

**AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET**

**Name of Committee**

**Cabinet**

**Date of Committee**

**8 September 2005**

**Report Title**

**Pride in Camp Hill - The Dingle/St Anne's Field Environmental Enhancement Scheme**

**Summary**

This report seeks Cabinet approval to increase the 2005/06 Capital Programme by £60,000 to carry out Phase 2 of an externally funded project to enhance The Dingle/St Anne's Field, Camp Hill, Nuneaton.

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**Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?**

Yes/No – Cabinet has delegated authority from full Council to add to the Capital Programme projects which cost less than £1.5 million where spending is financed from external grants, developer contributions or from revenue.

**Background Papers**

None

**CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-**

*Details to be specified*

Other Committees

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Local Member(s)

(With brief comments, if appropriate)

Councillor S R Tooth – “I welcome a proposed investment to this former landfill site”. Concerns re implementation will be taken into account.

Other Elected Members

Councillor M J Jones  
Councillor F P Barnes  
Councillor R P L Morris-Jones } for information

Cabinet Member

(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)

Councillor C J Saint

Chief Executive

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- Legal  S Duxbury – comments incorporated
- Finance  C Holden – comments incorporated
- Other Chief Officers  .....
- District Councils  .....
- Health Authority  .....
- Police  .....
- Other Bodies/Individuals  .....

**FINAL DECISION**                      **YES/NO**      *(If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)*

**SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :**

*Details to be specified*

- Further consideration by this Committee  .....
- To Council  .....
- To Cabinet  .....
- To an O & S Committee  .....
- To an Area Committee  .....
- Further Consultation  .....

## Cabinet - 8 September 2005

### Pride in Camp Hill - The Dingle/St Anne's Field Environmental Enhancement Scheme

#### Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy

##### Recommendation

That Cabinet approves an increase in the 2005/06 Capital Programme of £60,000 to carry out Phase 2 of an externally funded project to enhance The Dingle/St Anne's Field, Camp Hill, Nuneaton.

#### 1. Background

Pride in Camp Hill is a major regeneration project in Camp Hill, north west Nuneaton. It is amongst the 10% most deprived wards in the country, under the Index of Local Deprivation, and the most deprived ward in Warwickshire. It is also within the Nuneaton and Bedworth Regeneration Zone.

#### 2. Pride in Camp Hill Aims

The aim of Pride in Camp Hill is to transform the physical, economic and social environment of Camp Hill and to improve local service delivery, with the fullest of community involvement. The main partners involved in this initiative are Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, Advantage West Midlands, Warwickshire County Council and The Prince's Foundation. Pride in Camp Hill Ltd. was established by the partners as the company to deliver this project. A partnership has been established that works closely with the local residents and businesses in the Camp Hill area.

#### 3. Environmental Enhancement Project Aims

- 3.1 This project aims to improve the physical environment along with recreational and leisure facilities in the ward and to give the Dingle/St Ann's Field a purpose by creating a quality space that all members of the community can enjoy. The Dingle is approximately 7 hectares in size and offers significant opportunity for improvement, which will be felt by the whole community as it runs through the centre of Camp Hill. New house building is under way on the north side of the site while to the south houses will remain untouched. Enhancing the space between these two residential areas may go some way towards reducing the disparity between old and new.

- 3.2 The area is ex-landfill site and is owned and maintained by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council. There are some areas where landfill is becoming exposed through the topsoil. As such the site's potential for natural beauty and biodiversity is largely overlooked. An environmental project of this nature will demonstrate a return to nature, an opportunity to contribute something positive to the community and soften the appearance of the area, which is currently a bare, flat grassy area.
- 3.3 The area is currently misused in a number of ways. Motorbikes are ridden over it damaging the grass, and the area is subject to abuse through fly-tipping and arson. By investing in improving the site it is hoped that such antisocial activities will be deterred as residents value the improved space and have an increased sense of ownership through the consultation process.

#### **4. Project Plan**

- 4.1 The project will consist of:-
- (i) Significant tree planting to provide structure to the site and continue the tree-lined boulevard theme across the site. Varieties to include some fruit trees to link in with healthy living agenda.
  - (ii) Circular stone feature to provide a focal point which can be used as an informal picnic or gathering area.
  - (iii) Soft contouring of the land to create interest in a uniform piece of land.
  - (iv) Completion of the cycleway to link in with county wide cycle network development plan which is part of the Local Transport Plan Cycle Strategy.
  - (v) Junior football pitch to provide practice area for emerging teams and an informal practice area.
  - (vi) Provision of bins and benches.
  - (vii) Entrance feature at each end of the site to provide a positive welcome feature.
  - (viii) Pathway improvements as the site is used by dog walkers and as a key route parents take with children to and from school.

- 4.2 These plans meet four of the eight principles guiding the work of Pride in Camp Hill:-
- (i) Community involvement - The aim of Pride in Camp Hill is to bring the community together and involve them in planning for their future.
  - (ii) Local facilities - As much as it is possible, we want to provide the living, working, shopping, leisure and community amenities that are required for a thriving community, within a five to ten minute walk of all residents.
  - (iii) Design - Ensure buildings and landscape are well designed, and well built and attractive.
  - (iv) Travel - Make it easier and safer to travel into, out of, and around Camp Hill by car, cycle, foot and public transport.

4.3 The project will be managed in three phases.

## 5. Phase 1 – Work Completed So Far

Phase 1 consisted of building the eastern section of the cycle-path with lighting. This was paid for by in part by Building Sustainable Neighbourhoods (BSN) along with external funding bodies.

## 6. Phase 2 – Current

6.1 Phase 2 plans include soft contouring and levelling of football pitch, installation of benches and bins and completion of cycle path. It is estimated this part of the project will cost £95,000.

6.2 Funding has been secured by Pride in Camp Hill as follows:-

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Sita Environmental Trust	For cycle-path, especially lighting	25,000
Onyx Environmental Trust	General	10,000
BSN	Bins and benches	5,000
Lovell	Football pitch and contouring – in kind contribution	15,000
Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd	Cycle path	10,000 (tbc)
Warwickshire County Council Local Transport Plan	Cycle path	30,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£95,000</b>

- 6.3 The £30,000 from the Local Transport Plan has already been approved through Cabinet as part of the capital programme and £5,000 from the BSN Revenue Budget. Although the remaining funding has been secured in the name of Pride in Camp Hill Limited, because WCC will be letting the contract and receiving funding from environmental trusts, approval is needed for an increase in the capital programme of £60,000.
- 6.4 The design aspect of this phase of the project was carried out by WCC Environmental Design team. Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council will manage the project on site. Permission for a single tender contract has been approved by the County Treasurer and the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive, and a contract is being drawn up for Lovell, the developer on site, to complete the works.

## **7. Conclusion**

Plans to enhance The Dingle/St Anne's Field are moving ahead as planned with thought now being given to the funding of Phase 3 of the project which will focus on landscaping, planting and the circular stone feature.

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