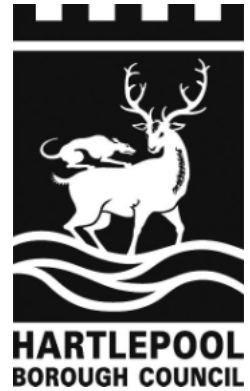


# **SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA**



**PLEASE NOTE : RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION TO BE HELD  
AT 9.30 pm PROMPT**

**Friday, 17 December 2010**

**at 10.00 am**

**in Owton Rossmere Resource Centre (ORCEL),  
Wynyard Road, Hartlepool**

**MEMBERS: SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:**

Councillors C Akers-Belcher, Flintoff, Gibbon, Hargreaves, Hill, James, Lawton,  
A E Lilley, G Lilley, A Marshall, Preece, Turner and P Thompson

Resident Representatives: Mary Green, Peter Joyce, Rosemarie Kennedy, Iris  
Ryder, Michael Unwin and Angela Wilcox

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 4. MINUTES**
  - 4.1 To confirm the minutes of the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum meeting held on 22 October 2010
  - 4.2 Matters arising
  - 4.3 To receive the minutes of the South Area Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum held on 12 November 2010.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

6. **ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 Hartlepool Core Strategy – Public Consultation on the Revised Preferred Options Report – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*

7. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION and/or INFORMATION**

- 7.1 Presentation on the Big Tidy Up campaign – *Pride in Hartlepool Officer*  
7.2 Presentation on the Schools Environmental Action Initiative – *School Environmental Action Officer*

8. **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

- 8.1 Minor Works Proposals – *Neighbourhood Manager (South)*

9. **WARD ISSUES**

10. **DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the South Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum will take place on Friday 14 January 2011 at Owton Rossmere Resource Centre, Wynyard Road commencing at 10.00 am.

The next meeting of the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum will take place on Friday 18 February 2011 at the Educational Development Centre, Seaton Lane, commencing at 2.00 pm.

**WARDS**

Fens  
Greatham  
Owton  
Rossmere  
Seaton

# ***SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM***

**22 October 2010**

## ***MINUTES OF THE MEETING***



The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in Owton Rossmere Resource Centre (ORCEL), Wynyard Road, Hartlepool

<b>PRESENT:</b>
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Chair:	Councillor Ann Marshall	-	Rossmere Ward
	Councillor Steve Gibbon	-	Fens Ward
	Councillor Trisha Lawton	-	Rossmere Ward
	Councillor Alison Lilley	-	Fens Ward
	Councillor Geoff Lilley	-	Greatham Ward
	Councillor Paul Thompson	-	Seaton Ward
	Councillor Mike Turner	-	Seaton Ward

Resident Representatives: Peter Joyce, Iris Ryder and Michael Unwin

Public: Dorothy Clark, R Smith, Joan Unwin, Mike Ward

Officers:

- Dave Frame, Neighbourhood Manager
- Dave Mitchell, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
- Sue McBride, Neighbourhood Development Officer
- Tony Dixon, Aboricultural Officer
- Neil Harrison, Strategic Commissioner (Working Age Adults)
- Phil Hepburn, Parking Services Manager
- Laura Stones, Scrutiny Support Officer
- Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

Police Representatives: Julie Dobson

Fire and Rescue Service: Dean Charnley

<b>WELCOME</b>
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The Chair welcomed and introduced the recently appointed Resident Representatives to the Forum.

<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
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Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Christopher Akers Belcher, Pam Hargreaves, Cath Hill, Marjorie James, Resident Representative Angie Wilcox and resident Mr Oxley.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**15. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum meeting held on 20 August 2010 were confirmed as an accurate account with the addition of Mr Mike Ward in attendance.

**16. MATTERS ARISING**

**Temporary Yellow Lines** – Councillor Geoff Lilley noted that these were not biodegradable as initially thought. He was informed that the remaining lines should be removed within the next three weeks.

**Niramax Site** – Resident Mike Ward asked whether a meeting had been arranged with Ward Members, Officers and Niramax representatives and was informed that there were legal issues surrounding this at present. Mr Ward complained that there were still foul smells in the area.

**Fire Brigade Engagement with Youth People** – Councillor Alison Lilley asked whether there was a possibility of providing floodlights to enable the football activities to continue during the winter months. The Fire and Rescue representative agreed to refer this to the Officer concerned.

**Tall Ships Funding** – Mike Ward expressed concern regarding the overspend on the event when funding was unavailable for community centres. He was informed that the overspend was to be discussed at the Council meeting on 28 October 2010.

**17. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No items.

**18. TREE STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

The Arboricultural Officer explained to those present that the Strategy would set out the Authority's guiding principles on tree-related issues and aims to enhance the role and status of trees in Hartlepool for the benefit of everyone who lives in, works in or visits the borough. Residents were encouraged to participate in the consultation which ended on 8 November 2010. Details were on line - [www.hartlepool.gov.uk/treesstrategy](http://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/treesstrategy). Alternatively, the document was available at the Council's Bryan Hanson House offices.

