

**ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE**  
**27 FEBRUARY 2012**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>Environmental Submissions from Nottingham City Homes (NCH)</b>	
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<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:</b>		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		<b>X</b>
Neighbourhood Nottingham		<b>X</b>
Family Nottingham		
Healthy Nottingham		
Leading Nottingham		
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>		
This report informs the Committee of the schemes initially requested by residents of NCH properties, and residents living within the environment of NCH properties, to provide extra security, safety and wellbeing to the residents of Arboretum, Radford and Park and Dunkirk and Lenton Wards.		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
1	That the Committee consider the schemes listed in Appendix 1, and decide which to approve.	

**1. BACKGROUND**

1.1 £29,312 for the Arboretum Ward, £35,892 for the Dunkirk and Lenton Ward and £70,083 for the Radford and Park Ward has been set aside for the housing environmental improvements for 2012/2013. These figures include carry over figures from last year of £8,530 for Arboretum Ward, £10,492 for Dunkirk and Lenton Ward and £25,465 for Radford and Park Ward.

1.2 The proposed schemes must fit at least one of the following criteria:

- improvement of security for Tenants and Leaseholders (e.g. door entry, lighting, fencing, garage sites);.

- improvement of the environment for Tenants and Leaseholders (e.g. dealing with graffiti reducing anti-social behaviour, parking issues, drying areas resurfacing);.
- improvement of spaces for Tenants and Leaseholders (e.g. installation of community facilities or areas on land under NCH management).

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 2.1 Suggestions for schemes may be from a number of sources including tenants and leaseholders, tenants and residents groups, Councillors, Local Area Group meetings, Ward Walks, Area 4 Panel, Housing Patch Managers and Neighbourhood Action Officers.

## **3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 A number of schemes have been submitted but, if the available Housing Environmental Funding does not cover all of the proposals, those remaining can be submitted to the Committee for consideration in 2013-14 if further funding is made available. Any surplus left over in the respective budgets will carry over into the next financial year and can be used to fund future schemes.

## **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)**

- 4.1 NCH has provided quotations for the proposed works via an agreed competitive tendering process.
- 4.2 Once a City wide programme is agreed, works will be carried out by approved contractors. It is anticipated that further savings may be found and that more schemes may be completed as a result of these savings.
- 4.3 Schemes approved by the Committee will be funded from the Housing Revenue Fund.

## **5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)**

- 5.1 To ensure local development in decision-making the Area Panel and Local Area Groups have been actively involved in the process. Local tenant and resident groups have also been consulted along with Ward Councillors.
- 5.2 The Housing Environment Fund will enable a series of improvements to take place that will improve security, spaces and the environment for local people.
- 5.3 The funds available are limited and are targeted at the most vulnerable tenants in the area within the criteria set out at section 1.2 of this report.

## **6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIAs)**

- 6.1 As this report does not include proposals for new or changing policies, or services an Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out. However these proposals aim to improve the quality of life and wellbeing for residents.

