

<u>MEETING</u> EAST AREA COMMITTEE
<u>DATE AND TIME</u> WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE, 2022 AT 7.00 PM
<u>VENUE</u> HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

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Addendum to Item 6: Petitions; additional submitted petition.

The Committee is requested to consider the petitions and make a determination in line with its powers as detailed in recommendation 2 of the cover report for item 6. **AGENDA ITEM 6**

Petition: Hervey Close N3

Lead Petitioner: Stephanie Cross

Ward: West Finchley

Number of signatures: 37

Details:

We are petitioning Barnet Council, to extend the parking in Hervey Close N3.

Hervey close currently has 1-hour zone boundary in place whereas many of the residents feel that Hervey Close needs to be placed in an All-day zone boundary considering our proximity to both the station and the high street.

Recently our neighbourhood has seen an increase in illegal and hazardous parking, as well as many of the residence struggling to find car-parking spaces (Though being permit holders).

We believe that an extension of parking restriction will heavily reduce many of the problems I have outlined to you in this email, and I hope our proposal will be given thorough deliberation.

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EAST AREA COMMITTEE

RESIDENT ISSUES

Wednesday 29th June 2022, 7PM

Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BQ

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE COMMITTEE

Issues must be submitted to Governance Service (EastAreaCommittee@barnet.gov.uk) by 10am on the fifth working day before the meeting.

	Issue Raised	Response
	<p>Issue: Traffic Castle Road N12 Resident: David Shannon Ward: Woodhouse</p> <p>Details:</p> <p>1. I am writing on behalf of Castle Road residents with a very serious concern. Simply put, we want our street back and we want a sensible traffic management solution installed to achieve this. Castle Road is a residential street, but we are now inundated with a high volume of through traffic that is inappropriate for the area and causing poor air quality.</p>	<p>A feasibility study has been agreed through the Road Safety & Parking process.</p> <p>The study will include completing classified/speed survey and a point of origin-destination ANPR survey to understand the route of vehicles. Following the study Engineers will review the data and provide their recommendations.</p> <p>Engineers initial review confirms bollards will not be considered; they will review whether a one way system could be introduced. This will be dependent on the data of the study and subject to</p>

AGENDA ITEM 7

Issue Raised	Response
<p>Aside from the volume of vehicles, the concern is the way they drive. This is not their area and many do not respect it. Our local streets are simply a means to get where they want to quickly and the result has been a series of collisions and distressing incidents, the latest happened this weekend.</p> <p>In the last year alone, four vehicles parked on Castle Road were damaged by reckless through traffic drivers, also a brick wall has been destroyed (photo attached) and a resident racially abused by an impatient motorist while she was parking.</p> <p>I'm sure you are aware that traffic on London's local roads as a whole rose by 72% between 2009 and 2019. Much of this has been attributed to new technology, and with increased use of sat navs and apps like Google Maps and Waze, we've seen more and more traffic looking for short cuts along residential streets.</p> <p>I've attached the traffic counts on Castle Road and Grove Road from 2019 (gained by a Freedom of Information Request), which show very high levels traffic. Since the pandemic Castle Road and Grove Road have seen a significant further increase in traffic volumes from the use of our roads as a cut through.</p> <p>We call on Barnet Council to instigate a sensible traffic management system to give us our streets back, so they are again for residents, not people looking to avoid the traffic lights of Tally Ho junction.</p> <p>When I say sensible traffic management system, I do not mean speed bumps. We need something that reduces the volume of vehicles. Here are two suggestions for you that would eliminate the ability to use our</p>	<p>the usage of the existing town centre car park on Castle Road.</p> <p>The survey details are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point of origin survey with ANPR cameras - 1 weekday and 1 weekend day from 7am to 7pm • Traffic count/speed survey • Site investigation • Design • Chief Officer Decision report

Issue Raised	Response
<p>streets as a rat run and would maintain access to the car parks on Castle Road and Stanhope Road:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A traffic filter: place bollards on the carriageway on Grove Road just north of the junction of Castle Road and Grove Road. 2. One-way system: Castle Road one way (direction Tally Ho to Grove Road), Grove Road one way (direction Woodhouse Lane to Friary Park) and a no right turn from Friary Park onto the A1000. <p>Aside from drastically reducing the volume of through traffic vehicles, the schemes we suggest would result in most people driving in our area being local residents. The expectation is that local people would drive more conservatively in their own area and this would address our concerns about speed.</p> <p>A sensible traffic management system such as these would meet objectives of Barnet's Transport Strategy:</p> <p>Objective 4: Transport contributes positively to the health of the borough, by prioritising active travel and ensuring continued improvement in air quality.</p> <p>Objective 5: The road network and transport system in Barnet is safe and residents and visitors feel safe across all transport modes.</p> <p>It also works towards Vision Zero, Net Zero Carbon, growing active travel, which are all embedded in the strategy to meet these objectives.</p>	

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	<p>Barnet's strategy states it won't boost road capacity for motor vehicles because it doesn't work and there is no extra capacity possible (Transport Strategy, p29). But by allowing motorists to use technology to guide them through our residential streets in great number, what we have is a boost in road capacity by stealth, growing capacity on inappropriate streets. We certainly agree that boosting capacity doesn't work and it doesn't work for us when it's on our residential doorsteps and there are a slew of incidents and worsening air quality.</p> <p>We call upon the Council to: Reduce the volume of motor traffic on our street with either a traffic filter or Information about your issue a one-way system.</p>	
2.	<p>Issue: An Open letter to all the residents - Burleigh Gardens & Arlington Road, N14</p> <p>Resident: Andreas Vasili Ward: Brunswick Park</p> <p>Details:</p> <p>My name is Andreas Vasili and resident at 40 Arlington Road, London, N14 5AS since 1987. I am a member of the Brunswick Park Ward Panel which was set up last year and meets regularly to discuss crimes at this Ward. The wards priorities for the next 3 months are: (a) Violence against women/children (b) ASB/Drugs and (c) Burglary. I am writing to obtain your views on the following matters so I can discuss at the next Ward meeting:</p> <p>(A) <u>The problems at Burleigh Gardens</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In my view, there is horrendous passing-by traffic both directions through Burleigh Gardens daily especially over the weekends 	<p><u>Burleigh Gardens</u></p> <p>The current parking restrictions on one side of Burleigh Gardens cover 8am to midnight Monday to Saturday (with a 1 hour restriction on the other side of the road operating Monday to Friday).</p> <p>We have previously recorded requests to extend parking restrictions at the weekend and for a one-way street, to be considered for future years' work programmes.</p> <p>An alternative option for consideration could be the introduction of parking bays in suitable locations where there is available kerb space. This will provide passing places for vehicles negotiating the road.</p>

Issue Raised	Response
<p>2. In my view, the free parking availability at Burleigh Gardens, due to the excessive demand for parking generated from Ashfield Parade and Crown Lane visitors, have changed the residential statues of Burleigh Gardens</p> <p>3. In my view, over the weekends at Burleigh Gardens, after speaking to a number of residents and witness it by myself too, residents cannot drive through as cars are park on both sides of the road thus making it impossible for two cars from opposite direction to get through. This, results in angry scenes, arguments, exchange of bad mouth words and it's not far before we witness fighting</p> <p>(B) <u>The problems at Arlington Road</u></p> <p>1. This is the Road that one of the entries to Ashmole School is located. It's natural that during school times (morning and afternoon), the traffic is heavy and drivers dropping off/collecting their children, park anywhere without observing double yellow lines or the residents. This, results in angry arguments between drivers/residents (most of the times in front of the children) plus creating obstruction to normal passing by traffic.</p> <p>2. A good number of pedestrian blocks have become uneven due to heavy trucks passing over the surface to and from construction sites and have made it dangerous for children and pedestrians to trip.</p> <p>3. Even though the road is restricted to 30 mph, there is notable traffic with excessive speed and this may result in accidents</p> <p>(C) <u>Possible solutions</u></p> <p><u>Burleigh Gardens:</u> (a) Convert the Road to a one-way traffic like Crown Lane (b) Restrict parking on one side of the road only, all the time (c) The same should apply for Ashfield Parade i.e., to be the exit of traffic from Burleigh Gardens and keep parking restrictions as are</p> <p><u>Arlington Road:</u> (a) During drop off/collection of children from/to school, parking attendants to be on side to ensure parking</p>	<p>The section of Burleigh Gardens controlled by LB Enfield fronting the shopping parade is contained within an existing CPZ zone. If parking bays are introduced, then free bays are likely to be occupied by both commuter and visitor parking, given its proximity to Southgate station and the shopping area. Therefore, Burleigh Gardens and surrounding roads within Barnet may be best suited to a mix of shared use parking for both permit and casual parking (Pay by Phone), which will reduce long stay commuter parking and see a reduction in traffic using local roads, and provide improved parking opportunities for residents, businesses, and visitors to the area.</p> <p>Consideration for operational times and days to be aligned with the adjacent CPZ in LB Enfield.</p> <p>We note that proposals would have an impact on Enfield as the adjacent local authority, who control Crown Lane and Ashfield Parade.</p> <p><u>Arlington Road</u></p> <p><u>Point A</u></p> <p>Enforcement Officers visit schools for enforcement on a rotating basis, covering 77 sites on a low, medium, or high priority basis. The Ashmole schools are granted the highest priority and so receive a visit almost every week during term</p>