**Balmoral Road** – Resident Representative Peter Joyce queried whether the trees on the corner of this road were to be replaced and was informed that this was to be phased over a 30 year period. The trees recently replaced were thriving.

**Dead Trees** – It was clarified for Councillor Alison Lilley that any dead trees which were considered dangerous would be removed and a suitable replacement would be planted. Councillor Steve Gibbon asked that tree stumps be removed in a timely manner. He referred to a stump that was still in place in Thetford Road a year after removal of the tree. The Arboricultural Officer would take up this issue with the Horticulture Supervisor.

**Suitable Species of Tree** – Councillor Steve Gibbon stated he did not consider that crab apple trees were suitable for a street environment as the fruit was being used as missiles. Resident Representative Iris Ryder reminded the meeting that this Forum had previously

suggested this species be used. The Neighbourhood Manager stated that it had been agreed that fruit trees would be placed only in suitable locations.

**Tree Plan** – Resident Representative Michael Unwin asked whether there was a record of all trees in Hartlepool for which the Authority had responsibility and was informed that there was a record although no map publically available. Councillor Geoff Lilley said that a tree audit of Greatham Village had taken place.

### 19. PARKING STRATEGY

The Parking Services Manager informed the meeting of the current consultation in relation to the Hartlepool Parking Strategy. This was a Department of Transport recommendation to outline the Authority's policy and direction. The purpose of this was to support the local economy, reduce congestion, improve parking standards and encourage changes to travel behaviour. This would also provide substance to strengthen Civil Parking Enforcement. Comments on this strategy should be returned to the Parking Services Manager – [phil.hepburn@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:phil.hepburn@hartlepool.gov.uk)

**Camper Vans** – Resident Representative Iris Ryder referred to the practice of several camper vans parking on the green at Seaton Carew overnight. She was informed that it was not currently illegal to do so although the strategy would look to provide areas for parking for them. Councillor Geoff Lilley suggested that parking provision could be made available for campervans in the Historic Quay car park.

### 20. PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

The Strategic Commissioner (Working Age Adults) gave a brief overview of the transformation of the adult social care system over the last three years. He referred to the success of the Connected Care system in Owton Manor. He advised the meeting that Hartlepool was one of the top ten in the country in relation to the rolling out of personal budgets enabling service users to control their personal needs. Services such as telecare enabled people to stay in their own home for longer and extra care was provided by the Laurel Gardens and Hartfields developments. Information and advice was given on the 'Hartlepool Now' website, the Life Channel broadcast in GP surgeries and also there was a 'trusted trades' register for those who wished to access services like plumbers or electricians.

**Trusted Trades Register** - The Chair asked whether this register was means tested and was informed that it could be accessed by all. She stated that she would ensure that Connected Care were aware of the register.

### 21. INVESTIGATION INTO 20's PLENTY

The Scrutiny Support Officer informed the meeting of the current Scrutiny investigation into traffic calming measures. She invited comments on the effectiveness of physical traffic calming measures, the implementation of 20 mph as the default speed limit for all residential and town centre roads and how residents and Members thought the Council should approach traffic calming measures in light of budgetary restrictions. A questionnaire had been circulated for people to submit their views. She gave details of future dates of the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny

Forum meetings where comments would also be received.

**Enforcement** – Resident Rob Smith commented that some motorists ignored current restrictions, specifically in Belmont Gardens and the approach to the roundabout near Tesco. The Scrutiny Support Officer agreed to relay these concerns to Police who were attending Scrutiny forums.

**Scottish Traffic Calming Measures** - Councillor Geoff Lilley asked that consideration be given to implementing similar calming measures as those in some parts of Scotland which did not involve digging up roads. The Scrutiny Support Officer said that this had also been suggested at another Forum and that a site visit had been arranged to view similar measures in Newcastle.

**Greatham Parking** – Resident Dorothy Clark highlighted that there was already limited parking in front of houses in Greatham and if speed humps were implemented this could restrict resident parking further. The Neighbourhood Manager said that this had already been highlighted during the initial consultation.

## 22. MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS

A number of schemes were considered and approved by the Forum:-

### Verge Reinstatement Schemes

- 12 – 26 Stockton Road (£4,300)
- 18 Irvine Road (£420)
- Retford Grove (£5,000)
- 17 – 23 Grosmont Road - £2,075
- 36 – 42 and 35 – 41 Kilmamock Road (£6,850)
- 22 – 36 Fordyce Road (£5,750)
- 23 Fordyce Road (£1,600)
- 33 – 39 Fordyce Road (£2,800)

- 17 – 19 Endrick Road (£1,850)

### Horticulture Schemes

- Stamford Walk (£300)
- Catcote Road (£300)
- Spalding Field (£900)
- Armadale Grove (£1,020)

### Highway Schemes

- Rossmere Way bollards (£2,800)
- Caithness Road access ramps (£1,200)
- Greatham traffic calming (£5,000)

It was clarified that there had been consultation with residents of Greatham in relation to the traffic calming scheme.

