

BULWELL AND BULWELL FOREST AREA COMMITTEE – MAY 23rd 2012

Title of paper:	AREA CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND SECTION 106 FUNDING	
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		x
Neighbourhood Nottingham		x
Family Nottingham		
Healthy Nottingham		
Leading Nottingham		
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report provides:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of area capital funds allocated to date to the Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Wards • In addition, the report also seeks approval from the area committee for the following proposed schemes. 		
Recommendation(s):		
1	Note the report.	
2	Approve the following proposed scheme;- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme 1 - Resurface the forecourt at Knights Close in front of the shops and flats at a cost of £35,000 to include a design which alleviates the monotony of a large expanse of tarmac. • Scheme 2 – A Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a ‘waiting and parking’ scheme on Coventry Road and undertake additional lining on Station Road and Brook Close at a cost of £6,000 	

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The environmental improvement (Area Capital) programme is designed to improve the environment of residential areas and create a sense of place for Citizens that impacts positively on their quality of life.

- 1.2 The funding is provided by the City Council to Area Committees to enable an agreed programme of works to be drawn up. Nottingham City Homes (NCH) expenditure on council estates is derived from the Housing Revenue Account and Area Housing Panels agree the funding of improvements on NCH estates which are then recommended to the Area Committee for approval.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 shows the status of current area capital projects, priorities committed to date and proposed expenditure in the Bulwell Forest ward.
- 1.4 Scheme 1 - The forecourt at Knights Close shops is currently a large area of paving many of which are broken or are raised causing a hazard to pedestrians and contributing to the poor appearance of this area. Several of the trees have been vandalised and have been removed, leaving blank area in the paving. The roots of the few remaining trees are causing the paving slabs to lift.
- 1.5 Extensive work has been carried out by Notts Police and Nottingham City Council to effectively reduce anti social behaviour in this area, which included the installation of CCTV. Replacing the paving slabs with a design which breaks up the monotony of this pedestrianised area and reduces the potential for falls by residents using the shops or accessing the doctors surgery will improve this area and hopefully attract more people to use the local facilities.
- 1.6 The design will involve local organisations and it is hoped that apprentices could be included in the work.
- 1.7 Scheme 2 – In November 2011 Area 1 Committee agreed a report asking for £1,235 to undertake 2 parking surveys (1 x prior to and 1 x after the opening of the Riverside centre) to monitor the impact of staff and service user parking on residential areas. Taking into account the results of the parking survey and complaints raised through various channels including Ward Members, Riverside Centre Management, NCC Highways department and Neighbourhood management, Traffic Management propose the schemes explained in appendix 2.
- 1.8 The proposed schemes will support local business by improving opportunities for passing trade and alleviate access and obstruction issues that have arisen following the increase in non residential cars parking in affected areas

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 To give focus and transparency to area capital funding.
- 2.2 To achieve value for money by the effective use of funds and enable responses to local priorities.
- 2.3 To improve the appearance and safety for pedestrians in an area which has experienced anti social behaviour and vandalism in the past and which currently requires regular maintenance.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Not to carryout the proposed works. However, this could be detrimental to the area. The forecourt is currently covered with paving slabs which are uneven and broken in

several places. The roots of the trees which remain after vandalism are causing paving slabs to lift.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

- 4.1 The coordination of priorities, budgets and works will provide value for money and lead to performance improvements in the City Council service provision.
- 4.2 The current commitments against the resources allocated are shown in Appendix 1 (Bulwell Forest Ward)
- 4.3 The paving slabs at Knights Close currently require ongoing maintenance requiring revenue funding.

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

- 5.1 Procedures to manage risks are already in place for area committees and any decision making will take account of Crime & Disorder Act and Equality & Diversity implications.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIAs)

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

No. This report does not include proposals for new or changing policies, services or functions

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

- 7.1 Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Committees September and November 2011 and March 2012

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 8.1 None

Appendix 1

Bulwell Area Capital 2011 - 2012 Local Transport Plan schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Bulwell Town Centre	Refurbishment	Approved November 2011	£20,000	n/a	Yes	Refurbishment to Town Centre paving
Bulwell Town Centre area	Surveys	Approved November 2011	£1,235	Ongoing	No	Surveys to be carried out to investigate the impact of the Joint Service Centre, Tesco and the Town Centre Bollards
Brook Close, Coventry Rd	Traffic Regulation Order	Prioritised May 11 th 2012	£5,500	TBC	No	Introduce waiting and parking scheme on Coventry Rd and junction lining at Brook Close

Total LTP schemes

£26,735

Bulwell Area Capital LTP Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Northern Cemetery	Tree works	Approved November 2011	£7,500	TBC	No	Overgrown trees at Northern Cemetery are causing issues for residents.