Issue Raised	Response
<p>restrictions are adhere to thus ensuring arguments between drivers are eliminated – the problem is always created on the crossing of Arlington Road with Cecil Road (b) The council to repair and inspect regularly pavements to ensure pavements are maintained well and avoid any possible accidents – may be upgrade Arlington Road pavements like Oakdale Road. Perhaps this option should have been considered before proceeding for Oakdale Road which sees little traffic in comparison to Arlington Road (c) Make this road to 20 mph speed limit</p> <p>In addition to this me Mr Andreas Vasili has made a submission that includes representations of 57 residents. This comprises of 22 residents Burleigh Gardens and 35 Arlington Road. This can be made available to Members of the committee on request.</p>	<p>time. When visiting these sites, officers will patrol Summit Way, Arlington Road, and Cecil Road.</p> <p>Point B</p> <p>The planned works programme is developed using an independent condition assessment survey company, who undertake an annual survey of every footway and carriageway in the borough and record the data to a defined national standard. These principles and guidelines are documented in the Code of Practice ‘Well Managed Highway Infrastructure’ publication commissioned by the Department for Transport. Schemes are prioritised based on their known condition.</p> <p>The 2022/23 programme can be found on the Councils website (Public Pack)Agenda Document for Environment Committee, 06/10/2021 18:00 (moderngov.co.uk)</p> <p>In addition to the annual condition assessments all carriageways and footways are subject to a cyclical inspection. The inspection schedule ranges from a monthly, biannual, or annual inspection depending on the location i.e., a Town Centre is a monthly inspection.</p> <p>During the cyclical inspections, all intervention level defects are raised for repair. The</p>

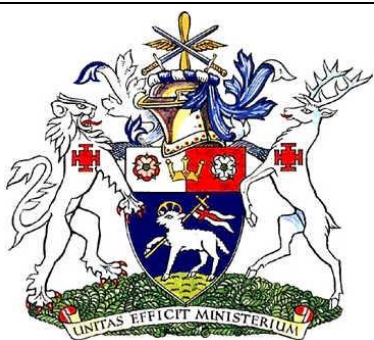
	Issue Raised	Response
		<p>intervention level defects are footway 25mm and carriageway 40mm.</p> <p>Point C A scheme to include a 20mph speed limit on Arlington Road was agreed at the January 2020 Chipping Barnet Area Committee. Engineers are due to commence Detailed Design and a Road Safety Audit. Upon completion of these actions, it is anticipated that the implementation package will be forwarded to the Councils Term Maintenance Contractor (TKJV) in the summer and the measures introduced by December.</p>

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Future meeting dates of the East Area Committee:

Date of meeting	Location
19 September 2022, 7pm 26 January 2022, 7pm 28 March 2022, 7pm	Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BQ

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East Area Committee

29th June 2022

Title	Members Items – Applications for Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Funding
Report of	Graeme Clayton – Community Infrastructure Coordinator Capital Delivery, Customer & Place
Wards	Brunswick Park, East Finchley, Finchley Church End, Friern Barnet, Garden Suburb, Golders Green, West Finchley and Woodhouse
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix 1 – Members NCIL applications Appendix 2 – Market Place playground application (Cllr Farrier) Appendix 3 – Background Friends of Market Place playground
Officer Contact Details	Graeme Clayton – Community Infrastructure Coordinator Capital Delivery, Customer & Place Contact: Graeme.Clayton@barnet.gov.uk

Summary

This report informs the Area Committee that the applications listed under section 1 for Neighbourhood CIL funding have been submitted. The Committee are requested to consider the information highlighted within this report and decide on its desired course of action in accordance with its powers.

Officers Recommendations

1. That the Area Committee consider the requests as highlighted in section 1 of the report.
2. That the Area Committee decide whether it wishes to:
 - (a) award funding (either fully or partially) and any conditions attached and note the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget;
 - (b) defer the application for funding for further information, giving reasons; or
 - (c) reject the application, giving reasons.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Applications for funding from the Committee's allocated NCIL budget have been raised. The summary of the applications is in the table below, and the detailed applications are in Appendices 1-3:

Ward	Scheme Description	Ward Member	Budget Allocation £
Friern Barnet	Community Focus – contribution for new IT infrastructure (deferred)	Pauline Coakley-Webb	16,520
East Finchley	Phoenix Cinema – new neon lighting and signage	Arjun Mittra	8,270
East Finchley	Community garden project	Alison Moore	865
East Finchley	Market Place playground project	Claire Farrier	250,000

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.2 The Committee is requested to decide in respect of each application submitted by Ward Members for Neighbourhood CIL Funding, in line with its terms of reference set out in Article 7 of the Council's Constitution.
- 1.3 On 8th February 2021, the Policy & Resources Committee discussed a report concerning the CIL funding process. It was agreed that each Area Committee should consider, develop and approve their own CIL funding priorities for each financial year starting in 2021/22. In addition, it was recommended that comprehensive guidance be developed for CIL Area Committee Budget and the Road Safety & Parking Fund to ensure that Members can make informed decisions when receiving applications for funding.
- 1.4 At its meeting on 24th May 2021, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed in respect of Area Committees:
 - that each Area Committee be allocated £400,000 of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding per financial year
 - to remove the funding limit for each individual Area Committee CIL funded project (which will operate within the approved annual budget)
 - the new CIL Funding Application Guidelines and Funding Application Form
- 1.5 The Area Committees considered and agreed their priorities for CIL funding for 2021- 22 and these can be accessed via the links provided in section 6 under Background papers.
- 1.6 The priorities do not restrict the Area Committees from approving funding requests that are not agreed priorities. The Area Committee could choose to approve something that is not an identified priority providing it meets the legal definition of infrastructure.
- 1.7 The purpose of the priorities is to enable Area Committees to make informed decisions about the requests before them. This will allow each Area Committee to make appropriate decisions on how funding is allocated in line with the specific infrastructure needs of the area.
- 1.8 On 24 May 2022 Annual Council considered and approved the report of the Leader of the Labour Group which set out a number of changes in relation to the Area Committees and Residents Forums.



1.9 The changes are as follows:

1.9.1

1.9.2 The three residents' forums (Hendon Residents Forum, Chipping Barnet Residents Forum and Finchley & Golders Green Residents Forum) be de-commissioned.

1.9.3 Local residents' issues will be reported directly to Area Committees (except matters relating to licensing and planning applications).

1.9.4 Residents will also be encouraged to bring suggestions and proposals to Area Committees for improvements to their local areas, for example projects that they consider suitable for CIL funding or other sources of funding available to the community

1.9.5 Petitions which carry 25-6,999 signatures will be reported to Area Committees where relevant to their terms of reference.

1.9.6 Area Committees be renamed North Area Committee, East Area Committee and West Area Committee.

1.9.7 The North Area Committee covers the wards: East Barnet, Barnet Vale, High Barnet, Underhill, Totteridge and Woodside, Mill Hill, Edgwarebury and Whetstone.

- 1.9.8 The West Area Committee covers the wards: Burnt Oak, Edgware, Colindale North, Colindale South, West Hendon, Hendon, Cricklewood and Childs Hill.
 - 1.9.9 The East Area Committee covers the wards: Brunswick Park, Friern Barnet, Woodhouse, West Finchley, Finchley Church End, Golders Green, East Finchley and Garden Suburb.
 - 1.9.10 For each Area Committee, Committee members must represent a ward in the Area Committee area. All members in the Area Committee area can act as substitutes in that area.
- 1.10 On the 8 June 2022, the Policy & Resources Committee:
- 1.10.1 Agreed an increase in the Area Committee's income allocations to £1.8m per annum and agreed provisionally the funding to be allocated based on population within each Area Committee, subject to consideration of an Equality Impact Assessment ('EQIA') being carried out by the Area Committees (after consultation in respect of the recommendations listed below).
 - 1.10.2 Proposed to the Area Committees the draft CIL funding eligibility guidelines to allow Area Committees to spend their CIL funding on a broader range of schemes addressing the demands that development places on an area (as defined under Regulation 59F(3) of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) ("the Regulations"), subject to public consultation being undertaken and considered by Area Committees prior to adoption.
 - 1.10.3 Proposed in respect of the Area Committees that Sustainability, Community Engagement, Public Health & Community Safety will form part of the Area Committees priorities for 2022-23, subject to public consultation being undertaken and considered by Area Committees for inclusion.
 - 1.10.4 Agreed in respect of the Area Committees the revised CIL Funding Application Guidelines and Funding Application Form, subject to recommendations requiring consultation above.
- 1.11 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a planning charge that was introduced by the Planning Act 2008 Part II to help deliver infrastructure to support the development in an area. CIL is a standard charge collected from developers on a rate per square metre basis and the funds raised are spent on infrastructure to support the development of an area. Part of CIL funding is allocated to the Neighbourhood Portion and managed by the three Area Committees: East, East and East.
- 1.12 For schemes approved by Area Committee for funding above £50,000 these are recognised as more complex to deliver. The relevant Executive Director will ensure the appointment of a senior Council Officer to sponsor the scheme and the coordination of Council services, ensure the appropriate project methodology is adhered to, with the scheme set up for a successful delivery. It is recognised that these schemes may deliver outside of the financial year in which they are approved.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 2.1 Not applicable; Members of the Council are able to submit applications for Neighbourhood CIL funding to the Area Committee via Members' Items. As a result, the Committee are requested to consider and determine the applications submitted by Ward Members. Therefore, no other recommendation is provided from Officers.

3. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1 Post decision implementation depends on the decision taken by the Committee, and the assessing officer's recommendation.

4. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

4.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

The Community Infrastructure Levy funding supports the emerging corporate priorities including:

- 4.1.1.1 Working in partnership with residents and communities on social investment (including CIL and Social Value), new models of community co-production and community engagement including community-led commissions and piloting different approaches to addressing issues
- 4.1.1.2 Community Safety by investing in more CCTV, better lighting and community safety hubs
- 4.1.1.3 Protect and enhance greenspaces
- 4.1.1.4 Sustainability
- 4.1.1.5 Public Health

4.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 4.2.1 An annual allocation of £1.8m is made to Area Committees from 2022/23. The funding has provisionally been agreed to be allocated based on population within each Area Committee subject to consideration of an Equality Impact Assessment ('EQIA') being carried out by Area Committees (after their consultation in respect of those recommendations requiring consultation).

4.3 Social Value

- 4.3.1 Requests for Area Committee budget funding provides an avenue for Members to give consideration to funding requests which may have added social value.

4.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 4.4.1 Council Constitution, Article 7, Section 7.5 Responsibility for Functions details

that the Area Committee is responsible for determining the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy funding within the area subject to sufficient of the budget being allocated to the Committee being unspent.

- 4.4.2 Council Constitution, Article 2 Members of the Council, Section 2.3 states that a Ward Member will be permitted to have one matter only (with no subitems) on the agenda for an Area Committee where the Member is submitting a request for CIL funding to an Area Committee Budget relating to their Ward. Members' Items for CIL funding Budget must be submitted 10 clear working days before the meeting. Items received after that time will only be dealt with at the meeting if the Chairman agrees they are urgent.

