

## **LIGHTING IN ALLEYWAYS**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report advises Members of the alleyways that are owned / managed by the Council and considered suitable for lighting improvement to increase the feeling of public safety.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 Members included a sum of £5,000 in the 2006/07 Revenue Budget for lighting improvements to alleyways owned by Rochford District Council.
- 2.2 This report does not consider alleyways that may be subject to transfer to the Rochford Housing Association.
- 2.3 Officers have twice included items in the Members' Bulletin requesting Members to bring forward any suggested locations for this initiative.

### **3 IDENTIFIED LOCATIONS**

- 3.1 The following potential locations are areas owned by Rochford District Council (RDC) that have been identified by officers and Members, but only two actually need any improvement at this stage:-

- High Street to Websters Way, Rayleigh.
- Websters Way car park to Eastwood Road.
- Castle Road car park to Eastwood Road, Rayleigh – part only – lighting in RDC section (1 column).
- Southend Road car park to Southend Road, Hockley – Member suggestion.
- Bradley Way to Back Lane, Rochford.

- 3.2 Other locations will need to be identified for potential future schemes.

#### **Priorities**

- 3.2 In order to prioritise the identified locations, the following information has been taken into account. Plans for the locations are provided at Appendix A.

- Bradley Way to Back Lane - in poor condition – high priority.
- Southend Road car park to Southend Road – needs improving – high priority.
- Castle Road car park to Eastwood Road – RDC section lit – low priority.

- Websters Way to Eastwood Road – well lit – no work required.
- High Street to Websters Way – new lighting and CCTV – no work required.

3.3 It is considered that the two high priority schemes should be implemented in 2006/07 - £2000 at Hockley car Park and £3000 at Bradley Way to Back Lane.

#### **4 RISK IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Failing to light these vulnerable areas may be a reputational risk to the Council and safety risk to the public.

#### **5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Lighting improvements provide significant benefits to public safety and the perception of safety.

#### **6 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Lighting improvements encourage people to keep the environment clean and safe.

#### **7 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 Finance for the two schemes is included in the 2006/07 Revenue Budget.

7.2 There will be a need to provide a small revenue support for the ongoing maintenance and energy costs.

7.3 Members may wish to consider whether to include a budget bid for 2007/08, to enable further alleyway lighting improvements, but bearing in mind the others identified above are not considered a high priority.

#### **8 RECOMMENDATION**

8.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That the lighting improvement to the locations suggested in paragraph 3.3 of the report be agreed.

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**Background Papers:-**

None.

