Report to: **Elsea Park Community Trust Board**

Date: **Wednesday 4 February 2015**

Subject: **Management Report**

From: **Barry Cook – Community Trust Manager**

1. Bins, Noticeboards, and Fingerposts

All litter bins have now been installed.

I recently met with Adam Freer of LCC Highways to ensure that the finger posts and notice boards will not hinder adoption of the roads. We discussed and agreed siting of all new street furniture to meet the requirement of the Highways Department, and the requirement to install the notice boards in the block paved area on the Quaysides rather than on the railings. This is because there is a possibility that Highways *may* adopt the wall and railings (as the wall retains the road and footway). LCC will not permit the notice boards to be railing mounted due to win loading.

I still await confirmation from Kier that the extension of Linear Park across Phase 5 is to be named “Chequer Tree Walk” prior to ordering the finger signs.

2. Arboricultural Survey

The Survey report has now been received in PDF format. The report recommends that some tree husbandry should be undertaken within six months. Some of the minor work will be covered by our contract with Ground Control, some will be undertaken by Peter, and some will need to be outsourced. None of the work that needs carrying out poses an immediate Health & Safety risk.

3. Staffing

I will deliver a verbal report on the current staffing situation at the meeting

4. Adoption of Phase 1 Roads

BC recently met with Gary Fereday, the Lighting Officer from Lincolnshire County Council Highway’s Department. Mr Fereday has reviewed his earlier decision, and has now agreed that following the trimming of the Grey Alder on Quayside East (by The Trust) the tree and street light can remain in their current locations.

5. Articles of Association

DB has kept me updated with progress on the Articles of Association. LCC did not respond to a letter sent by Keir on September 2014 or a hastener sent on 8 December 2014. Another hastener by Kier last month appears to have restarted the dialogue.

The sticking point is LCC still appear to believe that either Kier or the original landowners need to provide financial guarantees to underwrite The Trust.