## 23. WARD ISSUES

**Sharwoods Factory** – Councillor Geoff Lilley highlighted the ongoing problems with youths accessing the disused factory and the nuisance caused to its near neighbours. PCSO Dobson explained that Police were well aware of the problems and were doing what they could to alleviate this by way of issuing AS13 forms and liaising with parents. Councillor Lilley stated that he believed that demolition costs were not too high and asked whether any intervention could take place by the Authority. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to pursue this to see whether it was achievable.

**Fire at Cleveland Waste Paper** – Resident Representative Iris Ryder and others present expressed concern at the incident which had occurred the previous day. Members were assured that there were emergency services contingency plans in place for such incidents although these had been hampered by onlookers

to the incident. Concern was expressed by Councillor Steve Gibbon that there was not sufficient water on the premises and suggested that this be part of the licence conditions. The Neighbourhood Manager would pass on these comments to the licensing department.

**Development at Claxton** – Councillor Geoff Lilley referred to the next phase of consultation in relation to the Core Strategy and raised concerns that developers would have an input in the town's planning. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to pass on concerns to the planning department.

**Railway theft** – Resident Representative Iris Ryder informed the meeting that there had been disruption to train services due to cabling being stolen. PCSO Dobson agreed to update Mrs Ryder after the meeting.

**Police update** – PCSO Dobson updated the Forum on a number of issues :-

- Jutland Road Police Office would remain in Jutland Road
- Despite public sector cuts, the Chief Constable was committed to maintaining front line services.
- Off road biking had remained a priority and officers had successfully reduced the numbers of these
- Antisocial behaviour was down apart from a couple of hotspots in the Fens area and the forum was updated on recent incidents
- Copies of officer lists were available

Resident Rob Smith made PCSO Dobson aware of work about to be carried out by the Environment Agency in the Newark

Road area and that there may be Plant machinery parked there. PCSO Dobson said that this would be a priority for officers.

**National Award** – Councillor Steve Gibbon reminded the meeting the PCSO Dobson had been awarded the Cleveland Police Neighbourhood Community Support Officer of the Year and was to represent the Force at national awards. He wished her luck in the award ceremony and thanked her for her hard work in the neighbourhood.

The meeting concluded at 11.02 pm

CHAIR

**WARDS**

Fens  
Greatham  
Owton  
Rossmere  
Seaton

***SOUTH POLICE &  
COMMUNITY SAFETY  
CONSULTATIVE FORUM***

**12 November 2010**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**



The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm at Greatham Community Centre,  
Front Street, Greatham

**PRESENT:**

Chair:	Councillor Ann Marshall	- Rossmere Ward
	Councillor Steve Gibbon	- Fens Ward
	Councillor Trisha Lawton	- Rossmere Ward
	Councillor Alison Lilley	- Fens Ward
	Councillor Geoff Lilley	- Greatham Ward
	Councillor Paul Thompson	- Seaton Ward
	Councillor Mike Turner	- Seaton Ward

Resident Representatives: Peter Joyce, Rosemarie Kennedy and Michael Unwin

Residents: Dorothy Clark, J Smith and Joan Unwin

Council Officers: David Frame, Neighbourhood Manager (South)  
David Mitchell, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator  
Sue Grey, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer  
Andrew Hughes, Community Safety Project Officer  
Carl Gatenby, Police Anti-Social Behaviour Officer  
Julie Hetherington, Community Safety Assistant  
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

Police Representatives: Tom Hart and Sergeant Ali Sah

Fire Brigade Representative: Peter Bradley and D Charnley

Housing Hartlepool Representative: Andy Elvidge

**10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were submitted from Councillors Christopher Akers-Belcher, Cath Hill and Marjorie James and Resident Representative Iris Ryder.

**11. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD  
ON 30 July 2010**

These were approved as a true record



## 12. MATTERS ARISING

No items

## 13. UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

Sergeant Sah provided an overview of crime force wide and in Hartlepool for September 2010. Force wide there had been a 1.8% overall drop in crime with individual decreases in criminal damage, vehicle crime and violent crime. Drug activity had increased slightly however house burglaries and other thefts had also increased. In Hartlepool house burglary, vehicle crime and other thefts had risen however criminal damage and violent crime had dropped leading to a decrease in crime overall. Sergeant Sah attributed the drop in violent crime to the increased resources being put into the night-time economy. There had been less drug activity than previously, a result of the drying up of the heroin trade across Hartlepool. The number of arrests, cautions, charges, warrants, AS13s and Street encounters in the South area of the town over the last 3 months were given.

A number of items of interest were also highlighted including drug related issues in Lealholm Road, the addition of Jutland Road as a priority area and the recent nomination of PCSO Dobson for a National Police Award. Members were also advised the new police office in Jutland Road was scheduled to open in January.