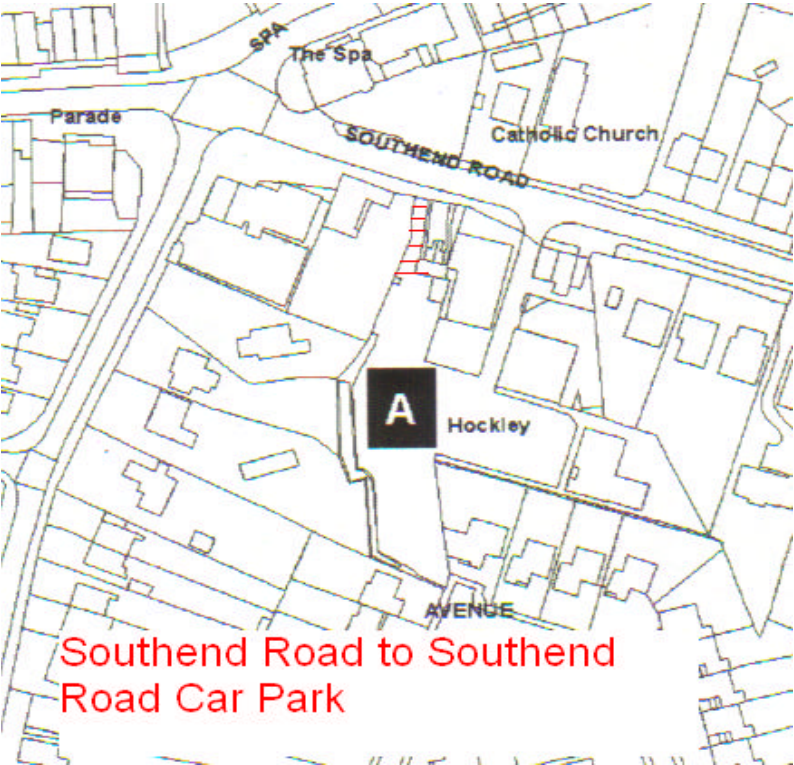
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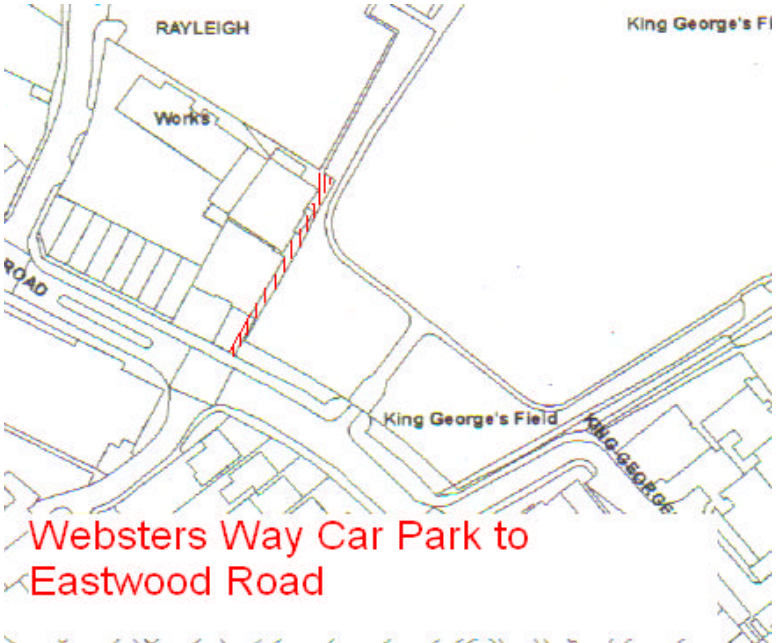
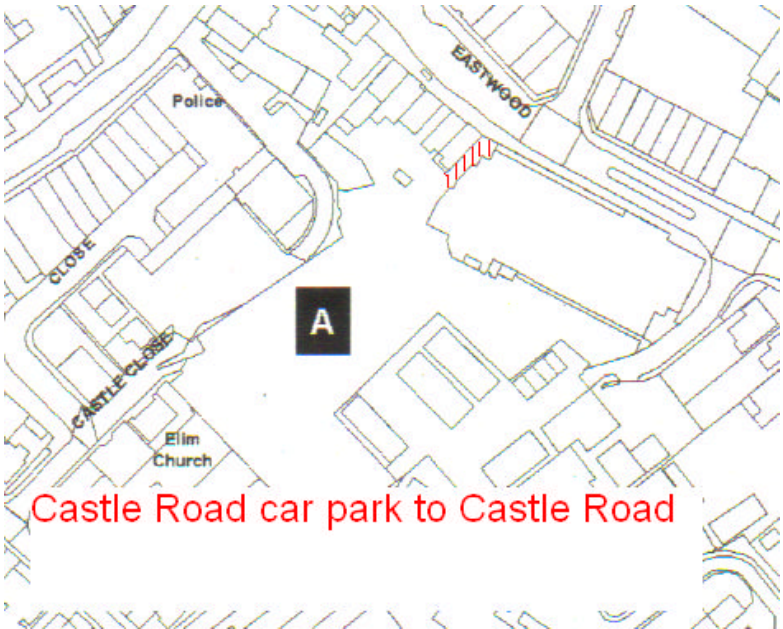
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Back Lane to Bradley Way



Southend Road to Southend Road Car Park





Websters Way to Rayleigh High Street