4.5 Risk Management

- 4.5.1 None in the context of this report.

4.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 4.6.1 Requests for Funding allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

- 4.6.2 The Equality Act 2010 outlines the provisions of the Public Sector Equalities Duty which requires Public Bodies to have due regard to the need to:

- 4.6.2.1 Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010.
- 4.6.2.2 Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 4.6.2.3 Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

- 4.6.3 Relevant protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.

- 4.6.4 The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality into day-to-day business and keep them under review in decision-making, the design policies and the delivery of services.

4.7 Corporate Parenting

- 4.7.1 None in the context of this report.

4.8 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.8.1 Members will be encouraged to engage residents and community groups in

their wards to raise awareness of Area Committees and the opportunities they provide for delivering community-led improvements to their local areas. Officers will also work with their community networks to promote the Area Committees.

4.8.2 Members consult with Area Committee Lead Officers at an early stage on CIL Funding applications and where relevant with other departments and services. This will enable as much supporting information as possible to be included with applications to enable committees to make an informed decision. Applications where limited or no consultation has taken place are likely to be deferred or rejected by committees. This information will enable committees to make informed decisions. There is no prescribed format for supporting information, but it is recommended that it is sufficient for the committee to make an informed decision.

4.9 **Insight**

4.9.1 The Committee may wish to utilise the CIL funding priorities agreed by the Area Committee as a guide towards determining an application. Officers will work on collating key information to assist Members in reviewing priorities including infrastructure needs by area and insight data.

4.10 **Environmental Impact**

4.10.1 There are no direct environmental implications from noting the recommendations. Implementing the recommendations in the report will lead to a positive impact on the Council's carbon and ecology impact, or at least it is neutral.

5 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Meeting of the Community Leadership Committee, 24 June 2015, Review of Area Committees – operations and delegated budgets:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s24009/Area%20Committees%20%20Community%20Leadership%20Committee%2025%20June%202015%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

Policy & Resources Committee, 9 July 2015, 'Delegating a proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) income to the Council's Area Committees'

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=692&MId=8346&Ver=4>

Meeting of the Community Leadership Committee, 8 March 2016 - Area Committee Funding – Savings from non- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) budgets

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s38413/Area%20Committee%20Funding%20Savings%20from%20non-%20Community%20Infrastructure%20Levy%20CIL%20budgets.pdf>

Policy & Resources Committee, 8 February 2021, Review of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Eligibility Criteria and Guidance
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=692&MId=10200&Ver=4>

Policy & Resources Committee, 24 May 2021, Review of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Eligibility Criteria and Guidance
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=692&MId=10201&Ver=4>

Chipping Barnet Area Committee - CIL Funding Priorities – 21 April 2021 (item 12):
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=711&MId=10126&Ver=4>

Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee – CIL Funding Priorities, 8 April 2021 (item 12):
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=712&MId=10257&Ver=4>

Hendon Area Committee – CIL Funding Priorities, 16 March 2021 (item 14):
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=717&MId=10250&Ver=4>

Annual Council, 24th May 2022
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=10840&Ver=4>

Policy & Resources Committee, 8th June 2022
https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s72807/PR%20Committee_NCIL%20Report_Jun%202022%20Publication_v0.2.pdf

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Area Committee – Neighbourhood CIL Funding Application Form

Title	Community Focus
Raised by (Councillor):	Pauline Coakley Webb
Ward:	Friern Barnet (deferred from Coppetts)
Member Request:	Community Focus – new IT infrastructure (Contribution)
Funding Requested (£):	£15,252 (Community grant)
<p>In consultation with (e.g. named Officer):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is within the parameters outlined in CIL statutory and regulatory definitions • Falls within the CIL Funding Priorities agreed by the relevant Area Committee • Links to priorities in any existing Council policy or strategy and/or whether any insight and intelligence may support the application • The scheme has considered any potential impact on the Council’s Strategic portfolio including those considered for strategic CIL funding • The scheme has no ongoing incremental revenue costs to the Council • That the scheme budget is forecast accurately • That the scheme deliverability has been assessed to ensure it can be resourced and successfully implemented • That the scheme outcomes and benefits have been assessed including benefits for the wider community and/or including those with protected characteristics under the Equalities Act 2010 <p>And Area Lead Officer (NAME), on (DATE):</p>	<p>This request is for Community Focus who are based in Friary Park in order that they can both upscale and update their IT suite.</p> <p>Community Focus (CF) would like to purchase ten midrange value iMacs 24” 4.5k M1 Chip 8 core CPU 8 core GPU, 256GB SSD Storage, 16GB RAM Gigabyte ethernet would be suitable. CF uses cloud storage so the smallest iMac storage option is 256GB, both combined will serve long term sustainability, as technology moves at pace but should futureproof our IT suite for another 8-10 years. Allowing Community Focus to continue offering our popular IT classes.</p> <p>A description of the aims and work of community focus as well as the users of this vital facility is outlined below.</p> <p>There are four quotes which have been received, and the most competitive price has been requested for funding (see the detailed quotes further below the form):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple - £16,490 (no discounts offered) • Academia - £15,235.08 • <u>Albion - £13,182</u> (the only supplier that can provide wired keyboards and mice and resell wireless versions thus reducing cost price) Wireless equipment more likely to go missing • Jigsaw - £15,355.20

In addition, the **Charity IT team** <https://www.charityitteam.co.uk/> will provide iMac installation and software transfer from the current IT support service for **£1,400** (see the quote for the works below the form).

Community Focus has received funding from other sources for the overall larger IT scheme which will be contributed and used as follows:

- Clothworkers Foundation - £3,500.00 for purchase of IT equipment which excludes 'cloud-based database' and will improve staff working within the organisation.
- The Albert Hunt Trust - £1,000.00 to update our IT equipment and database, we are aiming to this to purchase Salesforce CRM database or equivalent software.

The budget ask is therefore:

- **Albion - £13,182**
- **Charity IT Team - £1,400**
- **TOTAL - £15,252**

We would pass our current aging iMacs onto 2econdchance a computer recycling charity.

Community Benefit: Restoration of Community Centre
Community Focus Inclusive Arts (CF) is based in Friary Park, Friern Barnet and supports children, young people and adults with learning disabilities, physical disabilities, mental health issues and additional needs, plus older adults from all over the borough.

Currently CF runs three In-House Computer classes serving adults with mild & moderate learning disabilities a week, on three termly 12-week periods. 20 individuals.

Our Articulate Futures programme students 16–25-year-olds with mental health issues and SEND use the IT suite in projects through holiday periods. 25 individuals.

Our Short Breaks programme students 10–18-year-olds with physical and sensory impairments use the IT suite in projects through holiday periods. 25 individuals.

Our Older adult's digital inclusion project students 55+ year olds serving 33 individuals to use the IT suite last summer for 12 weeks. 33 individuals.

<https://www.barnetgetonline.org/2021/10/22/barnet-based-charity-community-focus-uses-art-to-get-people-connected/>

Collectively CF estimate 100 individuals have used our dilapidating IT Suite through COVID-19, and over 1,000 individuals from 2012-22.

Office for National Statistics -

Commenting on today's findings, Julie Stanborough from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said:

“Providing an overview of the different life experiences between disabled and non-disabled people is an important element of our work to identify inequalities in UK society. While stark differences remain in most life areas, we have seen, among others, an increase to 25% of disabled people now being educated to degree level. This still needs to be set against the 43% of non-disabled people.”

- More than one in ten (13.3%) disabled people aged 21 to 64 years in the UK had no qualifications, nearly three times as many as for non-disabled people (4.6%).
- A quarter (24.9%) of disabled people aged 21 to 64 years in the UK had a degree as their highest qualification. This compares with 42.7% of non-disabled people. However, the proportion of disabled people educated to degree level was up 1.9 percentage points from last year.
- Employment rates for disabled people in the UK are 53.5%, compared with 81.6% for non-disabled people. Rates of employment were lowest for disabled people with severe or specific learning difficulties, autism and mental illness. This represents a similar pattern to last year.

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/outcomesfordisabledpeopleintheuk2021>

Outcomes for disabled people in the UK: 2021 - Office for National Statistics

Outcomes for disabled people in the UK across a number of areas of life, such as employment, education, well-being, loneliness, crime and social participation. Statistical indicators based on annual data from various sources.

www.ons.gov.uk

New iMac equipment would greatly help CF to upscale daily IT activities and create new or strengthen partnerships with other organisations such as Barnet Asian Women's Association, Community Network Group, Developments and Learning Opportunities (DALO), Middlesex University and others.

It would strengthen CF's aim to have Friary House open for IT activities 5-7 days a week and propose to manage the building on behalf of LBB. It would improve transferable skills and learning opportunities for Articulate Futures students as they transition into adulthood and improve employment.

Long term ambitions -

CF are an independent, accessible and inclusive arts charity so intend to offer onsite evening classes to the general public in the upcoming Spring and Summer months.

CF are applying to Arts Council England to become a National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) and if successful would receive a response to multiyear funding by early 2023, a new IT Suite would improve our opportunities and access to large funding pots.


CF intend to create a social enterprise and monetise student's artwork where they would receive a percentage (25-50%) from sales, therefore increasing student attendance.