The following issues were then raised:

**Ward based updates** – Councillor Geoff Lilley referred to the previous practice of distributing ward based updates giving information on crime activity and police response to it. He asked if this could be continued as it was a valuable way to show the success of neighbourhood policing. Sergeant Sah commented that the cost of leaflets could be a factor in the

current economic climate however in theory it could be done.

**Visual audits and PACT meetings** – Sergeant Sah advised that these were currently being reviewed and those which were not well attended would be discontinued. There were many other opportunities for police to engage with the public, such as through schools, and he preferred to see officers patrolling the streets than wasting their time at poorly attended meetings. Councillor Geoff Lilley acknowledged that people only tended to engage with the police when they had a problem but felt structures still needed to be in place for this. Resident Representative Joan Unwin felt that the low attendance may be due to people being unaware that the meetings were taking place. She asked that the residents associations be informed of future meetings to enable them to inform the wider public. Sergeant Sah indicated that a meeting on ward priorities would be taking place that afternoon and ward officers would be reminded of the need to advertise public meetings via the internet and Ringmaster. The effectiveness of PACT and visual audits in individual areas would be looked at, hopefully giving the current situation more clarity. The Community Safety Assistant also advised that the dates for visual audits were sent to all interested parties annually and were available on the police website. PACTs were the responsibility of individual officers who were encouraged to utilise Ringmaster. Councillor Steve Gibbon suggested that an email be sent out to Ward Councillors and Residents Associations at the same time as Ringmaster. He referred to a recent instance when he had been given 36 hours notice of a PACT meeting which he felt was insufficient. Sergeant Sah noted this saying that the advertising of PACT meetings was the responsibility of individual officers. Councillor Gibbon also questioned the assertion that meetings

were not well attended. Sergeant Sah advised that all these comments would be taken on board.

**Spalding Green** – Councillor Alison Lilley highlighted a recent incident involving around 150 young people causing a disturbance. She praised the quick and active response of officers. This was echoed by Councillor Steve Gibbon.

The Chair thanked Sergeant Sah and Acting Sgt Hart for attending the meeting and answering questions.

#### 14. UPDATE FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE

Peter Bradley from Cleveland Fire Brigade gave an update on the number of fires which had occurred in the South area between May and October 2010. Comparison figures with the same time 2009/10 showed no increase in any category of fire, with all remaining static or decreasing. There had been a drop in the number of home fire safety visits but this was thought to be due to the high number which had previously been carried out. There was a particular problem with the burning of cables in inaccessible areas. In an effort to stem this officers had asked the town's main scrap dealers to stop buying pieces of cable. Agreement had been reached to do this as part of a month-long pilot and it was hoped that if this proved successful it could continue.

Mr Bradley also discussed various diversionary activities including the Saturday night breakaway in conjunction with the Manor West Association and the Fens Football group which had taken place over the summer. Unfortunately the current financial situation meant that these services might be under threat in the future

The following issues were then raised:

**Cleveland Waste Fire** – Councillor Steve Gibbon requested an update. Mr Bradley advised that the fire at the Cleveland Waste site was out however it had spread to the adjoining property whose owners did not have the resources to put it out. As they were the innocent party they could not be forced to take action however officers were working on the fire and hoped to put it out in the next 4-6 weeks. The Environment Agency were fully appraised of the situation. Councillor Mike Turner queried whether there was a problem with the water pressure on the site. The Fire Service were not aware of any problems with this. The HBC Planning Department had advised that providing an adequate water supply in dealing with a fire and being part of the terms of a planning consent would be an unreasonable condition to impose. Councillor Turner commented that this was a vulnerable area near housing while Councillor Steve Gibbon felt that the same rules should apply as those governing chemical factories and it was up to the company concerned to control fires and spillages. Mr Bradley repeated that the owners of the site were the fire had spilled into were innocent of any wrong-doing or negligence.

Councillor Paul Thompson ran an office next to the site in question. He had been informed that as it was paper which was burning there was no risk to him or his staff, however Mr Bradley had indicated that there was more than paper burning. If this was the case and there was a risk of toxicity the public had a right to know. Councillor Turner asked that a report be brought to the next meeting of the forum regarding the fire with contributions from the Principal Environmental Health Officer and the Environment Agency. He felt it was unacceptable that the public should be put at risk while the company on whose site the fire was raging, albeit they were the innocent party, were not obliged

to take action. The affected public were also the innocent party and should not be put at risk. The Neighbourhood Manager would ask the PEHO to update Cllrs Thompson and Turner as to the up to date position.

**Friday Night Fens Football Coaching –** Resident Representative Joan Unwin expressed her support for this initiative which had received fantastic feedback from young people and their parents. Councillor Alison Lilley echoed this, referring to a previous request for lighting so that games could continue after dark. D Charnley reported that the use of specialist lighting equipment was under consideration.

