



Andover Town Council

To **review** the indicative quotes from suppliers, and **decide** which organisation to work with to decide on a final scheme for 2024-2028.

Item No.

20a

Produced for: Full Council

By: Deputy Clerk

Date of Report: 8 Jan 2024

Background:

At the February 8, 2023, Full Council meeting the installation the extension to the Christmas Lights provision was approved.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2023 - 2027

Members noted the report and considered a recommendation from the Christmas

Lights Working Group for the extension of the Christmas Lights provision 2023–2027.

Councillor R Rowles gave his thanks to the Officers and Working Group for their hard work with the Christmas Lights.

It was proposed by Councillor D Coole and seconded by Councillor R Rowles that all the recommendations as stated in the agenda, be accepted.

A vote was taken which was unanimous. RESOLVED: That:

• **The proposed extension be approved.**

• **The cost of the installation of the commando sockets to be taken from the**

CiL funds be approved.

• That the proposed timeline was the best case scenario and left no time allowance for overrun or problems that may occur, be noted.

• The Officers' recommendation that the 1 year extension is accepted, to ensure that Andover Town Council are able to provide Christmas Lights provision for 2023.

• Officers be delegated to explore the possibility of additional lights with current provider, IF commando sockets and structural survey is completed, in time to apply for licenses.

• It be noted that the delivery of any extension to the scheme is subject to the vagaries of external suppliers for example, SSE. Therefore, it is recommended that ATC accept the extension to allow for delivery of the same or better Christmas Light provision in 2023.

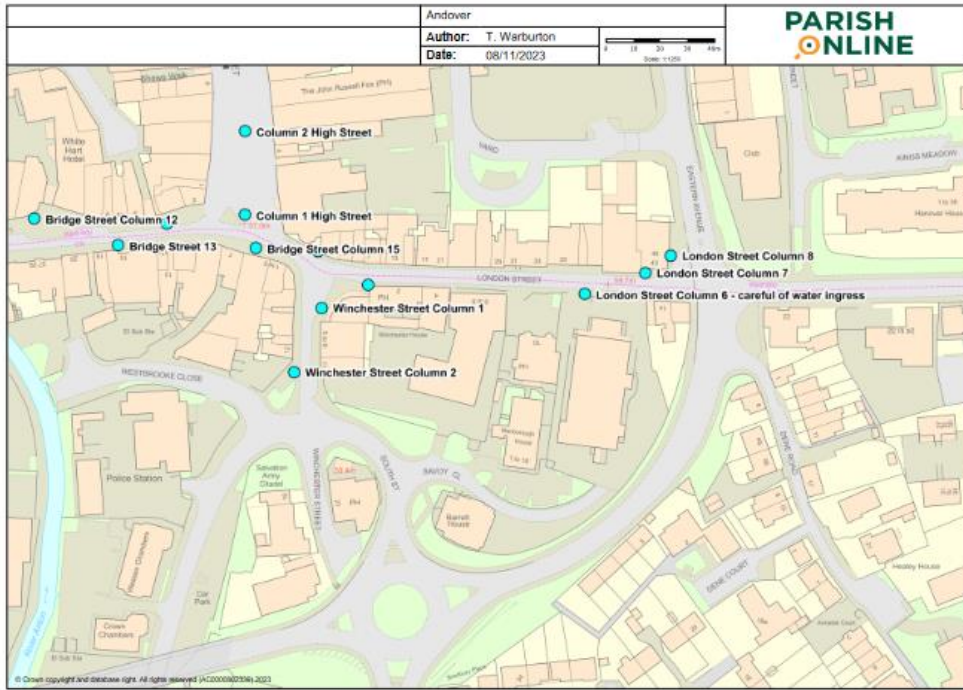
• The increase cost when proposing the Budget 2023/2024 to Full Council, be accommodated

Proposal:

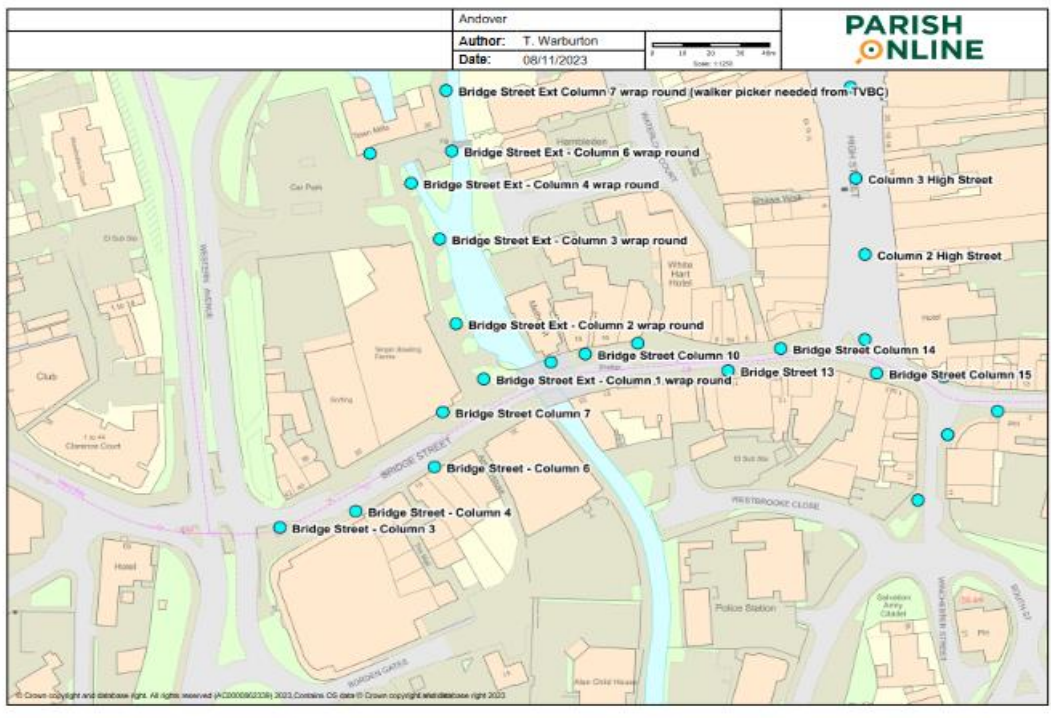
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We currently provide lights for 34 columns:

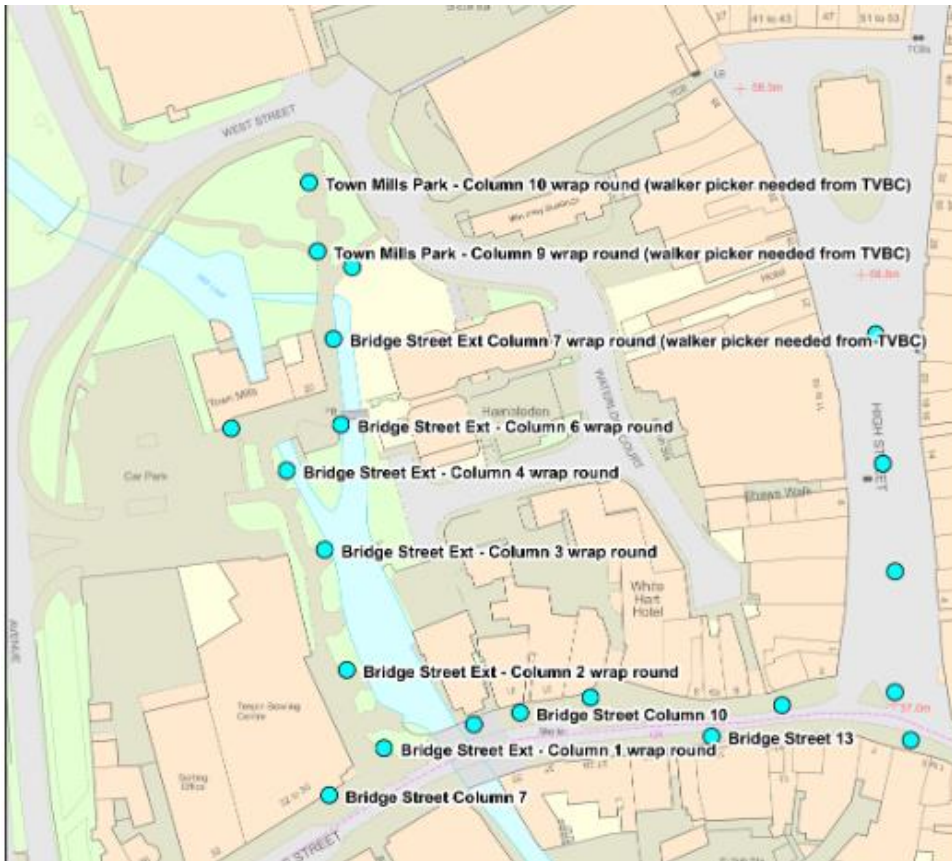
London Street and Winchester Street:



Bridge Street and Lower High Street



Town Mills extension:

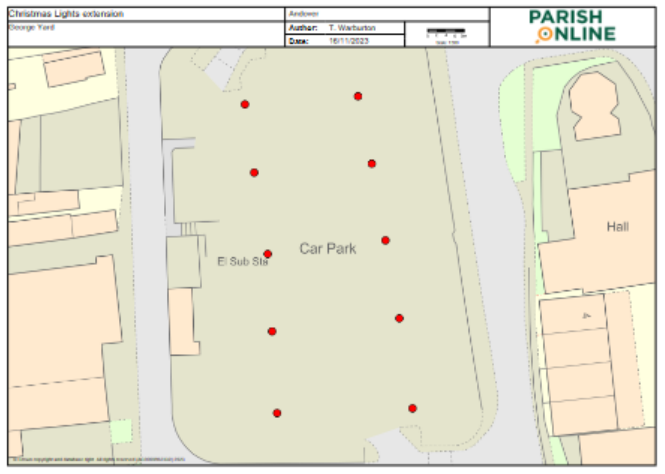


High Street - Lower and Higher

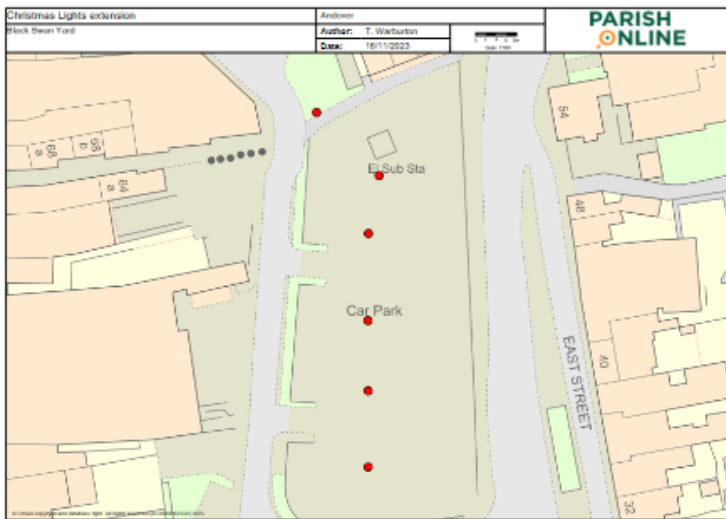


The approved extension consists of 20 more columns:

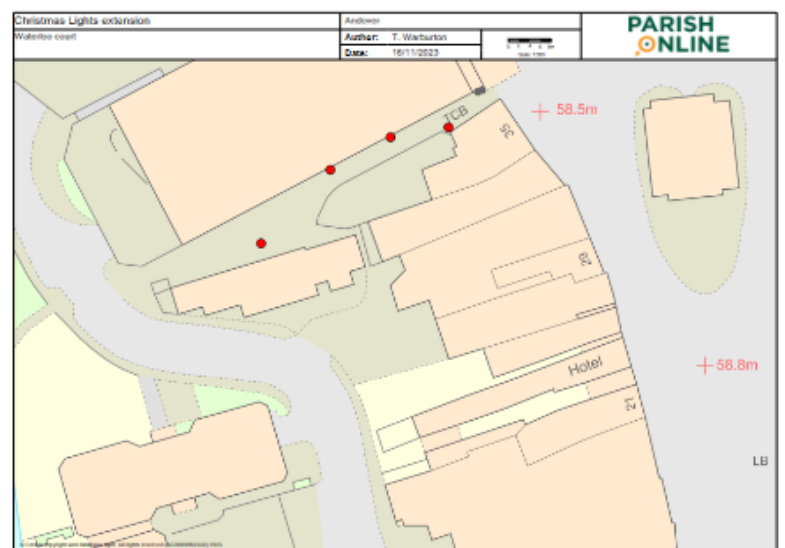
George Yard Car Park – 10 columns



Black Swan Yard Car Park – 6 columns



Waterloo Court – 4 columns.



