

SUBJECT:	Security Enhancements to Under Croft Car Park at King George V House, Amersham
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1. Purpose of Report

That Cabinet agree to transfer £37,000 from the Provisional Capital Programme to the approved Approved and Committed Capital Programme to enable completion of security enhancements at King George V House under croft car park.

RECOMMENDATION

Agreement to capital funding for £37,000 to be confirmed.

2. Executive Summary

The project was instigated due to the continuing antisocial behaviour in and around the under croft parking area. Previous measures to tackle the problem have proved to be ineffective. The proposed enclosure work provides personal safety for building users and protection of council goods and vehicles stored in the area.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

In order to enable funding for completion of security enhancement works at King George V House under croft car park.

4. Content of Report

This project was initially proposed in order to enhance the current security arrangements at the King V House under croft car park. The current unenclosed car park has previously experienced examples of anti-social behaviour. This has included damage to parked cars, attempts to set fires in the under croft and damage to the electric car charging point.

The original specification for this project was prepared in October 2014 and involved providing 18 enclosing fencing panels, and two electronically controlled open lattice roller shutter doors for cars to enter the under croft. The roller shutter vehicle doors and two pedestrian entrances were originally due to be linked and operated by an electronically controlled pass card system. These measures would enable the under croft to be secured for safety of building users working out of hours or attending evening meetings and the emergency vehicle stored in the under croft area, while maintaining unrestricted out of hours access to the open car park area for general users.

Invitations to tender for the works were issued on the 8th October 2014 with submissions returned on the 3rd November 2014. The preferred tender for the works was in the region of £40,000 and further electrical upgrade and connection works resulting in the projected cost of works exceeding the £37,000 which was originally identified in the provisional capital budget.

During June 2015 a slightly reduced scope of works was prepared that will achieve the project aims but at reduced costs. Electric roller shutter doors will be installed which can be opened and closed daily and standalone manual key pad pedestrian gates will also be installed. Initial consultations with contractors have indicated that the revised specification should be deliverable within budget. A CCTV standalone camera is also being ordered for the undercroft.

5. Consultation

Formal planning application previously submitted on 20th June 2014 under reference CH/2014/1042/RC. Planning consent granted on 10th September 2014. Planning consent requires the Planning Authority to approve open lattice type roller doors and control housing boxes prior to commencement of the installation work.

6. Options

- (i) If funds are transferred to the confirmed capital programme budget further works can be progressed with the security enhancements being put out to tender resulting in the subsequent scheduling and completion of enhancement works.
- (ii) Funds remain on the provisional capital programme budget with current security measures remaining in place.

7. Corporate Implications

Finance

There is currently £37,000 identified in the Provisional Capital List for this project.

8. Links to Council Policy Objectives

Works will be compatible with improvement of community safety set out in Chiltern & South Bucks Councils' aims and objectives.

9. Next Step

Enablement of proposed funds to facilitate initial invitation for tenders from contractors and subsequent scheduling and completion of proposed works.

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