Proposals for Capital Projects Greater than £25,000 Appendix C(5) (For inclusion in the draft Capital Programme for the financial years 2008/09 – 2010/11)

1	Service	Planning and Sustainable Communities – Planning Services/Development Control						
2	Service Manager	Gareth Jones, Corporate Manager – Planning and Sustainable Communities						
3	Brief Details of Proposal	Development of e-GIS compliant software						
4 Financial Year in which expenditure is expected to be incurred		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	Total gross cost			
5 Costs		£128,000	£88,000	£48,000				
6	What is the estimated life expectancy of the asset related to the proposal?	These bids were agreed by Cabinet in November 2008. With continued support for 10 to 15 years but the core code will remain for the foreseeable future.						
7	What benefit will service users or residents experience as a result of the expenditure?	As web enabled integrated software modules it will help to meet service delivery and efficiency goals by: (1) transforming the way information (bringing together land, people and property) is handled within development services and across the whole authority, (2) increasing efficiency of citizen and stakeholder engagement.						
8	How many individuals/properties will benefit from the expenditure?	All residents of South Cambridgeshire and all businesses and individuals contacting the Council.						
9	What evidence is there of public, tenant and/or user support for the proposal?	Response to Government's e-initiatives as part of national projects, priority outcomes, efficiency savings reports and Housing & Planning Delivery Grant (HPDG). Earlier modules have high web hits (60,000 per month) with good feedback from staff and the public.						
10	Which of the 2008/09 priorities will the proposal address and how?	Work to be focused towards HPDG yearly targets, while retaining wider service improvements for the future. Development Control priorities within the Planning service. High quality services that represent best value and are accessible to all our community. Improved customer satisfaction with our service. Commitment to improvement and good quality services. Provide an efficient effective planning service, achieving improved public satisfaction.						
11	How will performance indicators be affected?	Efficiency gains will help performance with all Development Services BVPI's. Immediate emphasis on SP936, SP937, SP938 targets, determination of planning applications and SP944 customer satisfaction.						
12	Is this expenditure required to enable the Council to meet a statutory requirement? If so, please give a description of the relevant requirement.	Development services has a number of statutory requirements covering the full range of planning work. It includes the provision of public application registers, consultation, committee processes and monitoring as well as the 1APP schema.						
13	What will be the implications for the Council of not proceeding with the proposed investment?	Failure to meet Government targets including loss of HPDG, a reduced service likely to be considered a 'poor' service. Impact on staff morale with a lack of investment to help with their work.						
14	How could the same outcome be achieved without the proposed expenditure?	Without expenditure the outcome cannot be achieved. Retention of a paper-based system is unsustainable. It will require more staff and more costs to service and meet targets.						
15	Is there likely to be any external funding contribution? If so, from where? (Please attach a copy of any written	The proposal will be funded from the HPDG Capital Reserve.						

	confirmation)				
Financial Year in which contribution is expected to be received		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Total contribution
16 Costs		£128,000			
17. Revenue impact (£000s)		Reason	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Estimated consequential financial impact on net revenue expenditure of the proposal		Additional: income expenditure Reduction in: income expenditure Total for year			
18	Are any revenue changes likely to continue after 2010/11? If so, please complete the attached schedule?				
19	Brief description of the reasons for any revenue changes shown in 16				