

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Report Head of Policy and Projects
by:
To: East Area Committee on 15 April 2010

Wards: Abbey, Coleridge, Petersfield, Romsey

Environmental Improvements Programme

1.0 DECISIONS TO BE MADE

- **Cherry Hinton Road Shop Forecourts**
Decision: Agree to implementation subject to public consultation at a cost of £70,000.
- **Fairsford Place Cycle Parking**
Decision: Agree to abandon the project.

2.0 BUDGET

Please see over.

| EAST AREA COMMITTEE | | | | |
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| Environmental Improvements Programme 2009-2011 | | | | |
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| Total Budget Available to 31/3/11 | | £472,822 | | |
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| ADOPTED PROJECTS | COMPLETE | Approved Budget £ | Forecast Spend 2009/10 £ | Forecast Spend 2010/11 £ |
| Mill Road Hanging Baskets 2009 | ✓ | 7,000 | 7,000 | 0 |
| Mill Road Hanging Baskets 2010 | | 7,210 | 0 | 7,210 |
| Rope Walk (remaining spend) | | 57,000 | 0 | 15,301 |
| Ravensworth Gardens | ✓ | 2,900 | 362 | 0 |
| Budleigh Close woodland renovation (remaining) | ✓ | 12,100 | 836 | 0 |
| Riverside Conflict Reduction Scheme | | 120,000 | 0 | 60,000 |
| St Margaret Square Waiting Restriction | ✓ | 2,000 | 1,200 | 0 |
| Cromwell Road Tree Planting | ✓ | 585 | 128 | 0 |
| Cavendish Road | | 14,000 | 0 | 14,000 |
| Barnwell Road Shops | ✓ | 15,500 | 17,757 | 0 |
| sub-totals | | 224,085 | 27,283 | 96,511 |
| total adopted projects | | | | 123,794 |
| Uncommitted Budget | | | | 349,028 |
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| SCHEMES UNDER DEVELOPMENT* | | Estimated Cost £ | Forecast Spend 2009/10 £ | Forecast Spend 2010/11 £ |
| Cherry Hinton Road Shop Forecourts | | 75,010 | 5,510 | 69,500 |
| Staffordshire Street verge parking | | 75,000 | 0 | 75,000 |
| Perne Road Pedestrian Crossing | | 65,000 | 900 | 64,100 |
| Devonshire Road cycle bridge replanting | | 6,000 | 0 | 6,000 |
| sub-totals | | 221,010 | 6,410 | 214,600 |
| total projects in development | | | | 221,010 |
| Uncommitted Budget | | | | 128,018 |

*Projects agreed by Cttee to be investigated, but no budget committed. Costs shown are estimated and will depend on detailed design and site investigation. N.B. The estimated costs shown above are merely given as a rough guide until the projects can be designed and costed.

3.0 UPDATE ON EXISTING SCHEMES

3.1 Staffordshire Street

We have now agreed on a layout that the Highway Authority will support. This will form part of the consultation that will take place shortly. We will return to the next East Area Committee with a report on the outcome of the consultation. The County are also looking to introduce a residents parking scheme in the area. We are currently working with them to carry out a separate consultation on residents parking.

3.2 Rope Walk

We are very close to getting an agreement signed with the landowner for the third and final phase, which is the entrance to the Beehive Centre. We hope to be able to report to the next Area Committee that the scheme is complete.

3.3 Riverside conflict reduction and environmental improvement scheme

The final detailed design has now restarted on this scheme. We will be bringing a final proposed construction drawing to the next Area Committee for final approval prior to commencing construction on site in July.

3.4 Devonshire Road/Carter Bridge replanting

A local residents consultation will be carried out shortly and the results presented to the next East Area Committee.

3.5 Perne Road Pedestrian crossing

A PV² Survey has now been carried out as requested by the Highway Authority in order to determine the feasibility of installing a new pedestrian crossing at this location. The results were positive and the Highway Authority have now agreed to design and install a crossing at this location. However, the programme for the delivery of this scheme cannot be determined until the County Council have produced their own programme for the coming year. We have been assured that the scheme will be delivered this financial year.

3.6 Cavendish Road

The consultation for the project has highlighted a parking problem for the adjacent shopkeeper and we are currently in the process of commencing discussions with them regarding the costs associated with this. Please note that if a parking bay in the area is to be put in

place, a further consultation maybe necessary as the scheme will be different from that originally consulted upon. Once this issue is resolved we will return to the next Area Committee to gain approval to implement the scheme subject to a positive outcome from the consultation

APPROVED SCHEMES REQUIRING DECISIONS

4.1 Cherry Hinton Road shop forecourts

The preliminary design for the refurbishment of this area has already undergone initial consultation with local shopkeepers with an enthusiastic response. A detailed design has now been completed and a general arrangement drawing is appended to this report. The current budget cost to deliver this scheme is £70,000 including contingencies. The next stage for this scheme is to carry out a public consultation, once the current proposals and programme have been discussed with the shopkeepers and owners.