To get the commando sockets installed on the 20 new columns has been quoted as **£304 per column (Total = £6080, an updated quote has been requested so there may be a slight increase).**

It was approved in the Full Council meeting of 8 February 2023 that this cost would come from CiL money.

Further Considerations:

Officers would like Council to consider adding to the approved extension to include a further 31 columns along the Western Avenue. This would have a huge impact on those approaching the Town Centre, and the major surrounding roads of the Town Centre and the Town Centre itself would then be completely lit.

The proposed columns are the ones indicated below:



Budgetary Considerations:

Current Light Provision: 34 Columns

Approved Extension: 20 Columns

Proposed addition: 31 Columns

Total: 85 Columns

Costs that will be impacted:

- Installation
- Removal
- Switch on
- Storage
- Hire costs.
- 5 yearly structural survey
- Electricity costs

Costs that will remain the same:

- Tree
- Fencing hire

Table of costs showing current cost for 34 columns.

Cost	2023
Installation	4657.50
Removal	2275.80
Hire	5663.40
Storage	£200
Switch on	£1304
Electricity	Unknown at this point
Total:	14,100.70
Fencing	1149.00
Tree	3336 (not inc removal)
Total	4,485
Structural testing	£1860

Indicative costs:**Quotes received from enquiries sent out:****Company 1 - (Local)**

Cost	Option A (34 columns)	Option B (20 columns)	Option C (31 columns)
Installation	3,000	3,000	4,500
Removal	3,000	3,000	4,500
Hire	9,000	7,000	15,500
Storage	1,700	1,700	2,100
Switch on	N/A Will be in place	N/A will be in place	N/A will be in place
Total:	16,700	14,700	26,600

Company 2

Cost	Option A (34 columns)	Option B (20 columns)	Option C (31 columns)
Installation	7,590	2,739	5,075
Removal	3,910	1,411	2,615
Hire	7,800	6,500	10,075
Storage	2,500	400	600
Switch on	2,400	2,400	2,400
Total:	24,200	13,450	20,765

Company 3 (National Company)

Cost	Option A (34 columns)	Option B (20 columns)	Option C (31 columns)
Installation	3,795	1,150	1,782.50
Removal	1,891.75	736	1,140.80
Hire	1,622.16	1,227.60	1,902.78
Storage	1,108	375	581.25
Switch on	1,304	N/A	N/A
Total:	9,720.91	3,488.60	5,407.33

	Option A	Option A + B	Option A + B + C
Company 1	16,700	31,400	58,000
Company 2	24,200	37,650	58,415
Company 3	9,720.91	13,209.51	18,616.84

These are indicative costs at this stage and subject to final scheme agreement and approval.

	Company 1	Company 2	Company 3
HERS certified installers	yes	Yes	We would use a suitably qualified sub-contractor
HERS certification	yes	Yes	As above
Liability insurance minimum £10 million	yes	Yes	Yes
Ability to store customers own equipment.	yes	Yes	Yes
Able to provide PAT testing certification on all lighting used	yes	Yes	Yes
Machinery to enable installation at height.	yes	Yes	Supplied by sub-contractor
Will need to work within HSE requirements and provide updated RAMS.	yes	Yes	Yes
Able attend switch-on, to make sure lights are all switched on safely and simultaneously.	yes	Yes	Yes
Potential to change lights/style/colour during the contract.	May incur further cost	TBC	Yes but costs may apply

Recommendations:

- To **review** report and costings.
- To **approve** a quote and instruct officers to liaise with winning company and take to C&E Working Group for next steps.