

Cam Catchment Strategy

Report of HLF working group to Steering Group meeting on 2 October 2014

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- We welcome the offer from Cambridgeshire ACRE to lead the bid and to fund Geoff Brighty (until recently area manager of the Environment Agency) to put it together.
- The bid will have environmental elements taken from our Issues & Actions document, together with strong heritage, community and educational links.
- The area covered will be 200 km² (or perhaps greater), with the part of the Cam within the City and South Cambs as its spine.
- This falls within two Landscape Character Areas, East Anglian Chalk and Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Claylands. The Statements of Environmental opportunity for these will support parts of our application, as will elements of the Green Infrastructure strategy.
- We should promote the preparation of the City Council and Cam Conservancy's proposed Water Space Strategy, covering navigation, moorings and how the river impacts on nearby areas, which would form an adjunct to Local Plans.
- We aim to send in the HLF enquiry form before the end of October and to request a meeting with the HLF in mid-November.
- Cambridgeshire ACRE will organise a workshop for potential participants in late November. Those who become bid partners will need to provide written assurance to ACRE that they will perform the duties they have undertaken.

From the HLF web page:

- First-round applications and all supporting documents need to be received by HLF no later than 31 May for a decision in October
- Your development phase can take up to 24 months, depending on the complexity of your scheme
- When we receive your second-round submission, we assess it in four months and then it goes to your local Committee for a decision. Local committees meet four times a year, usually in March, June, September and December.