**Bonfire night –** Councillor Steve Gibbon congratulated officers from the Council and Fire Brigade for their work in preventing bonfires. Mr Bradley confirmed that there had been a 28% reduction on the previous year.

The Chair thanked Mr Bradley and Mr Charnley for attending the meeting and answering questions.

#### 15. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UNIT UPDATE

The Police Anti-Social Behaviour Officer provided statistics in relation to cases dealt with by the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and Housing Hartlepool. He advised the meeting of the forthcoming Pride in your Neighbourhood Awards and invited nominations for community awards. He gave details of the consultation on the social behaviour strategy and the antisocial awareness week planned for February. The ASBAD – Anti-social Behaviour Awareness Day was currently being planned. It would take place in February and involve inputs from numerous agencies including awareness of alcohol and bullying. The event would

be restricted however invitations would be extended if requested.

The Chair thanked the Police Anti-Social Behaviour Officer for attending the meeting.

#### 16. CRIME AND DISORDER CO-ORDINATION UPDATE

The Community Safety Project Officer outlined initiatives which were ongoing in relation to Operation Cleansweep, particularly an event at Wynyard Shops which former Government Minister Michael Portillo had attended. Organised crime groups in the town were being targeted. A further priority was 'Prevent' agenda in relation to protection from violent extremism. The meeting was assured that CCTV provision in the town was a priority. The annual review of crime and disorder known as the Strategic Assessment was currently taking place. Hartlepool's Specialist Domestic Violence court had been launched by the Mayor in May. The Team had won the Excellent Partnership Working Award 2010 at the Celebrating success awards.

The following issues were then raised:

**Greatham Village –** Councillor Alison Lilley highlighted concerns with cars travelling at excessive speeds along the pathway near to the Community Centre, particularly when the play bus was resident. She asked if a camera could be installed there in order to identify which drivers were responsible and to serve as a possible deterrent. The Community Safety Project Officer was supportive of this in theory but the cost in terms of installation and ongoing maintenance was prohibitive. The placing of all cameras was done according to statistical evidence and provided funding was available. Resident Dorothy Clark highlighted the desperate need for a camera in the village, particularly near the

former Sharwoods Factory. Councillor Steve Gibbon suggested that anybody convicted of a crime through the use of CCTV should be made to pay toward the upkeep of cameras. The Community Safety Project Officer felt this was a good idea but fell under the jurisdiction of the criminal justice system

**Fens Shops** – Councillor Steve Gibbon requested that officers attend this area to give advice on the ‘jingle bells’ initiative. The Community Safety Project Officer confirmed that they would do so.

**20mph** – Councillor Geoff Lilley expressed his support for a 20mph zone throughout Greatham Village provided it was acceptable to the residents. He felt this was especially important for children travelling to and from the village school, many of whom went on their bikes. In terms of the cost of cameras he suggested that the cost need not be as prohibitive as was being suggested and a cheaper alternative could be found. Heavy duty cameras with massive maintenance costs were not always required. The Community Safety Project Officer indicated he would refer these requests to the Waste and Environmental Services Team as they were in possession of a number of deployable cameras.

The Chair thanked the Community Safety Project Officer for attending the meeting.

#### **8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME / ISSUES RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Councillor Geoff Lilley raised concerns that the company which owned the former Sharwoods Factory had been removing metals from the site, the value of which could have been used to offset demolition costs. He felt this was something which the Council would ultimately be responsible for. The Neighbourhood

Manager stated that this is something that a Parish Councillor was pursuing following contact with HBC. Resident Dorothy Clark confirmed this and indicated that the metals were being stripped in a professional manner. The Chair asked that Councillor Lilley as Ward Councillor liaise with the Parish Council on this matter.

The meeting concluded at 11.30 am

**Report of:** Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

**Subject:** HARTLEPOOL CORE STRATEGY – PUBLIC  
CONSULTATION ON THE REVISED PREFERRED  
OPTIONS REPORT

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## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Forum that the Core Strategy Preferred Options consultation will take place between the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Core Strategy is the strategic planning document which sets out how the town will be developed over the next 15 years. The process for developing the Core Strategy involves a number of stages starting with the identification of a range of Issues and Options following which the Council identifies its Preferred Options policies. Once these are agreed a 'final' Publication document is sent to the Government for consideration, and a Public Inquiry is held before the document is finally adopted by the Council. Each stage of the process involves extensive public consultation lasting for a period of 8 weeks.
- 2.2 Earlier this year, consultation took place on the Core Strategy Preferred Options document, and a report was presented to this Forum outlining the consultation process, highlighting the key issues affecting the area and inviting groups and individuals to submit comments. The consultation exercise generated over 450 responses and over the past few months these have been reviewed by Officers. A detailed summary of all responses received, and the Council's response to them, is set out in a Consultation Statement which is on the Council's website.
- 2.3 In addition there has been a change in Government at national level and the new Government has announced a number of planning policy changes. The most significant change is the intention to abolish the regional tier of planning, the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS), which included certain policies which local Core Strategies had to comply with such as annual housing targets and employment land allocations. As a result of these changes and the consultation feedback, the Council's Cabinet has decided to revise certain aspects of the Core Strategy Preferred Options and to re-consult on this document.

