

**Report by:** Head of Streets and Open Spaces

**To:** South Area Committee

05 March 2012

**Wards:** Trumpington, Queen Edith's, Cherry Hinton

**Environmental Improvement Programme Report**

**1.0 DECISIONS TO BE MADE: -**

- ***Wulfstan Way Noticeboard***

***Recommendation:*** Committee agree to fund a new noticeboard for Wulfstan Way at a cost of £1500.

- ***Rectory Terrace Forecourt, Cherry Hinton High Street***

***Recommendation:*** Committee agree to implement the project, subject to positive consultation and within the current £60,000 budget allocation.

- ***New Suggested Schemes for the 2012/13 Programme***

***Recommendation:*** To approve the list of schemes in section 5.0 of this report for further investigation into their feasibility and estimated cost.

**2.0 Budget (See Appendix 1)**

### **3.0 PROGRESS ON EXISTING SCHEMES**

#### **3.1 Wulfstan Way**

This scheme is now complete. A small amount of remedial work to the drainage swales will be carried out in the spring to rectify some profiling issues. We are also in discussion with our Contractor over additional costs associated with claimed additional work. This may lead to the need for an increase in the budget allocated to the scheme from South Area Committee's EIP budget. A further update on this will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

#### **3.3 Clarendon Road/Shafsbury Rd**

The traffic regulation order has now been advertised and no objections to the order were received. This new speed limit will be introduced in the next few months.

#### **3.4 High St Cherry Hinton/Colville Rd – promoted by Cllr Dryden**

The work to rectify damage to the verge caused by a desire line will be completed in the spring.

#### **3.5 High St Cherry Hinton/Fulbourn Road – promoted by Cllr Dryden**

The work to rectify damage to the verge caused by a desire line will be completed in the spring.

#### **3.6 Cherry Hinton Sign – promoted by Cllr Dryden**

Consultation on this proposal is now complete and a new replacement sign will be ordered shortly. This is envisaged to be available for installation towards the end of April.

#### **3.7 St Bede's Gardens/Snakey Path – promoted by Cllr Dryden**

The work to rectify damage to the verge caused by a desire line will be completed in the spring.

#### **3.8 Mowbray Road/Fendon Road Verge Parking**

This issue is being considered as part of the South Area Parking Review, led by the County Council.

## 4.0 EXISTING SCHEMES REQUIRING DECISIONS

### 4.1 Wulfstan Way Noticeboard

Due to the increase in construction costs associated with the Wulfstan Way Project, the plan to provide a noticeboard for the area is no longer affordable within the original project budget.

Ward Councillors are therefore requesting that a separate budget of £1500 be allocated from South Areas EIP Budget, for the provision of an oak noticeboard similar to that pictured below.



**Recommendation:** Committee agree to fund a new noticeboard for Wulfstan Way at a cost of £1500.

### 4.2 Rectory Terrace, Cherry Hinton High St

This scheme was on hold whilst the details of any redevelopment to the private forecourt planned by its owners had been established and delivered. This redevelopment is now not planned to take place and the owners have indicated that they are not prepared to contribute towards the refurbishment of the forecourt.

As such the £60,000 budget currently assigned to the project will not enable the full refurbishment of the forecourt.

An achievable scope of work would include:

- Planting of four new Cherry Trees in similar locations to those planted previously.
- Construction of raised planting beds around the trees.
- Decluttering of the forecourt, particularly at its boundary with the public highway, including the removal of the excessive number of concrete bollards.
- Installation of new street furniture, such as bins, benches and cycle racks in place of the existing concrete bollards.

The proposals for this project will have to be approved by the private owners of the forecourt before any consultation can take place. A legal agreement will then have to be drawn up to enable any construction work to be undertaken by the City Council on the forecourt. The City Council will then be responsible for defects related to completed work during the first 12 months. All maintenance and defects will then become the responsibility of the landowner along with ownership of the constructed assets.