**7. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

7.1 None.

**8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

8.1 None.

**ENVIRONMENTALS PROGRAMME 2012-13- PROPOSED SCHEMES**

**ARBORETUM WARD**

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Proposed Decision	Budget £29,312
Near St Pauls Terrace, Hyson Green, NG7 5ED.	Install a fence on the wall and land to the rear of St Pauls Terrace/Bateman Gardens	Scheme would benefit the whole area and reduce anti-social behaviour caused by youths sitting and congregating in the area	Agree	£1706.23
22 Vincent Gardens, Hyson Green NG7 5GA	Install a large gate to alleyway to side of 22 Vincent Gardens	Prevent people from congregating at night and causing anti-social behaviour	Agree	£2057.14
15 Hovenden Gardens, Hyson Green, NG7 5FZ	Replace a wooden gate with a metal security gate	Prevent unauthorised access to side of property and reduce possibility of people congregating	Agree	£568.75
Hovenden Gardens/ Lambert Street NG7 5FZ	Palisade fencing to erect a boundary where wall has perished	Increased security for residents and preventing an unauthorised cut through	Agree	£3,073.76
Side of 23 Hovenden Gardens, Hyson Green, NG7 5FZ	Install gates to the underpass to side of this property	Ongoing scheme to design out crime and prevent unauthorised access to the rear of the properties	Agree	£1907.40
Hovenden Gardens	Resurface Car park Area	Car park is in a poor condition and is well used	Agree	£2,552.00
Bateman Gardens	Extend the car park area, leave concrete bollards in place, entry to be gained through existing dropped kerb. Install at least 2 new spaces on the green area	Provide more parking and design out anti-social gathering point for youths. Scheme is linked to fencing scheme at St Paul's Avenue	Agree	£4,609.44
1 Randal Gardens	Tarmac over uneven paving slabs	Health and Safety issue. Uneven slabs. Potential tripping hazard.	Agree	£3,131.27

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Proposed Decision	Budget
11 Brushfield Street	Develop land around bottom of the car park area. Replace slab on edge to the tree surround to prevent a trip hazard	Improve environment for residents	Agree	£311.55
Randal Street/Birkin Avenue	Paving outside the Wheeltapper pub is dangerous and needs urgent attention	Health and Safety issue. Improve environment for residents	Agree	£3,112.81
12 Hovenden Gardens	Extra security lighting to be fitted to the front and back of 12/6 Hovenden Gardens above the gate. Install 2 solar lights	Increase security for local residents and design out anti-social behaviour	Agree	£533.02
Pleasant Court	Fit Canopy over the front doorways with lights for all three blocks	Improve appearance of block and make it more desirable for residents	Agree	£2980.42
Thurman Street	Supply and fit anti-roll bar to wall area at side of 10 Thurman Street	Prevent unauthorised access. Location is an anti-social behaviour hotspot per Police	Agree	£1,269.90
			Total	£27, 813.69

### **RADFORD AND PARK WARD**

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Proposed Decision	Budget
Bramcote Estate Bungalows	Moss removal from bungalow roofs at Lismore, Cleveland and Bramcote	Improve appearance of estate for residents and reduce associated health and safety risks	Agree	£23,480
Argyle Court	Supply and fit additional security doors to Argyle Court with associated fob system	Reduce unauthorised access and prevent anti-social behaviour and vandalism to site	Agree	£7,000
				<b>£70, 083</b>

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Argyle Court	Supply and fit additional CCTV to Argyle Court. Cameras to be recycled from Decommissioned Lenton Court sites	Reduce unauthorised access and prevent anti-social behaviour and vandalism to site	Agree	£13,284
			Total	£43,764

### **DUNKIRK AND LENTON WARD**

<b>Site</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Proposed Decision</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Friary Close, Lenton	S/fit raised planters and include all additional planting and transport costs. Also includes for additional planting to planters recycled from Lenton Flats	Project will greatly improve environment for residents and is a revamped version of a project cancelled last year due to lack of specification	Agree	£1,890.00
Maxwell Close, Lenton	S/fit dropped kerb and H-Bar to area facing 8 Maxwell Close	Project will enable City Services grass cutting vehicles to access the amenity areas enabling quicker and more efficient maintenance service enhancing estate environment for residents	Agree	£2,033.76
1-19 Friary Close, Lenton	Remove all slabs around the complex along the foot paths leading to each block on Friary Close and discard. Level ground and tarmac all to continue and match with the ain path completed during the 2011/12 scheme	Continuation of scheme began in 2011-12 will reduce risk of trip hazard and improve environment for local residents	Agree	£22,907.14

Coleby and Hoyland Avenue,  
Lenton

S/fit 2 gates to provide additional access  
to green areas

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grass cutting vehicles to access the  
amenity areas enabling quicker and  
more efficient maintenance service  
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residents

Agree

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Total

£26,830.90