### 3. PROPOSALS

3.1 Most of the Preferred Options included in the previous document are included in the revised document although there have been modifications to some of the policies and some additional policies have been added. A major change has been the reduction in the planned number of new houses by 1,225 over the Plan period, reflecting peoples concerns in Hartlepool that too many are being planned for, and following further analysis of housing growth projections.

3.2 The Preferred Options include:

- A south western extension and western expansion to the town with a new road access off the A689. The scale of this has been reduced by 350 dwellings to take account of the scaling back in overall numbers.
- Small expansions at Wynyard Woods and Tunstall Farm for executive housing plus additional small sites on part of Wynyard Business Park.
- A scaling back of the site at Quarry Farm from 300 to approximately 30 – 50 executive homes.
- The inclusion in the Core Strategy of policies relating to Affordable Housing which were previously included in a separate planning document.
- A Housing Market Renewal policy to help ensure that housing in the central areas of the town which are in most need of investment are targeted.
- Wynyard Business Park (apart from the small housing sites mentioned above and the potential new hospital) is retained as a Prestige Employment site; Queens Meadow and North Bum are Higher Quality Employment Sites, and; Oakesway is retained as General Employment Land, whilst the Southern Business Zone includes General Employment Land, some specialist industries eg chemicals and a proposed Eco-Industries Zone including environmental waste management.
- Victoria Harbour is allocated for port-related uses.
- A small extension to the town centre boundary to include the Mill House leisure centre.
- A site is earmarked for a potential replacement nuclear power station adjacent to the existing one.
- New policies are included in relation to the historic environment including protection of Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas.
- New green wedges are proposed within the south west extension and Golden Flatts, and the Middle Warren green wedge is proposed for future extension through the hospital site and around Oakesway.

### 4 NEXT STEPS

4.1 This amended Preferred Options Document is available for public consultation between Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011. It can be viewed at the Civic Centre, local libraries and on the

Council's website <http://planningpolicy.hartlepool.gov.uk>. Letters are also being sent to all households in the Borough informing them of the consultation process and how to get involved. A number of public consultation events and meetings will be held throughout this period where Planning Officers will be in attendance, to receive views on the direction and content of the revised Preferred Options Document.

- 4.2 A public meeting has been arranged with Fens Residents Group on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010. The meeting is being held at Fens School and starts at 7pm. This will be the third such public meeting with planning officers and the Mayor has also confirmed his attendance.

## 5. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 That the report is noted and that interested parties be encouraged to submit any representations on the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report during the consultation period which ends on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

**Report of:** Neighbourhood Manager (South)

**Subject:** MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS

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## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider improvement schemes for potential funding from the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum Minor Works Budget.

## 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Minor Works Budget remaining for the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 amounts to £37,135 (**Appendix A**). This includes the £2,000 reduction from the local transport plan following in year cuts to address budget shortfalls.
- 2.2 A number of schemes are detailed below to address concerns raised by Elected Members, Resident's Representatives and Residents of the South Forum Area.

## 3. PROPOSALS

### 3.1 Verge Reinstatement Schemes

#### (i) Greatham

- (a) The Grove **£10,700 (Appendix B)**

The existing tarmac, located on the outer edge of the circular grassed area in The Grove, has proved insufficient to either relieve congestion within the grove or prevent damage to the central grassed area. It is therefore proposed to extend the width of the existing tarmac areas by 1.5m in order to improve the aesthetics of the area while helping with parking congestion. The residents have been consulted on this scheme with 100% of the returns (15) voting for the proposal outlined above. This scheme is subject to the appropriate utility checks and highways approval.



### 3.2 Horticulture Schemes

#### (i) Seaton

- (a) Gala Close **£330** **(Appendix C)**

An issue was raised regarding dog walkers creating a desire line through a shrub bed thus not only killing the existing plants but also creating inappropriate access leading down to The Stell. It was felt that this access posed a danger to young children. It is proposed to plant some Berberis shrubs to replace those that have been destroyed. In addition, in order to protect the plants from similar destruction, a fence will be erected on the far side of the shrubs to deter walkers.