It is therefore suggested that a consultation is carried out on the proposed scheme as outlined above and in conjunction with Ward Councillors, subject to the agreement of the owner.

***Recommendation:*** *Committee agree to implement the project, subject to positive consultation and within the current £60,000 budget allocation.*

## 5.0 NEW SUGGESTED SCHEMES FOR THE 2012/13 PROGRAMME

The table below lists the new schemes that have been submitted by Ward Councillors and residents for consideration as part of the 2012/13 Environmental Improvement Programme.

No	Proposed Scheme	Ward	Promoter	Estimated Cost	Considerations
1.	Trumpington War Memorial Improvements to drainage, landscaping, accessibility and information board.	Trumpington	Cllr Blackhurst	£17,000	Initial development of the project has been completed by the Conservation Team.
2.	Pedestrian guardrail at the Trumpington Rd/Fen Causeway Junction	Trumpington	Barton Rd Resident	£4000	Funding from County Minor Works Budget applied for. Minimum 10% required from EIP Budget.
3.	Surfacing of pathway to Trumpington Guided Bus Stop.	Trumpington	Cllr Blackhurst	TBC	Funding from County Minor Works Budget applied for. Minimum 10% required from EIP Budget.
4.	Improvements to the safety of the pedestrian crossing at the Fen Causeway/Trumpington Rd Junction	Trumpington	Resident	TBC	Funding from County Minor Works Budget applied for. Minimum 10% required from EIP Budget. Investigation into option available is required in conjunction with the County Council.
5.	Refurbishment of the railings along Hobson's Brook from Bateman St to Lensfield Road.	Trumpington	Cllr Stuart	TBC	Appropriate paint specification and refurbishment process to be determined in order to confirm estimated costs.

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6.	Mobility Crossings in South Area	All Wards	Cllr Taylor	£10,000	Funding from County Minor Works Budget applied for. Minimum 10% required from EIP Budget. Delivery of the three highest priority mobility crossing points in the south area of the city, determined by survey with local residents and disability groups.
7.	New crossing of Fendon Road to Queens Ediths Way	Queen Ediths	Ward Councillors	TBC	Funding from County Minor Works Budget applied for. Minimum 10% required from EIP Budget.
8.	Alterations to traffic signals at junction of Cherry Hinton Rd/Fulbourn Rd and Queens Ediths Way	Cherry Hinton	Ward Councillors	TBC	Funding from County Minor Works Budget applied for. Minimum 10% required from EIP Budget.
9	Bollards or extension of pedestrian guardrail to prevent footway parking outside shops on Cherry Hinton High St	Cherry Hinton	Ward Councillors	TBC	Determination of options in conjunction with the County Council.
10.	Improvements to Cherry Hinton Village war memorial.	Cherry Hinton	Ward Councillors	TBC	To be agreed with the County Council. Proposed in conjunction with the provision of bollards to prevent verge parking on Radegund Road. School side to be funded by the school, further EIP funding may be required if the County Council do not agree to fund those on the opposite side.
11.	Provision of a Cherry Hinton village noticeboard at entry to recreation ground.	Cherry Hinton	Ward Councillors	£1500	Style and location of noticeboard to be agreed.

**Recommendation:** To approve the list of schemes in section 5.0 above for further investigation into their feasibility and estimated cost.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

### **(a) Financial Implications**

The Environmental Improvements Programme is a rolling budget and is divided between the four Area Committees by percentage population.

A degree of flexibility can be implemented within the programme. It will be possible for Area Committees to 'save' some, or all, of their annual budget in order to accrue funds for larger projects.

### **(b) Equal Opportunities Implications**

Covered as one of the assessment criteria

### **(c) Environmental Implications**

The whole purpose of this programme is to bring about improvements in the environment.

### **(d) Community Safety Implications**

Covered as one of the assessment criteria

## **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

APPENDIX 1 - South Area Committee EIP Budget

APPENDIX 2 - EIP Eligibility Criteria

## **INSPECTION OF PAPERS**

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