURBISHMENT CONSULTATION

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION

Period in which residents could respond: 10 March – 24 March 2010.

Consultation Questionnaire Responses

Number of consultation documents manually delivered was 2098. The consultation website was viewed 719 times, by 537 people, 95 of whom emailed a response.

Number of consultation reply slips returned together with the emailed responses was 357. This equates to a 16.5% response rate.

The results of the consultation were analysed as follows;

	YES	NO
Do you support the principle of refurbishing Fitzroy/Burleigh Streets	283	19
Do you support the replacement of street furniture	238	27
Do you support the replacement of lighting columns in Fitzroy Street to match Burleigh Street	233	51
Do you support the removal of all but one phone box (to be relocated)	252	43
Do you support the repairing of street surfaces	290	11
Do you support the installation of tree surrounds to remove trip hazards	261	36
Do you support the planting of four new trees	282	19
Would you like to see the cycling restriction lifted and shared access permitted	129	167

A summary of most consistent comments are as follows:

24 x support for tree planting

8 x waste of money

4 x support for keeping more than one phone box

Majority of comments relate to cycling as follows:

- 50 x Cyclists a hazard to pedestrians
- 29 x Current restriction needs enforcing
- 16 x Extend period of restriction/total ban
- 15 x Marked cycle lane should be provided
- 11 x Improve restriction signage

n.b. It should be noted that consultation on lifting the cycling restriction is being dealt with as a separate issue to the refurbishment of Fitzroy and Burleigh Streets. There no firm proposals to alter the cycling restriction.

APPENDIX 4 : Environmental Improvement Scheme – current and to be investigated.

WEST/CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE PROJECT REVIEW AND ADOPTION Spring 2010						
No. Projects Title	Project Detail	Project promoter/ Lead Cllr.	Ward	Category ¹	Estimated Value ²	Comments
Current Projects being undertaken or completed this year as at 1 March 2010						
	Mud Lane	Cllr. Rosenstell	Market		£5,000	
	Lammas Land	Cllr Reid	Newnham	1	£20,000	
	Round Church Grounds	Cllr Rosenstell	Market	2	£4,334	complete
	Oxford Road & Windsor Road 20MPH Zone	All	Castle	2	£4,703	complete
	Manor Street	Cllr Bick	Market	1	£12,000	
	Rouch Church Street	Cllr. Rosenstell	Market		£15,000	
	Canterbury Street 20 MPH Zone	All	Castle	2	£4,188	complete
	Fitzroy/Burleigh Street Phase 3. Refurbishment.	Cllr Bick	Market	1+	£100,000	
	Holy Trinity War Memorial	All	Market	3	£9,000	complete
	Grantchester Road Traffic Calming	Cllr Reid	Newnham	1	£15,000	
	Gough Way to Cranmer Road Timber Fence Replacement	Cllr Reid	Newnham	2	£8,300	complete
	Tree Planting Midsummer Common, Jesus Green, New Sq	All	W/C	1	£50,000	
	Riverside Conflict Reduction Scheme	All	East	1	£61,000	
	Auckland Road path	Cllr. Kightley	Market	1	£19,350	complete
	Histon Road recreation grid	Cllr Zmura	Castle	2	£2,450	complete
	Ellisley Avenue	Cllr. Reid	Newnham	2	£875	complete
Newly suggested, deferred from previous suggestions and/or unadopted projects						
	Whyman's Lane bollard replacement.	Cllr Kightley	Castle	3	£2,000	
	Gough Way	Cllr Reid	Newnham	3	£2,500	
	City Centre	Cllr Bick	Market	2	£6,000	
	Prospect Row and surrounding area	Rosenstell	Market	1	£10,000	
	Fisher Square	Cleaner City	Market	2	£4,500	
	Huntingdon Road	Cllr. Kightley	Castle	2	£3,000	
	Fisher Square	Cleaner City	Market	2	£4,500	
	Belmore Close	Cllr. Kightley	Castle	3	£2,000	
	Histon Road shops	Cllr. Hipkin	Castle	2	£3-10,000	
	Huntingdon Road	Cllr. Kightley/Hipkin	Castle			Refer to County Council
	* Category definition : Category 1 Projects to the value of between £10-£75K - Major Projects one major project per area to be investigated or implemented at any one time by the EIP team.					
	* Category 2 Projects to the value of between £3-£10K - Medium Projects. one medium projects per area being investigated or implemented at any one time by the EIP team.					
	* Category 3 Projects to the value up to £3K - Minor Projects. two minor projects per area being investigated or implemented at any one time by the EIP team.					
	? Note that the Cost Estimate is a guide cost given at concept stage of a project. Following project investigation and design, this estimate may change significantly. When considering projects, please note the current budget sheet within the EIP committee reports.					