The organisation:

	<p>Community Focus is an inclusive arts centre with over forty years of experience in delivering creative arts programmes for adults with learning disabilities, disadvantaged young people (aged 16 to 25), and children with sensory and physical impairments (aged 10-18). By understanding the needs of these various vulnerable groups, we are able to help develop independence, aid communication and offer key employability skills using a range of arts activities and workshops. Lockdown restrictions have added to factors which deteriorate the mental wellbeing of the population, especially for those at risk of social exclusion and loneliness. Most of the people that we support are affected by learning difficulties and physical or mental disabilities, whose health is worsening during the Covid-19 crisis. Many students view coming to Community Focus as the highlight of their week.</p>
<p>Any additional information (please list any documents here to be published with the agenda, or circulated to the Committee):</p>	<p>Quotes have been provided and available to review in this application.</p>

QUOTE FROM APPLE - £16,149

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Quote 246034



Date 07/06/2022

Quote For	Quote Details
Community Focus Accounts Payable Friary House Friary Road LONDON N20 0NR United Kingdom	Quote Expires: 07/07/2022 Customer Ref: A/c No: COM18 A/c Manager: Elizabeth Oyibo Contact No: Contact Email: Currency: GBP

Line	Part	Description	QTY	Unit Price	Ext. Price	VAT Code							
2	Z12G39242UK/UK	Apple iMac with 4.5K Retina display - all-in-one - M1 - 16 GB - SSD 256 GB - LED 24" - UK - Silver	10	1,217.77	12,177.70	STD							
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3	MD463ZM/A	Apple Thunderbolt to Gigabit Ethernet Adapter - network adapter - Thunderbolt - Gigabit Ethernet	10	19.82	198.20	STD							
4	XWH-WIK-83	XtremeMac Wired USB-C Keyboard	10	24.50	245.00	STD							
5	XWH-WMO-83	XtremeMac Wired USB C Mouse	10	7.50	75.00	STD							
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For lines with a VAT Code of RC (Reverse charge): Customer to pay the VAT to HMRC

Quote Totals	
Sub Total:	12,695.90
VAT:	2,539.18
Total:	15,235.08

QUOTE FROM ALBION - £13,812 (Preferred Supplier)



Albion Computers PLC
112 Strand
London, WC2R 0AG, United Kingdom
Email: info@albion.co.uk

Invoicing And Shipping Address:

Community Focus Inclusive Arts
Friary House., Friary Park, Friary Road
London, N20 0NR, United Kingdom

Quotation #	SO61437
Quotation Date:	01/06/2022 16:08:55
Your Reference:	
Salesperson:	Tanya Ward
Payment Term:	Immediate Payment

Sr.	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Taxes	Price
1	[Z12Q_1_UK_CTO] 24-Inch iMac With 4.5K Retina Display: Silver (16GB Unified Memory, 256GB SSD Storage, Magic Mouse, Standard Fit)	10.000	1,090.00	20%	£ 10,900.00
2	[XWH-WIK-83] XtremeMac Wired USB-C Keyboard - Silver/White	10.000	0.00	20%	£ 0.00
3	[XWH-WMO-83] XtremeMac Wired USB-C Mouse - Silver/White	10.000	0.00	20%	£ 0.00
4	OPTIONAL EXTRA				
5	[CA0001/13/5Y/1] iCare, 5 Year Subscription, 1 Payment Edit The Details In The Description iCare - Extended Warranty For iMac 24" This A 5 Year, 1 Payment Subscription	10.000	39.00	20%	£ 390.00
6	[MD4632M/A] Thunderbolt To Gigabit Ethernet Adapter THUNDERBOLT TO GIGABIT ETHERNET ADP	10.000	22.00	20%	£ 220.00

Subtotal	£ 11,510.00
Taxes	£ 2,302.00
Total	£ 13,812.00

Total in word:- Thirteen Thousand, Eight Hundred And Twelve

QUOTE FROM JIGSAW - £15,355.20

Jigsaw24 Quotation: B1207887

JIGSAW24

Date: 01/06/22
 FAO: MR John McCafferty



Invoice Address

COMMUNITY FOCUS
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 Friary House
 Friary Road
 London
 N20 0NR UK

Delivery Address

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 FRIARY ROAD
 LONDON
 N20 0NR

Account Number:	427034
Customer Reference:	CCH260522
Quote Valid Until:	08/06/22

Jigsaw24 Sales Contact: charlie.christodoulou@jigsaw24.com
 Charlie Christodoulou
 Direct-Dial:
 Sales Fax: (0115) 916-5550

If you wish to modify the choice/quantity of items quoted please contact Jigsaw24 and we will be happy to help. Thank you!

Product Code	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Total
M340AXI	IMAC 24" 4.5K M1 CHIP 8 CORE CPU 8 CORE GPU 256GB 16GB RAM SILVER	10	1,276.00	12,760.00
Delivery	Delivery	1	36.00	36.00

Total ex VAT	12,796.00
Other charges	0.00
VAT (20%)	2,559.20
Total	15,355.20

QUOTE FROM CHARITY IT TEAM - £1,440 (Preferred Service Supplier)



Business Address:
10 Newquay Gardens
Watford, WD19 7QH

QUOTE

DATE: June 8, 2022

FOR: iMac Installation
2022

QUOTE:

Company Name: Community Focus
Friary House, Friary Park, Friary Road, London, N20 0NR
Phone

DESCRIPTION	DAYS	RATE	AMOUNT
Equipment			
Installation - iMac Installation, Login setup, Windows Access, Adobe install and setup, Wipe old iMacs for disposal	6	£200.00	£1,200.00
		SUBTOTAL	£1,200.00
		OTHER	£240.00
		TOTAL	£1,440.00

Area Committee – Neighbourhood CIL Funding Application Form

Title	Phoenix Cinema Neons
Raised by (Councillor):	Arjun Mittra
Ward:	East Finchley
Member Request:	Funding to replace neon lights on local Cinema with LED lights
Funding Requested (£):	£8,270
<p>In consultation with (e.g. named Officer):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is within the parameters outlined in CIL statutory and regulatory definitions • Falls within the CIL Funding Priorities agreed by the relevant Area Committee • Links to priorities in any existing Council policy or strategy and/or whether any insight and intelligence may support the application • The scheme has considered any potential impact on the Council's Strategic portfolio including those considered for strategic CIL funding • The scheme has no ongoing incremental revenue costs to the Council • That the scheme budget is forecast accurately • That the scheme deliverability has been assessed to ensure it can be resourced and successfully implemented • That the scheme outcomes and benefits have been assessed including benefits for the wider community and/or including those with protected characteristics under the Equalities Act 2010 <p>And Area Lead Officer (NAME), on (DATE):</p>	<p>We are requesting funding to replace the existing neon lights and floodlights on the exterior of the Phoenix cinema with new LED lights.</p> <p>The existing neons are more 25 years old and about a quarter of them no longer work at all. To repair them is costly and involves the use of potentially toxic gases and mercury. For the same money, we can replace the lights all together with new brighter, energy efficient neons.</p> <p>The LED neons run on a far lower voltage than traditional neon and costs around 20% less to run, which will make a significant difference to our running costs as energy prices spiral. LED neon signs require almost no maintenance too. The new LEDs can also change colour, so we can have different colours schemes to support different occasions.</p> <p>Having been closed for 14 months because of the pandemic, admissions at the Phoenix have suffered badly as a result. We need to do something to reinvigorate the building and send a message to the local community that we are still here. The exterior currently looks tired and neglected and new lighting will not only improve the overall appearance of the cinema, it will brighten up the whole high</p>

	<p>street at night. This will also have a positive effect on the whole local night-time economy. According to the UK Cinema Association Cinemas 43 percent of cinemagoers go shopping, or for food and drink after their cinema trip and Cinemas are important ‘anchor tenants’ in many high streets and retail developments and are leading the redevelopment of many city centres.</p> <p>We are keen to make the Phoenix greener and more sustainable and the new LED neons are 80% more energy efficient and give off considerably less heat. They are also made from materials that are fully recyclable.</p> <p>The Phoenix is one of the country’s oldest cinemas with an iconic art deco auditorium and exterior and is a major asset to East Finchley. It is a non profit organisation which receives no public funding and is the only independent cinema in Barnet. It is the most eye-catching building to passing footfall and traffic in the area and by changing the lights you will be helping to revive one of the boroughs most important cultural buildings and helping other local business to thrive.</p>
<p>Any additional information (please list any documents here to be published with the agenda, or circulated to the Committee):</p>	<p>Quotation from Admiral signs</p> <p>To remove existing neons to front of house and supply and install:- White translucent vinyl to existing 2x sets of letters “PHOENIX” on vertical sign and replace neon with RGB leds. 2x strips to vertical sign of 16mm x 16mm trunking with 16mm deep aluminium channels with RGB leds and diffusers 5.5M long.</p>

	<p>4x horizontal strips of 16mm x 16mm trunking with 16mm deep aluminium channels with RGB leds and diffusers 8M long.</p> <p>4x horizontal strips of 16mm x 16mm trunking with 16mm deep aluminium channels with RGB leds and diffusers 2.5M long.</p> <p>RGB leds to logo to give halo illumination.</p> <p>2x strips to canopy face 1.8M x 10.7M x 1.8M of 16mm x 16mm trunking with 16mm deep aluminium channels with RGB leds and diffusers.</p> <p><u>All the above for the sum of £6,130.00+vat.</u></p> <p>To supply and install:-</p> <p>2off standard white illuminated light troughs to existing readograph sign.</p> <p>1off RGB flood lights to wash light up wall.</p> <p><u>All the above for the sum of £2,140.00+vat.</u></p>
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Oliver Meek
Phoenix Cinema
Re: Leds to replace existing neon etc.
Estimate No149164R
E-mail

13.06.22.

Dear Oliver

We are pleased to re-quote for the following:

To remove existing neons to front of house and supply and install:-

White translucent vinyl to existing 2x sets of letters "PHOENIX" on vertical sign and replace neon with RGB leds.

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2 off standard white illuminated light troughs to existing readograph sign.

1 off RGB flood lights to wash light up wall.

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I trust the above maybe satisfactory and look forward to speaking to you shortly.

Kind regards

Area Committee – Neighbourhood CIL Funding Application Form

Title	Pollinator project x Eco Garden
Raised by (Councillor):	Cllr Alison Moore
Ward:	East Finchley
Member Request:	Pollinator project x Eco Garden
Funding Requested (£):	£865.33 (Community grant)

In consultation with (e.g. named Officer):

- Is within the parameters outlined in CIL statutory and regulatory definitions
- Falls within the CIL Funding Priorities agreed by the relevant Area Committee
- Links to priorities in any existing Council policy or strategy and/or whether any insight and intelligence may support the application
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- The scheme has no ongoing incremental revenue costs to the Council
- That the scheme budget is forecast accurately
- That the scheme deliverability has been assessed to ensure it can be resourced and successfully implemented
- That the scheme outcomes and benefits have been assessed including benefits for the wider community and/or including those with protected characteristics under the Equalities Act 2010

And Area Lead Officer (NAME), on (DATE):

This request is being put forward by the Chapel Court community garden club (9-16), who are a group of individuals from different backgrounds and abilities (disabled, retired with mobility issues, autism, ADHD, Christian, Jewish and non-denomination).

