

## ***Report to the Council***

**Committee:** Cabinet

**Date:** 13 December 2011

**Subject:** Safer, Greener and Highways Portfolio

**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor Penny Smith

---

### **Recommending:**

**That the supplementary report of the Safer, Greener and Highways Portfolio Holder be noted**

---

### **Sustainability issues**

#### **Conservation**

The first stage application for the Waltham Abbey Townscape Heritage initiative was submitted on the 30<sup>th</sup> of Nov 2011 to the Heritage Lottery Fund. If successful the partnership (Town Partnership, Town Council and EFDC) will receive funding for the development phase of the scheme which will include developing a character appraisal and management plan for the conservation area. Early consultation with stakeholders will take place to introduce concepts for the regeneration of the area and gain input. The purpose of the Townscape Heritage Initiative is to deliver improvements to conservation areas in the country that have high levels of deprivation and provide funding for enhancements to listed buildings, streetscape, and deliver education programmes to begin to address deprivation issues. The partnership have focused the bid on Sun Street, the market square and the surrounding town centre to focus any potential funding to the main business area in Waltham Abbey.