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Area Committee Budget Proposal

Please read the Guide to Area Committee budgets before you fill in this form

Then complete *Section 1: Budget Proposal*.

If you are proposing to deliver the project yourself, please complete *Section 2: Delivery agency* as well. We can help you with this or do it for you – see who to contact in the ***Guide to Area Committee budgets***.

Continue or separate sheets if you need to, or expand the boxes if you are filling in the form electronically.

Section 1: Budget Proposal

1. Title of proposal

Her Ladyships Covert/Alexandra Clump –
groundwork clearance and tree work.

2. Short description of proposal. Please include information on **who will benefit, when will they benefit, and how we will we know when the proposal has been successful**.

It is important that your answer to this question is clear, because we will only pay the costs when we can see evidence that the outcomes you describe here have been achieved. You can provide further details in your supporting information.

Her Ladyships Covert and Alexandra Clump (shown on the map to follow) is bounded by the rear of properties on Monmouth Drive and Swinford Avenue and also by the rear of The Glen pub and Somerfields store on Hillsborough Road.

It is potentially an attractive amenity to the area providing a variety of mature tree species, a habitat for wildlife and a place to walk with established footpaths running through the site.

The boundary fence at the rear of the Glen public house has been replaced following complaints of youth using it as a cut through and of drug use and dealing. That has successfully dealt with that particular problem.

There are still issues of anti social behaviour in the locality including the use of drugs and deliberate ignitions. Particularly residents at end properties on Swinford Court have expressed concern that trees might be undermined and fall onto their properties. Those trees (Continued)

have been inspected and found to be safe although some work has been programmed for later in the year to reduce the trees.

Both the Police and the Fire Service have spoken about the difficulties in the area and it has been raised at the Police Joint Action Group on a number of occasions. Housing, the Police and the Leicester Anti Social Behaviour Unit are tackling some of the known perpetrators

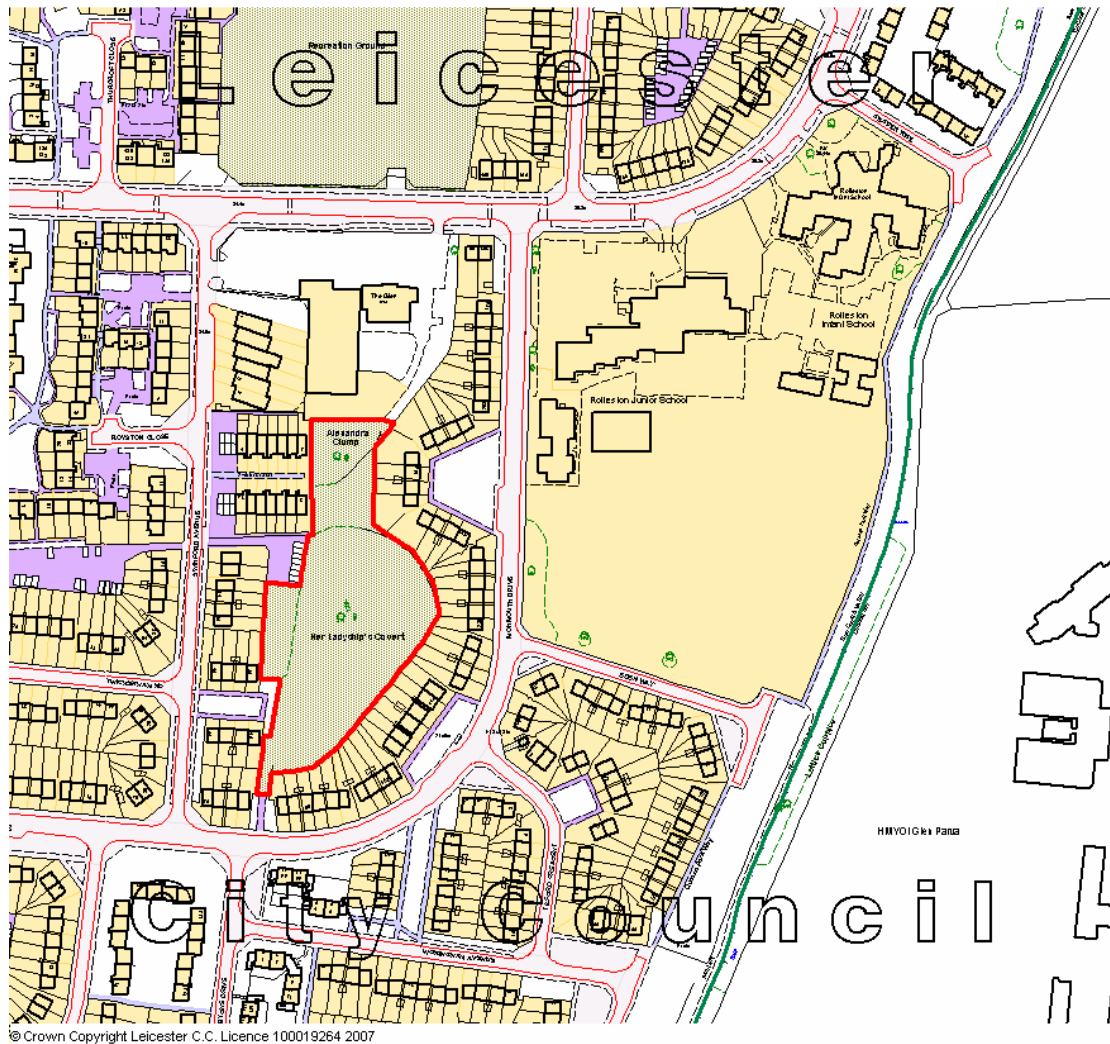
A trees and woodlands survey of Her Ladyships Covert in March 2007 identified various works that needed to be carried out. The report identifies immediate work at a cost of approx. £5,000 and this work has been programmed for this financial year; it includes the removal of dead trees and work to the trees on the boundary of Swinford Court. This work is primarily to make safe and remove the immediate risk to property and people using the area.