Over the lockdowns, we've come together as a community to help better the environment for a myriad of different reasons including mental health and well-being, an excuse for exercise, aesthetics and most importantly to generate wildlife and attract nature into our garden.

We are applying for this fund, as it will help to really kick start our pollinator project x eco garden as part of the pollinator corridor which is the scheme that will hopefully be run by the local community in conjunction with council.

As part of the pollinator project, we follow the no-mow-may rule, whereby the majority of the lawn remains uncut to attract bees and insects - these are one of the areas where we would like to sow wildflower seeds and enrich the soil with better quality compost, as we've got large trees causing a lot of shade and many years of neglect/ ride-on mowers which have damaged the lawn.

The eco element of our project, which we have collectively agreed and follow this ethos by not using chemicals, creating natural fertilisers, recycling garden waste into insect corridors, and borders for bedding

areas, and mulch for composting and also upcycling wood that would otherwise go to the dump. Additionally, we've also installed a water butt to collect natural rainwater in order to reduce water wastage and have further opportunities to install more water butts because of the size of this garden.

There's also a section of the gardens which have been untouched where we would like to build an additional raised bed to home other plants and grow vegetable produce to share amongst the residents. The raised bed system will be particularly accessible for those with mobility issues and wheelchair users.

The garden has been a tool to bring community interaction between residents over the pandemic who've already started to work together in areas of the garden to bring improvement by removing dead space of weeds and literal rubbish in the form of plastic etc. to convert into a wildlife-friendly zone by incorporating seasonal planting to provide a source of food and shelter for wildlife. We hope to introduce a hedgehog to the garden in the near future, by contacting the local shelter, this stems from the time we did have hedgehogs of which the local population has now died off due to loss of habitat in local gardens.

Our projects also timely tie into the local council's recent declaration of a climate emergency, which we feel is to be taken very seriously - this is why we have already taken steps over the past year to use our space as a force for good in the current climate.

As mentioned this project has hugely benefitted members of the Chapel Court community garden, providing respite in the lockdowns from being isolated and living alone and also supporting peoples mental health while they've been shielding or giving people something else to do in their day to day.

This also naturally dovetails with the scheme considering the impact on the Council's Strategic portfolio. We engaged Deborah Beckford to initiate the garden club who was impressed with the start we had made to the garden. We then had a further visit from, Councillors Arjun Mittra and Claire Farrier from the East Finchley wards who visited our open space community garden to talk and see the progress and changes that have taken place - they were pleased with the outcome and recommended that we take up the scheme. And finally also had a visit from other Barnet Homes representatives Ryan Bolton, Darryn Miles and Roger Chapman (from EF Pollinators) who advised us further on how to achieve our ambitions and all recommended to apply for this scheme.

As part of this bid, we've researched the best value and quality products to implement into our project. We've measured the square footage of the garden allowing us to propose an accurate and realistic cost and we will be working together as a community to achieve our goals to create an eco pollinator garden space. Please find below a proposed list of items that we would love the investment for.

	<p>3 x 1000 Litres mushroom compost = £109.99 x 3</p> <p>2 x 850kg topsoil = £111.99 x 2</p> <p>Liner for raised bed = £6</p> <p>Nails for raised bed = £2.86 x 2</p> <p>1kg wildflowers seeds = £54.95</p> <p>Yellow rattle seeds = £4.95</p> <p>Perennial plants x 9 = £18 x 2 + £9.99 + £4.90 x 3 + £26.97</p> <p>3 x Water butts 210 litre= £31 x 3</p> <p>3 x Water butt pipes = £4.20 x 3</p> <p>3 x butt stand = £15.50 x 3</p> <p>£865.33</p>
<p>Any additional information (please list any documents here to be published with the agenda, or circulated to the Committee):</p>	<p>Quotes have been provided and available to review in this application. The quotes are all available in the links in the application above. The Officer Graeme Clayton has reviewed each</p>

	of them and has provided the evidence for the two larger items in the application below for the committee.
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MEMBERS CIL FUNDING REQUEST FORM

AREA COMMITTEE – MEMBERS CIL FUNDING REQUEST	
MEMBER	Councillor Claire Farrier
DATE	29 th June 2022
WARD	East Finchley
cross-ward applications	N/A
SCHEME SUMMARY	
<p>Market Place Playground, N2</p> <p>Sitting at the heart of historic East Finchley, this scheme is to <i>“develop Market Place Playground into a natural, open space benefiting the physical and mental wellbeing of our growing community as well as East Finchley’s environment and air quality. We will work with the Council to protect and improve facilities and integrate the adjacent green space to inspire future generations through play and to create an attractive environment for the use of residents, many of whom have limited access to outdoor areas.”</i> (Friends of Market Place Playground Mission Statement)</p> <p>The proposal to regenerate this playground, which lies within an area identified as deficient in open space in the Boroughs Local plan, has already been endorsed by the Council at the Area Committee meeting on 8/4/21. Since that time the Friends have undertaken extensive consultation, engaged design consultants (Phil Doyle and Aileen Shackell – joint authors of Design for Play the government strategy on developing play spaces) and through them prepared a fully costed concept design scheme which is appended to this bid.</p> <p>The bid has been actively promoted by the local community in partnership with the Council. It can be considered ‘an exemplar’ of the approach promoted by the new administration in:</p> <p><i>“Working in partnership with residents and communities on social investment (including CIL and Social Value), new models of community co-production and community engagement including community-led commissions and piloting different approaches to addressing issues. “ as well as being a scheme that will help <i>“tackle inequality, ensuring all residents benefit from green growth opportunities, along with wider measures on health, prevention, housing, town centres and regeneration”</i>. (Summary paragraphs: P&R Committee 8th June 2022 : New Administration Priorities)</i></p> <p>Market Place Playground was identified as a site of <i>“low value, low quality”</i> open space. The new administration has suspended that approach in recognition of the clear value that all open spaces in the borough possess. Indeed, Director Cassie Bridger recently described Market Place Playground as <i>“a high interest site.”</i> (Email to Cllr Mitra 28/2/22) The proposed scheme demonstrates that through creative imagination, open space sites can be revitalised as magical, natural spaces that will assist and act as a catalyst to the wider regeneration of local areas.</p> <p>In terms of wider environmental benefits the scheme will add greenery, trees and pollinator flowers to the area helping to increase biodiversity. It will link with greenspaces being developed by the community along the Walks (Station Bank, Market Place Community Garden, East Finchley Library, Leopold Road Neighbourhood Garden (the last being funded through an area Committee grant) and assisted by the East Finchley Pollinator project based around nectar cafes or stepping stones for pollinators. The site also lies within the B-lines (insect pathways being promoted by Buglife. https://www.buglife.org.uk/our-work/b-lines/)</p> <p>In broader terms it will help protect and add greenspace in the Ward in line with the new Administration’s policy of increasing the boroughs green space. The scheme will help tackle the impacts of climate change by providing shade and cooling to a tarmacked area that</p>	

currently only contributes to the “heat island” effect in London.

The scheme is timely as a post covid response supporting good mental health and wellbeing of local people - especially children and teenagers many of whom live in gardenless homes. The playground is adjacent to 2 local schools (Archer Academy and Holy Trinity Primary) and serves Martin Primary School 350 metres away - their pupils have been harshly affected by the pandemic, with exercise, play and social opportunities limited. A natural play area will support educational, social, physical and emotional development for this diverse and vulnerable cohort, 25% of whom are in receipt of pupil premium, a higher than average SEND representation and a significant EAL population. During the consultation one response described Market Place as the “*Playground of broken dreams*” but one which “*has kept my family sane in this last lockdown*”. Realisation of this scheme will ensure that those dreams need be broken no longer.

Tim Gill, former Director of Play England and an international expert of play is an advocate for this playground and has visited twice recently. “*What excites me about the space is the chance to create somewhere that will be loved, enjoyed and appreciated by young and old and by people from different cultures and backgrounds. A convivial, democratic, flexible place at the heart of the neighbourhood, where friends and neighbours will want to linger and chat, where schoolchildren will find lots to do on their way home, where teenagers will hang out with their mates on a sunny summer evening, where families with young children will want to come and play, and then stay for a weekend picnic, and where older people will watch the world go by. Maybe also a place that can from time-to-time host community events.*” (Email to Chair of Friends Group 2/4/21)

Background papers included with this bid are:

1. Costed concept design plan prepared following local consultation incorporating plans and photographs.
2. Background history of the Friends of Market Place, activities undertaken and background facts and figures concerning the socio-economic make-up of the local area.