Total Public Realm schemes

£7,500

Bulwell Area Capital Withdrawn schemes

Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details
Bradford Street Allotments	Fencing contribution	Funded from other source	£22,000	Received confirmation from the Allotment team that funding was from elsewhere. Was 2009 - 2011 scheme

Total Decommited

£22,000

2011-2013 LTP allocation
 Balance carried over from 2010-2011
 Decommited funds
Total Available 2011 - 2013 ACF
 Less Public Realm schemes
 Less LTP schemes

£148,166
 £0
 £22,000
£170,166
 £7,500
 £26,735

Remaining available balance
LTP element remaining
Public Realm element remaining

£135,931
 £121,431
 £14,500

Bulwell Forest Area Capital 2011 - 2013 LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Knights Close Forecourt	Improvements Traffic Regulation Order	Prioritised 24th April 2012	£35,000			Remove slabbed area and carry-out design work to improve the look and feel of the area.
Station Rd	Footpath	Prioritised 11 th May 2012 Approved January 2012	£500 £23,640	TBC TBC	No No	Investigate resolutions to parking blocking garages and introduce traffic regulation orders as needed. Surface treatment on Deptford Crescent side only
Highbury Road Northcote Way to Station Street Hucknall Road	Tree Works	Approved January 2012	£5,000	TBC	No	Large scale tree works to be carried out on the Linear Walkway including tree replacement
Cross Dale Walk	Gating	Approved November 2011	£2,000	TBC	No	Install gate to access footpath
Bestwood Park Drive West	Signing	Approved November 2011	£5,000	TBC	No	Weight restriction signage improvements
Bakewell Drive	Bollards	Approved November 2011	£5,000	TBC	No	Install bollards to stop driving on pavement
St Albans Road	Bus Stop	Approved September 2011	£1,000	N/A	Yes	Contribution to moving bus stop
Bestwood Park Drive West	Survey	Approved September 2011	£300	N/A	Yes	Refund to ward budgets for survey
Bestwood Park Drive West	TRO	Approved September 2011	£2,000	TBC	No	Increase hours of 20mph zone

Total LTP schemes

£79,440

Bulwell Forest Area Capital Public Realm schemes (from carry over & withdrawn schemes)

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Knights Close	Extinguishment Order	Approved March 2012	£2,000			Gating order to close right of way between TV Youth Centre and TV Community Centre
Cantrell School	Fence	Approved November 2011	£6,207	n/a	No	Fencing for community garden.

Total Public Realm schemes

£8,207

Bulwell Forest Area Capital Withdrawn schemes

Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details
Bestwood Terrace	Footpath	Underspend	£1,050	Underspend on 2009 - 2011 resurfacing scheme.

Total Withdrawn

£1,050

Total 2011-2013 LTP allocation
Balance carried over from 2010-2011
Withdrawn Schemes

£93,266

£13,951

£1,050

Total Available 2011 - 2013 ACF

£108,267

Less Public Realm schemes

£8,207

Less LTP schemes

£79,440

Remaining available balance

£20,620

LTP element remaining

£13,826

Public Realm element remaining

£6,794

Appendix 2

Potential schemes identified following the Bulwell Forest parking survey, and officers meeting.

Coventry Road (northern section).

Prior to the opening of the Bulwell Riverside building there had already been a few complaints from residents and businesses about inconsiderate parking obstructing vehicular accesses and garages on this road. The road is a priority for Area Focus and was already on the contenders list seeking funding.

Following the opening of the Bulwell Riverside building the number of cars parking here, for the whole day, has increased.

This has led to further complaints, in addition to which, businesses, including the Post Office, have complained about a reduction in trade since customers can not park nearby.

A waiting and parking scheme could be introduced here to mitigate these problems.

Time limited waiting bay(s) could be implemented to provide somewhere for shoppers to park, the limit on time will ensure a turn over, and help to restore passing trade to the Post Office and other businesses.

Double or single yellow lines could be implemented to protect the accesses to business premises, garages, and any other dropped kerbs.

Unlimited parking spaces could be retained along the rest of the road, so that residents, visitors and workers can continue to park here (wherever it will not cause any problems).

This aerial view from Google Earth shows the situation 4 years ago, more parking takes place today. The yellow line indicates the boundary of the proposed scheme, and Coventry Road is an adopted highway.



Station Road.

Prior to the opening of the Bulwell Riverside building there had already been a few complaints from residents about inconsiderate parking obstructing access to garages on this road. As the road is very narrow parking opposite garages can also prevent access/egress.

Following the opening of the Bulwell Riverside building the number of cars parking here has increased.

This has led to further complaints, probably the highest level of complaints out of all the roads surveyed.

The road is a high priority for Neighbourhood Management.

Double or single yellow lines could be implemented here to protect access to garages, and any dropped kerbs, and ensure that the road itself is not obstructed.

On the left the view from Google Earth shows one set of garages and the situation 4 years ago, more parking takes place today. On the right is a recent photograph of another garage. Station Road is an adopted highway.



Brook Close.

Following the opening of the Bulwell Riverside building the number of cars parking here has increased. The neighbourhood development officer has started to receive complaints about cars parking too close to the junction.

Guidelines set down in the Highways Code tell motorists not to stop or park within 10 metres of a junction, in reality less or more space may be required depending upon the geometry and visibility at the junction. If parking is occurring too close to the junction, affecting visibility, or motorists ability to manoeuvre into or out of the road, and this is happening on a regular/frequent basis we would recommend implementing some double yellow lines to protect the junction.

This view from Google Earth shows the junction layout (4 years ago). Seller's Wood Drive and Brook Close are adopted highway.