Recommendation: *To agree to implementation of the scheme at an estimated cost of £70,000, subject to a positive outcome from the consultation process.*

Decision: *Agree to implementation subject to public consultation at an estimated cost of £70,000.*

4.2 Fairsford Place cycle parking

Following lengthy investigations with householders and landowners it has been discovered that there is no land available to create communal cycle parking at Fairsford Place. It is suggested that the project should be abandoned.

Recommendation : *Officers recommend that East Area Committee agree to abandon the project.*

Decision: *Agree to abandon the project.*

5.0 NEW SCHEMES FOR ADOPTION

At the recent EIP workshop the following schemes were proposed for adoption for the 2010/11 financial year.

| SCHEME | DESCRIPTION | PROMOTER | ESTIMATED COST |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|
| Highway Verges | Whitehill Estate, Granville Rd, Birdwood Rd | All Wards | £75,000 |
| Yellow Lining | Stone St, Fairsford Place, Ainsworth Place | Cllr Walker | £3,000 |
| Rustat Rd footpath | Additional length of footpath to join with Carter Bridge | Cllr Howell | £10,000 |
| Mill Rd Cemetery | Grant for repairs to headstones | Cllr Walker | £5,000 |
| Romsey Planting | Planting and bed repair | Cllr Ellis-Miller | £15,000 |
| Ashbury Close/Golding Rd | Cycle path 50% EIP rest from Joint Capital Fund | Cllr Howell | £15,000 |
| | | TOTAL | 123,000 |

Officers will meet with the relevant promoting Councillors and carry out initial investigations into the design and cost of these schemes. We will then return to Area Committee with the initial design proposals and outline costs to determine a prioritised list for delivery as part of the EIP for 2010/11.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

APPENDIX 1 - EIP Eligibility Criteria

APPENDIX 2 - Cherry Hinton Road Shop Forecourts General Arrangement Drawing

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Staffing Implications:** Staff resources will result in only a limited amount of progress on Environmental Improvement projects in the near future.
- b) **Equal Opportunities Implications:** These are taken into account on individual schemes.
- c) **Environmental Implications:** All of the projects seek to bring about an improvement in the local environment.
- d) **Community Safety:** This has been included as one of the assessment criteria agreed by Committee and is considered on each project.

8.0 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).

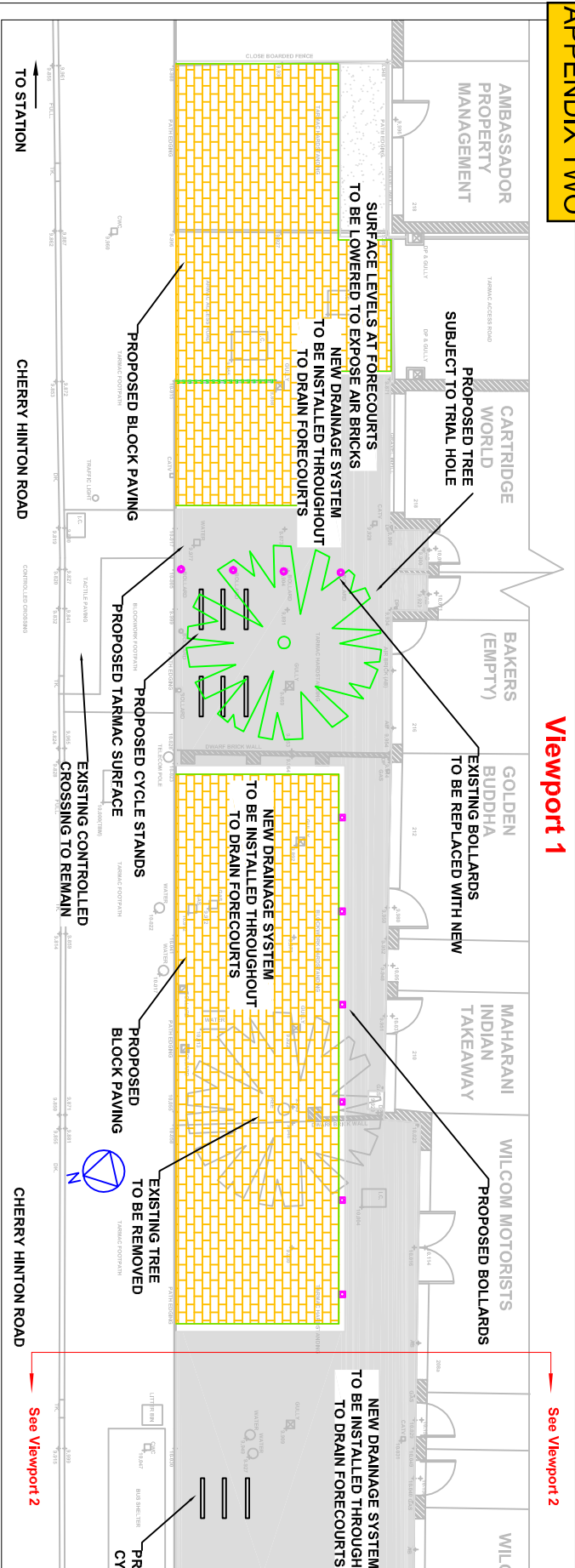
Categories of scheme ineligible for funding:

- 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.

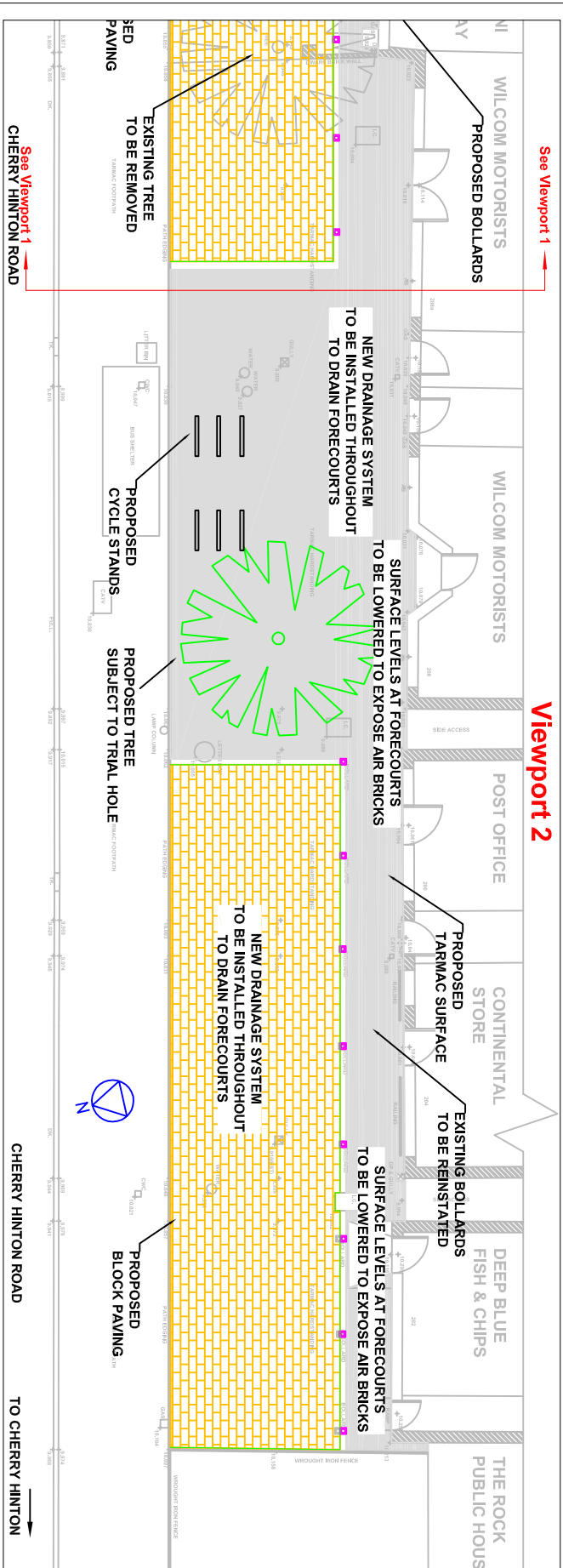
Viewport 1



See Viewport 2

- KEY:
- PROPOSED BLOCK PAVED PARKING AREA
 - PROPOSED TARMAC PEDESTRIAN AREA
 - PROPOSED TREE
 - PROPOSED CYCLE RACKS
 - PROPOSED BOLLARDS

Viewport 2



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CHERRY HINTON ROAD

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| <p> EIP 02X_008_01 Revision Date: 24.10.18 Scale: A1 Title: CHERRY HINTON ROAD Project: Slipway Access </p> | | |
| <p> ENVIRONMENTAL AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL Simon Payne, Director of Environment and Planning T: 01223 457200 or 457201 </p> | | |
| <p> Project: Cherry Hinton Road Slipway Access </p> | | |
| <p> Drawing: Consultation Drawing </p> | | |