Funding Request (£)	£250,000
CIL Eligibility	<p>Market Place lies within an Area of open space deficiency as identified in the Borough’s Local plan. Through improving the space and extending the reach of its facilities this scheme will help address that deficiency.</p> <p>Market Place lies within an area of East Finchley that is high in social housing (Norfolk Close, Chapel Court, Prospect Ring) containing families and households experiencing deprivation.</p> <p>This scheme has been subject to extensive Member and public engagement using a variety of communication tools including petitions, local media, surveys, a mailing list of nearly 200 people and a social media reach of 600 N2 followers as well as in person presence in the playground, at litter picks, local events and schools.</p> <p>The proposal has been generated by a Friends group working within the local community. Our design brief was underpinned by our 2021 survey and feedback from 340 users of the playground. The Engagement event was attended by over 80 local people despite taking place as Storm Eunice hit the country. There is widespread support for the Friends work from local stakeholders including schools, charities, parent communities and other similar organisations.</p> <p>Under Section 8 of the NPPF the scheme will promote healthy and safe communities, provide social, recreational and cultural facilities for the community and give access to a high quality open space.</p>

Area Committee priorities	Area Committee priorities as currently agreed include: “ <i>Public realm (decluttering street scene, excluding buildings which are not publicly owned)</i> ” and “ <i>Park & open spaces (to include infrastructure)</i> ”. This scheme clearly will improve both the street scene and this, currently quite run-down, open space and playground.
Who will deliver the scheme	The scheme will be delivered by the Friends of Market Place Playground under the aegis of East Finchley Community Trust working in close partnership with Barnet Council Greenspaces. (East Finchley Community Trust is both a Charity (Charity number: 1141564) and Limited Company (Company number 07385707)
Community Grants (if applicable please confirm this is included with the application)	n/a
Feasibility Study only	{Please state if the request is for a feasibility study only, with the result determining on whether to bring a future scheme application}
BUDGET & DELIVERY	
Please see attached costed Concept Design	
Quotes provided with the application	See supporting costed Concept Design scheme
Timescale for delivery	The aim will be to develop the scheme to Final design stage by Sept/October 2022, tendering during October – December and seeking a start on site in February 2023 with completion by Easter 2023
Council Service Delivery	Matt Gunyon Greenspaces, Phil Hoare, Area Committee lead.
Dependencies/Risks	<p>Planning permission will be required for the scheme. Public consultation has been undertaken on the concept scheme – additional consultation will be undertaken as part of the planning process</p> <p>The Friends wish to explore innovative new funding mechanisms for revenue involving some local fundraising locally to raise maintenance above minimum levels. A minimum of £1000 per year over 10 years will be aimed for and raised through crowdfunder funding, grant applications etc.</p> <p>Works to the retaining walls around the playground will need to be addressed..</p>

VALUE FOR MONEY

How does your scheme offer good value for money?

The capital costs of the scheme will be fully funded through CIL and other grant funding. Revenue costs will, once the scheme has been completed be minimal to begin. The Friends are keen to explore a new funding mechanism for revenue involving some fundraising being undertaken locally to raise maintenance above minimum levels.

Significant voluntary time and resource – estimated at nearly £10,000 since the proposal was first mooted, has already been expended by local people on this scheme. In developing the scheme particular attention will be made to using local suppliers where possible. The impetus behind the Market Place playground scheme has already led to an underused and wasted Barnet owned space next to the playground being ‘taken over’ and maintained as a community garden by local people. (currently our ‘diggers’ group consists of twenty local people) We envisage local people continuing to look after certain green areas of Market Place, in terms of planting/re-wilding etc. plus thorough using Duke of Edinburgh scheme participants from local schools as well as local scouts/brownies etc. so we want the green areas to be maintained as much as possible by locals, thus adding considerable social value to the area and its residents.

The Scheme is promoted by Friends of market Place Playground which lies under the aegis of EFCT (for details see above)

We have been awarded £40,000 seed funding from GBL and £30,000 from the area committee 8/4/21. We are approaching other organisations, eg London Marathon Trust, City Bridge Trust and Reaching Communities for London Fund – with whom we have a meeting set up for 24/6/22 with their grants officer for Barnet to explore funding possibilities.

No ongoing revenue costs

See note under dependencies/risks. The Friends group are committed to working with the Council to develop innovative forms of revenue raising to help tackle ongoing maintenance issues over a 10 year period.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The scheme should be considering the providing the **widest community benefits** possible.

In March 2021 Friends of Marketplace conducted an initial survey to learn about usage and priorities for the space. This received responses from 337 households, reporting the views of 1,117 members of those households. 32% of households said they use the space more than once a week, and there were three key priorities for improving the space: more nature and planting, more and better equipment and improved social spaces. Notably 32% of the members of the households who responded were aged 0-8, whilst less than 2% were over 70. This reflects the fact that the space is currently used primarily by young families, and as such the space isn't used as well as it could be all day, for example whilst children are at school and nursery. The results of this survey along with our research on best practice in urban spaces led us to our mission statement and these outcomes for the space:

- The space should be inviting for people of all ages in our community.
- The space should be easy to access.
- The space should be used more consistently throughout the day.
- The space should provide good play affordances for children of all ages.
- The space should be green - lots of trees, plants and grass.
- The space should make use of natural materials like wood and stone.
- The space should provide ample seating, including some in the shade.

In order to measure our success at achieving these outcomes we are using a usage survey, stationary mapping and a condition survey, all conducted pre and post development.

The pre-improvements usage survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VH97BFW>) has been live since March 2022. It collects names, ages and home postcodes of users and potential users of the space along with what they use the space for, why they choose to use this space in particular, and how long they stay per visit. To measure the quality of play opportunities the space provides, the survey also collects data on the types of play the space affords different aged children. The categories used for this measure are those used by Barcelona to analyse its 868 play spaces as part of its high-profile 2019 initiative 'Plan for Play'.

While the user survey will give us information on how long people report staying in the space, to accurately measure overall usage we are using stationary mapping. This involves attending the space at different times of day and in different weather conditions, and placing dots on a map of the space showing the positions of all the people there at that moment. (snapshots)

Finally the condition survey covers categories including type and quality of floor covering, amount of seating, number, type and placement of entrances, range of play affordances, accessibility for those with disabilities, number of trees and variety of plants.

As such these three tools will allow us to measure the impact of our proposed scheme with regards to all our intended outcomes.

At all times the committee has sought views from a diverse cross section of the community and has deliberately sought to consult those from different sectors of East Finchley. Consideration has been given to the needs of those with specific protected characteristics under the Equality Act - for example sex, disability, race and age - and as the project progresses specific advice will be obtained to ensure maximum inclusivity of the project.

Lead Officer Review – only	
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Date	
Assessment & Recommendations	

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NAME OF PROJECT

Market Place - a new park for East Finchley

WHERE WILL IT TAKE PLACE

Market Place Playground, Park Road, East Finchley, London N2 8DQ

BACKGROUND

- Market Place sits at the historic heart of the old East Finchley and 'The Walks', the route of an ancient droving path which brought livestock to the market, runs alongside. It has been used as a playground since the 1950s¹
- The site is owned and managed by **Barnet Council** and is adjacent to two schools - **Holy Trinity CofE Primary** and **Archer Academy** (secondary) and a short walk to another, **Martin Primary School**.
- It is stated to provide play areas for 2-14 year olds. However the equipment is sparse, dated and broken, the surface is mostly old tarmac or crumbling safety carpet. It attracts litter and dog mess, especially in the small adjacent green space.
- The space has not been updated for many years². In *Barnet's Parks & Open Spaces Strategy 2016-2026* it was rated 'low quality/low value' which put it at risk of development into electricity storage or solar panels.³ This prompted a petition to save the playground which was signed by 90 local people.
- Despite its condition, the space is highly valued by the local population who live in nearby high-density high and low rise housing with few gardens and limited access to outside space. This is underlined by responses to our first survey⁴:

"This tiny playground has kept me and my family sane in this last lockdown... We affectionately call it the POBD (playground of broken dreams) but we'd be lost without it."

¹ Memories of Market Place Playground through the years

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/finchleymemories/permalink/5034942989918449>

² History of playground updates in Finchley & Golders Area Committee minutes 8 April 2021

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DE8JpsZiOrTzQJcut1UPk2CqcvfqlS1y/view?usp=sharing>

³ Barnet Council, *Parks and Open Spaces - Our Strategy for Barnet 2016-2026*

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wRB8gJRVUSMPnUcmjgOMV1vtXMzPhepk/view?usp=sharing>

⁴ Market Place Playground 2021 survey <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1I-pKcqBQ7DmHBv-7EiyJTbjdkwNC9mQa/edit?usp=sharing&oid=100286114384213121983&rtpof=true&sd=true>

WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO DO

Our ambition is to turn Market Place Playground into a park - a green, playable landscape that will act as a hub for the community as well as a place for children's exercise and play. A park is much needed in the area. East Finchley is described as "below the current borough average in terms of parks provision per 1,000 people", "parts ... do not lie within 400m of a local park" and "a particular deficiency in District Park provision".⁵

This vision has evolved over the past 18 months:

- We formed in December 2020 in response to the threat of possible closure of the playground, supported by seed funding from **Grange Big Local**.⁶ Our first aim was simply to ensure it was retained as a play space and to work with the council on tactical improvements.
- However following consultation⁷ with local users in March 2021 we identified three key themes from the responses: more nature and planting, more and better equipment and improved social spaces and our goals evolved into more ambitious and long term ones reflected in our revised mission statement:

"To develop Market Place Playground into a natural, open space benefiting the physical and mental wellbeing of our growing community as well as East Finchley's environment and air quality. We will work with the council to protect and improve facilities and integrate the adjacent green space in order to inspire future generations through play and to create an attractive environment for the use of all local residents many of whom have limited access to outdoor areas."

To deliver this ambition so far we have:

- Engaged all key stakeholders in our ambition: crucially we have a productive and open working relationship with **Barnet Council** (Green Spaces - Phil Hoare and Matthew Gunyon, Strategy - Danusia Brzezicka and East Finchley councillors Alison Moore - now Mayor of Barnet -Arjun Mittra and Claire Farrier) who support us in our aims.
- Applied to **Barnet Council** for Market Place Playground and surrounding spaces to be converted to a park in August 2021 as part of a draft local plan.⁸
- Gained charitable status by working within the umbrella of **East Finchley Community Trust** (Charity Number: 1141564). By doing this, we are sitting within an established organisation of good standing and a track record of effective community work, which will help us with raising funds.
- Raised the rating of the playground from 'low value' to 'good' using Barnet's own metrics.⁹

⁵ *Parks and Open Spaces - Our Strategy for Barnet*

⁶ Grange Big Local (GBL) is a resident-led, lottery funded community project working in East Finchley. <https://www.grangebiglocal.org/>

⁷ Market Place Playground 2021 survey

⁸ New Park for East Finchley <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QOASEPBjMJ1lwVCYErzHuISUfye-Tfu5/view?usp=sharing>

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- Commissioned consultant **Phil Doyle** and Landscape Designer **Aileen Shackell** to develop a concept design. Doyle and Shackell are joint authors of *Design For Play*, the government strategy on developing play spaces¹⁰. Aileen has over 20 years' experience of landscape design and is a chartered landscape architect. Phil's background is predominantly in the play sector, but also management and maintenance of open spaces. They have together worked on play and informal recreation schemes including a wheel park at **Victoria Park** in East London and worked as play design advisors to the new **Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park**.
- Ran an **Engagement Day** for the local community as part of the concept design process with Aileen and Phil to get feedback, ideas and secure buy-in for our vision. A major local advertising drive included but was not limited to schools, nurseries, charities, places of worship, retirement homes, as well as local businesses. Even though the Engagement Day took place as Storm Eunice hit on 19 February, over 80 people ranging in age from 8 weeks to 82 years braved the rain and wind to attend.¹¹
- Gained agreement from **Barnet Council** that they would undertake a topographical survey of the playground and have been requested to deliver structural repairs to ensure the space is ready for redevelopment.