Further work has been identified to enhance the amenity of the woodland and includes selective thinning, especially of under storey Sycamore and stump treatment to prevent re-growth. Selective removal of trees close to property boundaries, brush cutting of bramble, clearance of fly tipping and re establishment of footpaths. This work will cost in the region of £15,000.

It is hoped to include the community in litter picking and clear up days and also to work in partnership with schools and youth and with Groundwork Leicester to make this a community project.

A Halloween community fun day is being arranged for Saturday 27 October in the afternoon and we aim to have the first of the community clear up activities in Her Ladyships Covert on the morning of that day. The police and the Fire and Rescue Service will be in attendance at the fun day as will the school and local childrens centre and youth clubs.

The work should lead to fewer calls upon the Fire and Rescue Service and the Police Service as well as improving the amenity for the local community and providing a community focus for constructive activity.



3. Have you provided additional supporting information? Tick if yes

4. What is the cost to the Area Committee?

5. How have you estimated or calculated the cost? Please how each item of expenditure and say whether it is an estimate or an actual cost.

Item	Cost £	Estimate or actual cost?
Work to woodland area in Her Ladyships Covert and Alexandra Clump	3000	
Total	3000	

6. Have you tried to get funding from this project from anywhere else, either in the Council or from another organisation? If so, please give details

The total estimate to carry out the works identified in the report on Her Ladyships Covert is £20,000 in addition to the immediate works already identified and programmed to be completed.
 Further grants will be made to the Police Joint Action group and to other available funding sources for this year and it is hoped that a total of £5,000 - £6,000 may be raised for work in this financial year.
 The £3,000 will help to start the work and give the community some involvement. It is envisaged that the total work may be completed over three or four years depending on the level of available finance and engagement from the community.

7. Who proposed the project? Please provide contact details.

Name of contact person	Ian Stapleton
Your position in organisation or group	Neighbourhood Housing Manager
Name of organisation or group	Eyres Monsell NHO
29 – 31 The Exchange, Eyres Monsell	
Phone number 0116 2995210	Email ian.stapleton@leicester.gov.uk

Section 2: Delivery agency (this could be an organisation or an individual)

8. Who will deliver the project? Please provide contact details.

Name of contact person	Ian Stapleton
Your position in organisation or group	Neighbourhood Housing Manager
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9. If your organisation is a community or voluntary organisation rather than a statutory organisation, such as the Council or the Police, have you got a written constitution?

Tick if yes

Please provide a copy Office use

10. Declaration

I have read the *Guide to Area Committee Budgets* and I accept the arrangements described in that guide. I confirm that the information I have given on this form is true. I will inform the Council immediately if any of the information I have given on the form changes.

Name	Ian Stapleton
Signature	
Date	21 September 2007