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AGENDA ITEM 4(a)

6th September 2023

Dear Councillor Waight

Chichester Growth Programme Public Realm Improvement Scheme Feasibility Study Funding Contribution Request

I am writing to respond to your formal request for funding to support the undertaking of a feasibility study to address the longstanding and unresolved issues with the street surface in the pedestrianised zones of East and North Street.

The request was considered by the City Council Planning and Conservation Committee on 17th August 2023. The Committee referred to the existing City Council resolution (22nd February 2023, minute reference 76), "*That the City Council supports the allocation of a sum not exceeding £100,000 from unallocated CIL funds towards the pavement element of the Public Realm project. However, the sum will only be payable if West Sussex County Council and Chichester District Council make commensurate and proportional funding commitments.*"

On the basis that this resolution has not been overturned, the City Council are unable to contribute towards the costs of additional design or feasibility studies and can only contribute towards the costs of installing new pavement surfacing.

The Committee further added they were keen that the considerable previous work undertaken on this issue over many years be reviewed to ascertain if a suitable low-cost and deliverable solution has already been identified within the long and fraught project history.

Although we are unable to commit any funds to the feasibility study, the City Council has allocated a contribution of up to £100,000 towards the costs of the works once they are able to proceed.

I hope that this clarifies the City Council position. The City Council fully support the improvement of the pedestrianised pavements and look forward to assisting the County Council with the swift delivery of suitable surfacing.

Yours sincerely

Sam Tate
Town Clerk



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AGENDA ITEM 5

**PLANNING ADVISER'S REPORT FOR THE PLANNING AND CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE MEETING ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 4PM**

Weeks 32-35

Week 32

No committee items.

Week 33

CC/23/01857/FUL - Case Officer: Freya Divey
Avenue House 8-10 Southgate Chichester West Sussex
Single storey front infill extension(s).

Planning Application: <https://publicaccess.chichester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RZ0XV4ERLYV00>

Key issues:

- The application is to extend forward the existing shop frontage, infilling the currently open area under the overhang of the building above. This area is currently used by pedestrians, effectively as an extension to the pavement on this corner.
- The site is in the Conservation Area and would preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the area; as an infill extension, the elevations will retain a very similar appearance, but the shop frontage would be further forward, close to the pavement, rather than set back in an undercroft.
- The site is within the secondary shopping frontage of the city centre. An application for retention, alteration or improvement of a shop frontage would be acceptable in principle (subject to other relevant considerations).
- Although the undercroft of the building is commonly used by pedestrians to cut across the corner, there remains sufficient pavement outside of the footprint of the building, no access would be lost.
- The proposal would support the retention of the existing use and the retention of a shop frontage, which would support the vitality and viability of the city centre.

Recommendation: No objection

Week 34

CC/23/01214/FUL - Case Officer: Rebecca Perris
Priory Park Public Conveniences Priory Lane Chichester West Sussex
2 no. additional doors, installation of defibrillator and water fountain to south east elevation with associated alterations and repairs.

Planning application: <https://publicaccess.chichester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RV7O2RERKOF00>

Key issues:

- The application is for refurbishment of the public conveniences at Priory Park.
- The site is within the Conservation Area.

- Internal refurbishment would be facilitated by minor external changes including new doors, one within a new door opening, and new UPVC guttering and downpipes. A water fountain and a defibrillator would be provided on the front of the building.
- The tarmac path to the front would be slightly widened for improved access and the existing planting would be moved forward accordingly, with the existing plants being re-planted further forward where possible and replacement plants where necessary, an additional tree would also be provided.
- The proposal would support the continued and improved provision of important public facilities.

Recommendation: No objection, however, consideration should be given to the materials as UPVC is not usually appropriate in the Conservation Area.

Week 35

No committee items.

To note:

Notification of pre-application advice: CC/23/01898/PREM

Proposal: 95 homes, associated car parking, open space, landscaping and infrastructure.

Address: Land Adjacent To Police Station, 105 Kingsham Road, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 8AD

A request has recently been made for pre-application advice as above. This is not a planning application, it does not feature on the weekly lists, and plans are not made available for public comment. However, Members may wish to be aware that such an approach has been made to CDC for planning advice, and a planning application may be made in future.

AGENDA ITEM 9

Telephone Boxes at the top of North Pallant

For some time there have been problems in the Pallants, with people who may well have been drinking heavily causing disruption and damage. During the past week there has been obscene graffiti on front doors – some scratched into the paintwork - and general bad behaviour.

Added to this is the fact that there are two public telephone boxes at the top of North Pallant where it adjoins East Street. They have for some years been used as advertising space, and residents are querying whether or not they are actually used as telephone boxes. I understand that in fact they are being used as public urinals, so anyone wishing to use the telephone (if there are such people nowadays in this age of personal 'phones) would have to stand in a rather smelly box to make their calls.

I am therefore asking whether we could make contact with BT to ascertain whether these boxes are actually used to make calls, or whether they are now simply advertising space and urinals. Normally this advertising would not be permitted in the conservation area, and the other present use is not conducive or healthy, as there is no formal cleaning as there would be in a public lavatory. If they are being used for telephone calls they need to be monitored and kept clean. If they are not being used for the purpose for which they were built, perhaps we could suggest they be removed.

Anne Scicluna
Central Ward Councillor