HOW WILL YOUR WORK INVOLVE YOUR COMMUNITY

Over the past 18 months we have built a strong relationship with local residents and playground users. This includes:

- an initial qualitative survey to determine what users wanted from the space - which received 337 enthusiastic response and initiated an annual usage survey to measure impact of changes¹².
- Developing a strong social media presence with 600+ engaged followers across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram¹³ and built an email database of 170 local supporters receiving regular updates.
- instituting monthly litter pick which regularly attracts 20+ adults & children and held planting sessions in the green spaces.
- organising and delivering 4 *Summer of Play* play days through August 2021 to benefit the local children recovering from the impact of lockdowns. These supported our plans to elevate and re-brand the playground as an exciting community space with huge potential. In just 6 weeks we enlisted facilitators and volunteers to offer a wealth of activities (music, sport, dance, art, circus skills, theatre, nature, storytelling etc). The days were attended by 400+ residents.¹⁴

¹⁰ Shackell, Butler, Doyle and Ball. *Design for Play: A guide to creating successful play spaces*. (Department of Culture Media and Sport, 2008) <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1z-DIoMaQIOke21vq7CWD5KFGaDO7gsgY/view?usp=sharing>

¹¹ Link to consultation document

¹² 2021 survey ibid

¹³ <https://twitter.com/Friendsofmarke1>
<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofMarketPlacePlayground>
https://www.instagram.com/market_place_playground/?hl=en

¹⁴ Summer Play Days report in update to Grange Big Local <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z6hpxZ-EfzZYEEYnkQ7MtZR9AzOgMFX5/view?usp=sharing>

“Fantastic day for everyone, a really good use of the space”¹⁵

- providing opportunities to listen to the community, ensuring open dialogue and feedback as we progress: hosting a Meet the Friends session, manning a regular stall at East Finchley Festival and other events and holding parents’ coffee mornings at local schools.

We will continue to involve the community as the project progresses by

- Further community engagement days to secure feedback as the design evolves
- Focus groups and mini-consultations with key user segments - specifically teenagers - especially girls and young women, the elderly and adults and children with disabilities and additional needs. This will be accompanied by an Equality Impact Assessment to ensure all those with relevant protected characteristics are reflected in the final project.
- Ensure feedback on designs and plans and building schedules is secured at every stage.
- Presence at local events to further promote the redevelopment and invite commentary
- Drive responses via social and other media and building our mailing list

All six Friends of Market Place Playground committee members live within 500 metres of the playground and are regular users as parents and grandparents.

HOW YOUR PROJECT FITS WITH LOCAL ACTIVITIES

- The playground is within 350m of 2 primaries and 1 secondary school - with a combined pupils of 1,700. It is very heavily used by children at the end of school in particular but also at weekends and in school holidays.
- Local nurseries such as **Scribbles** and **Tiddley Tots** use the playground for outings and childminders/nannies are also regular visitors throughout the day. Previously the green space has been used as a location by **Teddy Bears Music** and other toddler groups, particularly during lockdowns.
- Families and school groups also use the green space for small gatherings and picnics and occasionally adults socialise in the evenings at the (dilapidated) picnic tables.
- The space and equipment is used by personal trainers for adult fitness sessions - 121 and groups.¹⁶

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OTIeQ5eA8HoSqK0keys0tW6s08hUupfQr00HVK_wpo4/edit?usp=sharing

¹⁵ Playday feedback forms, August 2021

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OTIeQ5eA8HoSqK0keys0tW6s08hUupfQr00HVK_wpo4/edit?usp=sharing

¹⁶ Fitmylife fitness classes at the playground

https://www.instagram.com/p/CaKBnEdKDSS/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

- The Walks, which runs alongside the playground, is heavily used by commuters as it connects East Finchley's old village residential areas and The Grange estate to the tube station.
- Situated on the former commercial centre of East Finchley, the space has also attracted historical interest with Hendon Archaeological Society organising a dig in July 2021.¹⁷
- Our summer play days in 2021 demonstrated it could serve as a valuable community space for events, small fetes and social occasions, driving community cohesion.

WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM YOUR PROJECT?

The primary beneficiaries of our project will be the immediate and growing community of families in East Finchley - many of whom live in gardenless homes and who were particularly adversely impacted by the lockdowns of 2020 and 2021.

The area is densely populated with high, medium and low-rise homes, but over the past 2 years this has increased and there are a growing number of families with no access to private gardens, so improving the provision of Market Place Playground has become all the more important. **Bamford House**, a block of 8 flats was built on the adjacent Norfolk Close in 2020 and within 200 metres, **Gracie House**, a high rise of 50 flats was completed in summer 2021. The local population is growing overall - demand for green spaces and play areas is high.

Market Place Playground serves **The Grange** area, 400m away, which has a high density of social housing and lack of community facilities¹⁸. Its only playground - on **Brownsell Road** is allocated for housing development which will mean that the (largely low income and gardenless) communities in that area will be deprived of any significant play, exercise and outdoor space.¹⁹ Children in urban environments like ours in particular need access to green spaces as outlined Unicef's 2021 report **Necessity of Urban Green Space for Children's Optimal Development**.

"Green views out of school windows correlate with improved academic performance. And children who grow up in greener neighbourhoods are often less depressed, less stressed and generally healthier and happier. Both greener views and surroundings as well as time spent within green spaces offer children numerous mental, physical and social developmental benefits and spur their growth into ecologically aware and responsible citizens. Moreover, when equally accessible, green spaces serve to reduce the health inequities suffered by socio-economically disadvantaged children."

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As previously mentioned, East Finchley is an area that already is underserved in green spaces and the second lowest satisfaction rating for parks in the LB Barnet at 56% and park

¹⁷ <http://www.the-archer.co.uk/archive/2021/2021July12.pdf>

¹⁸ <https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s27708/Appendix%20F%20-%20GBL%20Community%20Profile.pdf>

¹⁹ <https://www.times-series.co.uk/news/19937298.residents-lose-latest-fight-save-east-finchley-green-spaces/>

²⁰

<https://www.unicef.org/media/102391/file/Necessity%20of%20Urban%20Green%20Space%20for%20Children%E2%80%99s%20Optimal%20Development.pdf>

space below the Barnet average.²¹ Grange Big Local's survey underlined this with residents requesting "play areas - playgrounds, football, ..."more parks with swings and other fun stuff."²²

East Finchley has 29.1% of children living in poverty.²³ Local schools typically have 25% of pupils qualifying for Pupil Premium (in line with national average) but the immediate area is characterised by pockets of deprivation - **Norfolk Close, Prospect Ring and Chapel Court**. Since the start of the pandemic demand for Finchley Foodbank 200m away at St. Mary's Church, High Road has increased by 600%.²⁴

There is a large and ethnically diverse population with many communities speaking English as an additional language. At Martin Primary School for example 54% of children speak English as a second language²⁵. Market Place Playground serves as a much needed social space for the many people in our community who speak English as an additional language.

All three local schools have higher than average cohorts with additional needs.²⁶ Children with additional needs are key users of the playground and need a landscape that will enable them to play, provide various accessible exercise opportunities and quiet areas for calm and reflection.

As well as families, the elderly and other adults with additional needs are also part of the Market Place Community. There is sheltered housing for older residents immediately adjacent to the playground on the south west side run by Finchley Charities who also run several nearby residences. There is also a residential community of adults with additional needs 100m away in Norfolk Close. The revised design focusing on accessibility, integration, nature and community will make the area much better able to serve those residents.

Green spaces planting and trees will offset the impact of air pollution. The playground is less than 1km from the North Circular and sits 200m from the busy A1000 - a main route for traffic into London. Barnet has not seen improvements in air quality over the past five years in other boroughs and in 2019 Barnet had the second highest rate for air pollution related deaths.²⁷

²¹ Barnet Open Spaces Strategy

²² GBL Community Survey (footnote 18)

Additional GBL consultation document:

https://www.grangebiglocal.org/files/ugd/291c2c_1948dd89231a44c9acc5c75c90964576.pdf

²³ Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee Meeting 8 April 2021 minutes

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1HJzlnhAKvfSjdlu9VyuWjjMQ643ZCCu5?ths=true>

²⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/finchleyfoodbank/posts/2052484738251707>

²⁵ https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cEC-O_zxksfKxgL-XY2Ha7BQsTRJ-J9u/view?usp=sharing

²⁶ Archer Academy OFSTED report <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50086131>

Martin Primary School OFSTED report <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/936733>

Holy Trinity School OFSTED report <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/2476845>

²⁷ <https://www.barnetclimate.org.uk/2021/04/air-quality-concerned/>

HOW HAVE USERS BEEN AFFECTED BY COVID 19? WHAT DIFFERENCE OUR PROJECT WILL MAKE AND HOW WILL IT MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF COVID 19

Our project in part arose out of the adverse impact of the lockdown on our local community, particularly children and young people. Enduring lack of access to outdoor space and fresh air, play and exercise, friendship and social contact, has been devastating for our young people in terms of their development.

During the third lockdown, when playgrounds could open Market Place Playground provided an essential service - even on the coldest days families came for play, exercise, fresh air and community²⁸ - and our survey responses support this:.

“It has a special place in our hearts. We can’t go to Market Place without bumping into friends. It’s been a life line over the last two years for the kids and the parents when life has not exactly been easy.”