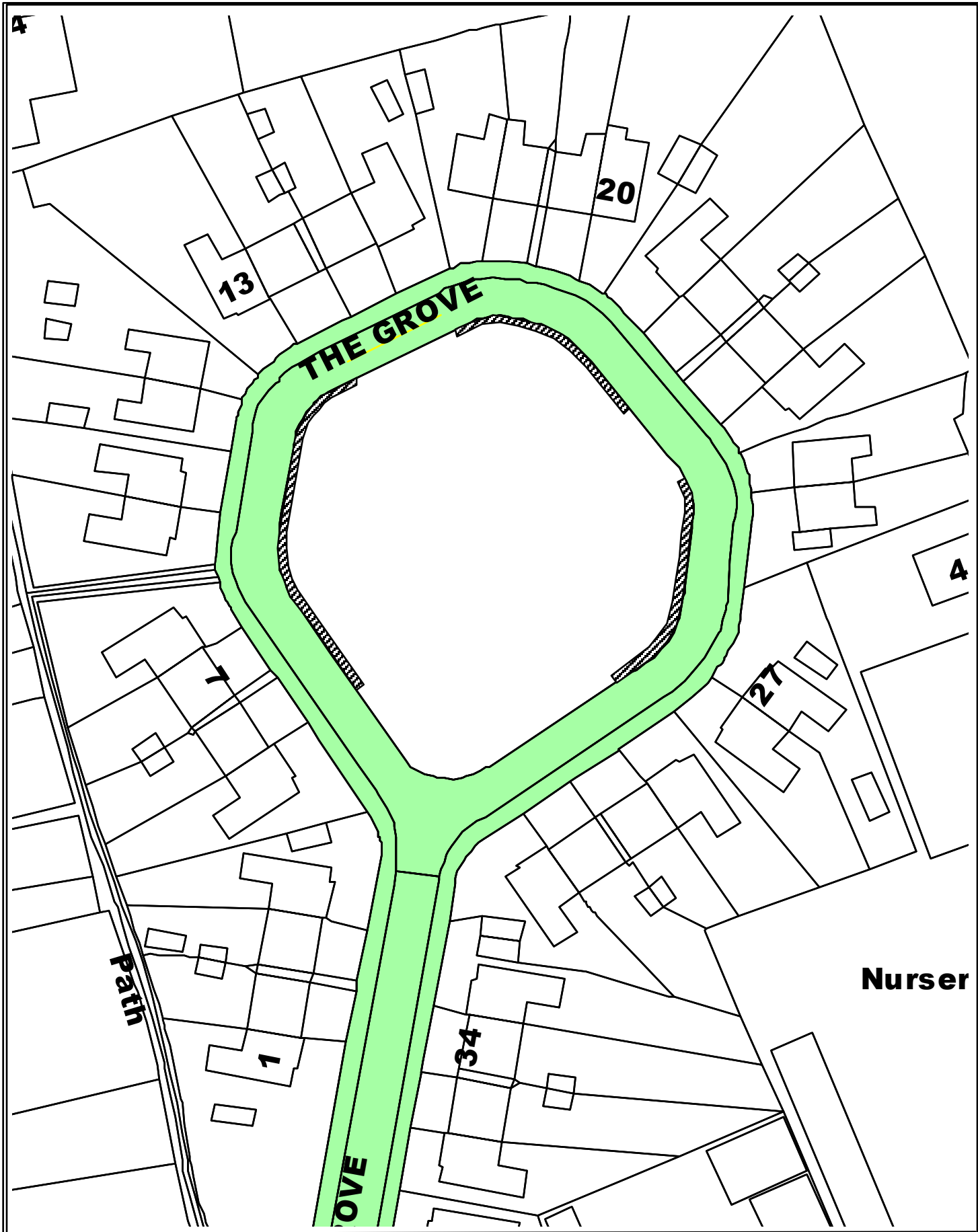
**Total cost for all schemes** **£11,030**

## 4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Forum is asked to consider the above schemes for approval. Approved schemes will need to be presented to the Neighbourhoods and Communities Portfolio for information.

## SOUTH AREA – MINOR WORKS 2010/2011 £87,000.00 BUDGET

FORUM APPROVED DATE	LOCATION	WARD	WORK	TOTAL COST OF SCHEME	COST TO FORUM	TOTAL
			£2,000 reduction due in year 2010/11 from Local Transport Plan allocation		£2,000.00	£2,000.00
9/4/10	South Area	All	Contribution to Pride in Hartlepool		£5,000.00	£7,000.00
2/7/10	South Area	All	Dropped Crossing Programme		£3,500.00	£10,500.00
22/10/10	Stockton Road	Rossmere	Verge re-instatement		£4,300.00	£14,800.00
22/10/10	Irvine Road	Fens	Verge re-instatement		£420.00	£15,220.00
22/10/10	Retford Grove	Fens	Verge re-instatement		£5,000.00	£20,220.00
22/10/10	Grosmont Road	Seaton	Verge re-instatement		£2,075.00	£22,295.00
22/10/10	Kilmarnock Rd	Owton	Verge re-instatement		£6,850.00	£29,145.00
22/10/10	Fordyce Road	Owton	Verge re-instatement		£5,750.00	£34,895.00
22/10/10	Fordyce Road	Owton	Verge re-instatement		£1,600.00	£36,495.00
22/10/10	Fordyce Road	Owton	Verge re-instatement		£2,800.00	£39,295.00
22/10/10	Endrick Road	Owton	Verge re-instatement		£1,850.00	£41,145.00
			Contribution from Housing Hartlepool		-£2,800.00	£38,345.00
22/10/10	Stamford Walk	Fens	Replacement tree planting		£300.00	£38,645.00
22/10/10	Catcote Road	Fens	Replacement tree planting		£300.00	£38,945.00
22/10/10	Spalding Field	Fens	Tree Planting		£900.00	£39,845.00
22/10/10	Armadae Grove	Rossmere	Replant shrub box		£1,020.00	£40,865.00
22/10/10	Rossmere Way	Rossmere	Bollards		£2,800.00	£43,665.00
22/10/10	Caithness Road	Rossmere	Access Ramps		£1,200.00	£44,865.00
22/10/10	High Street	Greatham	Traffic Calming		£5,000.00	£49,865.00