“I can’t stress enough how Market Place Park has provided a vital change of scenery, a chance for myself and my toddler to socialise with friends at a distance and I know it’s the same for many others during all lockdown restrictions.”

In terms of lockdown legacy, at the largest local primary school, Martin Primary, the head teacher, Ziz Chater, reported “61% of our children entering the school in Reception in September 2021 were assessed as being at expected attainment in their physical development compared with 74% in September 2019. Similarly 40% of children in Reception in September 2021 were assessed as being at expected attainment for emotional development in September 2021 compared with 56% in 2019.”

This tallies with Ofsted’s national research on the impact of the pandemic on education and young people.

“The negative impact on children’s personal, social and emotional development has also continued, with many lacking confidence in group activities. Children’s social and friendship-building skills have been affected...There continues to be an impact on children’s physical development, including delays in babies learning to crawl and walk. Some providers reported that children had regressed in their independence and self-care skills. As a result, several have increased the amount of time that children spend on physical activities, to develop gross motor skills.”²⁹

The impact on older children was significant as evidenced by the Martin School Covid catch up strategy.

“....Particular focus was given to disadvantaged, SEND and vulnerable pupils, because research has shown that children in those groups have been the most adversely affected.....Y6 less emotionally resilient, more affected by lockdown”

²⁸ Timelapse footage of playground use in January 2021 (lockdown)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16--NUhynnifwZMqgscAIEzLHCRLPAWsJ/view?usp=sharing>

²⁹ <https://ihv.org.uk/news-and-views/news/ofsted-early-years-report-continued-impact-from-pandemic/>

See also:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-children-hardest-hit-by-covid-19-pandemic-are-regressing-in-basic-skills-and-learning>

These groups are currently ill-served by the existing playground with a lack of equipment, activity and space for over-9s and no provision for pupils with additional physical and educational needs.

Recent research has shown that children's activity levels have still not recovered from the pandemic³⁰ and young children's development was particularly adversely affected by lockdown. Research published by the Education Endowment Foundation in May 2022 stated:

*"For many children the experience of lockdown was made harder by cramped living conditions, no access to green spaces, parental mental health difficulties and financial hardship."*³¹

Parks are essential to children's fitness and health. It develops core strength, fine and gross motor skills, balance, speed, movement, teamwork and risk. Coming out of lockdown, it is essential to focus on and offer opportunities for children to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on their emotional, social, educational and physical development.

It's not just children. Inequality in adults was exacerbated by the pandemic and access to green spaces is one of the defining factors in levelling up after Covid.

*"The first dynamic driving inequality of access to greenspaces is that the system we have created is incrementally pushing poorer communities away from them. When it comes to greenspaces, living close matters. People who live within a five-minute walk of their local greenspace are significantly more likely (61 per cent) to visit once a week or more often"*³²

A similar report by the National Trust also highlighted that areas like ours, with a high representation of ethnic minorities and low income families have more challenges recovering from the impact of Covid.

"• In areas where over 40 per cent of residents are from ethnic minorities, there is 11 times less public green space than in areas where residents are largely white, and it is also likely to be of poorer quality. Meanwhile, black people are four times less likely than white people to have a private garden.

• Black and Asian people visit natural settings 60 per cent less than white people, despite the fact that ethnic minority communities statistically value parks more than their white counterparts.

*• In the poorest 20 per cent of households, 46 per cent don't have a car, so urban parks and green spaces are their only opportunity to have contact with nature, rural beauty spots are beyond reach."*³³

HOW MUCH MONEY YOU NEED?

£200-250,000

³⁰ <https://www.bristol.ac.uk/news/2022/may/childrens-physical-activity-post-pandemic.htmlthe-guardian.com/education/2022/may/18/younger-children-most-affected-by-covid-lockdowns-new-research-finds>

³¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2022/may/18/younger-children-most-affected-by-covid-lockdowns-new-research-finds>

³² <https://www.nesta.org.uk/report/will-covid-19-make-parks-even-less-accessible/systemic-inequality-and-greenspace/>

³³ <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/press-release/new-research-shows-55bn-fund-needed-to-level-up-access-to-urban-green-space-as-part-of-uks-green-recovery>

The design concept will cost £354,000 (exc VAT)

We have already secured the following:

£29,000	Seed funding balance from Grange Big Local
£30,000	Commitment from Barnet Area Committee
TBC	Barnet Green Spaces fund - commitment to be confirmed pending committee meeting on 29 June but we estimate £50-£100,000

WHAT YOU INTEND TO SPEND THE MONEY ON?

Please see full costing in the link below³⁴ and the topline budget here:

Overheads and prelims costs	30k
Demolition and Clearance	30k
Hard works	55k
Soft works	58k
Catalogue play equipment	55k
Impact absorbent surfaces	17k
Site furniture	9k
Bespoke timber and boulders	51k
Provisional sums	7k
Contingencies	10k
Total cost of capital works	<u>322k</u>

Longer term we will need a fundraising strategy in place to support maintenance and engagement.

HOW LONG YOU NEED THE MONEY FOR

We aim to begin the renovation in December 2022/January 2023 and it will take approximately 3 months.

WHAT YOUR ORGANISATION DOES AND WHY YOU'RE BEST PLACED TO DELIVER THE PROJECT?

Friends of Market Place Playground now has an 18 month track record of fundraising, community engagement and delivering regular activities as well as securing charitable status under East Finchley Community Trust. We are the only group taking responsibility for the playground and have built grassroots support and many high profile stakeholder relationships - with the Council, as mentioned, and also:

- Local schools' senior leadership teams' Ziz Chater (Martin Primary School), Roz Kimani (Holy Trinity CofE Primary School) and Joanna Mahoney (Archer Academy) who signed an open letter which includes the following statement:
"Our pupils and their families constitute a sizeable proportion of Market Place Playground's users and we know that it is a much loved and valuable resource for them all. Many of them live in homes with no garden or outdoor space and the playground provides opportunities for physical exertion, building strength and making friends. Outdoor play is crucial, not only to physical health and wellbeing but to educational achievement overall, as it supports teamwork, problem-solving, creativity, motor skills development and independence. Our pupils and their families use the space before and after school and it is a key part of many of our children's daily routine".

³⁴ https://drive.google.com/file/d/11g6qF41mG_A2zVwviouNITgYB9DWv0Ny/view?usp=sharing

- Relevant local community groups (**Grange Big Local, Young Barnet Foundation, Friends of Child’s Hill Playground, Friends of Long Lane Pasture, Friends of Cherry Tree Woods, London Garden Network** etc), having regular meetings and learning from their experiences and networks.
- Organisations in the play sector (**Playing Out, Make Space for Girls**, etc) - we attended workshops and webinars to enhance our learning and insights, understand best practice and locate fundraising sources.
- **Dr. Tim Gill**, consultant, author (most recently of *Urban Playground: How Child-Friendly Planning and Design Can Save Cities*), former director of **Play England** and an international expert on play, is an advocate for our group. Tim supported us in meetings with Barnet Council’s Green Spaces team and Area Committee stating:

“What excites me about the space is the chance to create somewhere that will be loved, enjoyed and appreciated by young and old and by people from different cultures and backgrounds. A convivial, democratic, flexible place at the heart of the neighbourhood, where friends and neighbours will want to linger and chat, where schoolchildren will find lots to do on their way home, where teenagers will hang out with their mates on a sunny summer evening, where families with young children will want to come and play, and then stay for a weekend picnic, and where older people will sit and watch the world go by. Maybe also a place that can from time-to-time host community events.”
- **Lisa Nandy**, Shadow Secretary for Levelling Up, who we briefed on our work and ambitions - which she shared with her 265,000 social media followers³⁵

We have built our profile locally by securing regular coverage in our local newspaper *The Archer*³⁶ and on East Finchley’s community internet radio station and nationally with a photoshoot and full page coverage in *Waitrose Health*³⁷ magazine promoting our litter pick.

Our committee comprises: **Kathy Batten**, a retired early years advisory teacher; **Giulia Innocenti**, councillor and theatre practitioner; **Hande Kiamil**, secondary school teacher; **Michelle Frith** - a government solicitor; **Roger Chapman**, retired town planner with extensive track record of community and voluntary service and **Samantha Haycock**, writer and marketing consultant. All are parents who live in the N2 area.

Our designers and consultants are high profile and highly experienced.³⁸

Aileen Shackell CMLI has over 20 years’ experience of landscape design and is a Chartered landscape architect. She began her professional life in private practice, focusing on historic landscape restoration and conservation. A spell in community-based urban regeneration working for the national organisation Groundwork was followed by further work on historic landscapes, then setting up her own practice in 2007. Her main specialism is Play Design and she was the main author of ‘Design for Play: a guide to creating successful play spaces’. Aileen would lead on the design process.

³⁵ https://twitter.com/anne_clarke/status/1506421120555266053

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³⁷ Waitrose Health Magazine, January 2022

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p3dkVcoOT7E9J35OM_q7_uShkSIFY6yH/view?usp=sharing

³⁸ https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Mixs-XYdi5YtNKYmSthve-fzJe_fWWCe/view?usp=sharing

Phil Doyle has over 30 years' experience working in the public sector for local authorities and a leisure trust and more recently as an independent consultant. Phil's background is predominantly in the play sector, but he also has a good appreciation of design as well as an Aileen and Phil have worked together closely since 2007 and they have extensive experience of designing and overseeing the implementation of play spaces across the full range of age groups, from the smallest, at Wyvis Street in London (£40k) to preliminary design and feasibility work for the more costly scheme at Handyside Park, part of the new regeneration scheme to the north of Kings Cross Station (over £1 million).

Both Aileen and Phil greatly enjoy working with the community on developing good quality schemes that meet people's needs and stand the test of time, without being overly demanding in terms of their maintenance requirements.

Aileen and Phil make a slightly unusual and very successful team. The combination of Aileen sensitive design skills with Phil's understanding of the practicalities of play design and also of the subtleties of child development mean that their schemes are always driven by play value, and they never fall into the trap of either creating lavish and high budget 'design statements' which look great to adults but are low in play value, or resorting to churning out the same design details, over and over again.

With Aileen's background in Groundwork and Phil's, in the public sector, they both have a strong ethos of social responsibility.

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