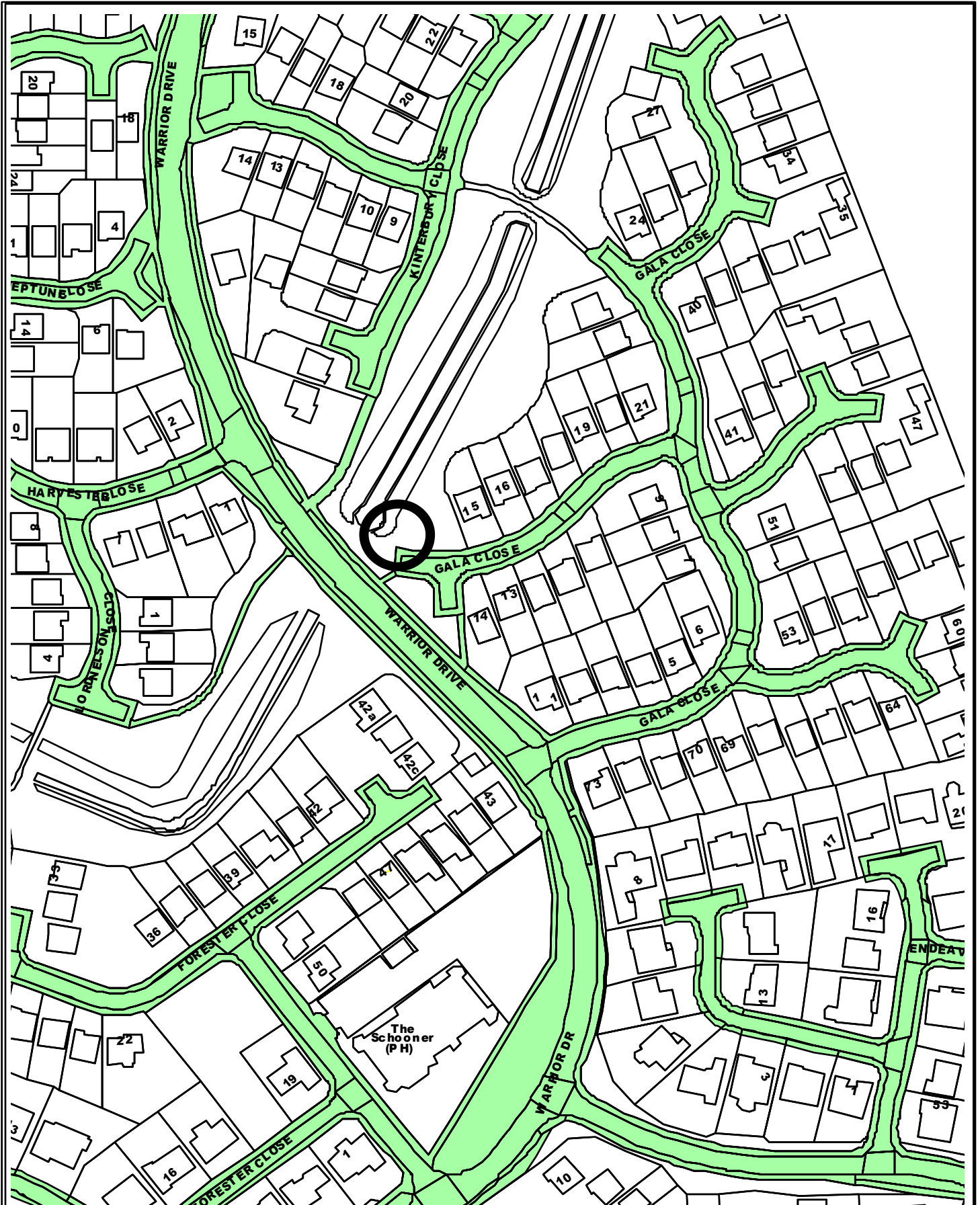
**THE GROVE - Shaded area represents areas of farmac to be extended**

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**GALA CLOSE - Black circle represents area for shrub planting**

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