

	<p><b>Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</b></p> <p><b>17 October 2018</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Member’s Item – Application for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Wards</b></p>	<p>Garden Suburb, East Finchley, Childs Hill, West Finchley</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Urgent</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Key</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>None</p>
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<b>Summary</b>
<p>This report informs the Area Committee the requests for CIL funding have been submitted. The Committee are requested to consider the information highlighted within this report and make a determination on its desired course of action in accordance with its powers.</p>

<b>Recommendations</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Area Committee consider the requests as highlighted in section 1 of the report.</li> <li>2. That the Area Committee decide whether it wishes to:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) agree the requests and note the implications to the Committee’s CIL funding budget;</li> <li>(b) defer the decision for funding for further information; or</li> <li>(c) reject the application, giving reasons.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

## 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The following requests for funding from the Committee's allocated CIL budget have been raised:

Title	Temple Fortune Lane: Speed check breakdown
Raised by (Councillor)	John Marshall
Ward	Garden Suburb
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	<p>The Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association have undertaken speed checks for vehicles travelling down Temple Fortune Lane. They have advised that on the evening of 11 September 2018, they received the following results after recording speeds with a speed gun:</p> <p>Average speed recorded: <b>31.18mph</b>  Median speed: <b>31mph</b>  Proportion of vehicles recorded within 10% of speed limit : <b>78%</b>  Proportion of vehicles recorded at 30mph or below : <b>47%</b>  Proportion of vehicles recorded exceeding limit by more than 10%(ie 34mph+) : <b>22%</b>  Proportion of vehicles recorded exceeding limit by more than 20% (ie 36mph+) <b>14%</b>  Fastest speed recorded: <b>40mph (133% of speed limit) [2 cars]</b>  Number of vehicles recorded at speeds higher than limit + 10mph: <b>0</b></p> <p>Committee are asked to carry out a more comprehensive check with a view to installing VAS signs.</p>
Funding Required (£)	tbc

Title	Matters Relating to Parking and Traffic on Crewys Road, NW2
Raised by (Councillor)	Shimon Ryde
Ward	Child's Hill
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green

Member Request	<p>I request a review of the CPZ operating times on Crewys Road with funding made available to 1. consult residents on a change of operating hours and should this be approved 2. develop and bring about a new scheme. As part of the review, officers to consider returning the use of the business bays on Llanelly Road back to residential use since this bays are rarely occupied by business vehicles. As part of the review, Highways Officers investigate the use of restrictions and traffic calming methods to prevent the increasing use of Crewys Road as a short cut for vehicles and funded under the same request.</p> <p>By way of background, due to changes locally, mostly from developments on or close to Crewys Road, parking pressure has increased so that the current CPZ hours of operation, Zone H between 11am to noon, are no longer adequate. This parking pressure is likely to increase due to further schemes permissioned and under development locally. Residents have undertaken an informal parking survey and have the overwhelming support of residents on Crewys Road for an increase in the restricted hours similar to those of the nearby Zone C1 of 10am to 5pm. Additionally traffic movements have also changed recently and Crewys Road is now used as a short cut with traffic speeding on the road and queuing to enter Cricklewood Lane.</p> <p>I further request officers to investigate tree planting on the open area of the corner of Crewys Road and Cricklewood Lane to dissuade fly tipping which commonly occurs in this area.</p>
Funding Required (£)	tbc

Title	Barnwood Open Space East Finchley
Raised by (Councillor)	Cllr Alison Moore
Ward	East Finchley Ward
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	<b><u>Barnwood Open Space Project (East Finchley)</u></b>

**Request for funding for enabling works to open up and secure a neglected piece of woodland adjacent to the new Tarling Road Community Hub as a community resource.**

**Where and what is the Barnwood Open Space?**

This is a piece of neglected council owned open space adjacent to the new Tarling Road Hub It sits adjacent to three LSOA (Lower Super Output Areas – indicative of areas of social deprivation) areas and the Grange, Font Hills and Strawberry Vale Estates, as well as other local housing developments. It is at the heart of the Grange Big Local Lottery project area in northern part of East Finchley ward and the local profile document produced as part of the Grange Big Local ‘Local Plan’ development details that context.

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Although identified as a potential community resource in the past (and subject to informal tree planting as part of a youth and community project in the late 1990’s), the Barnwood site had been neglected for more than 15 years and become overgrown and inaccessible to the public. With the imminent completion of the council’s new Tarling Road Community Hub, the local community has been working with the council with a view to bringing this open space back into use. Over the past decade and more the site has been fenced (although once initial clearance started, it was clear that brambles, scrub and self-seeded trees have undermined the fence in places) and has developed as a natural habitat for birds, insects etc.

The aim is to open it up as a community resource - a potential site for a local ‘forest school’ and for informal education and leisure. It would complement the facilities at the adjacent Community Hub and two more open informal play areas nearby. In the longer term there is interest in developing a Community Trust to manage the woodland and there has already been informal discussion with Long Lane Pasture Trust about their operation.

**Who has been involved and how have local community views been sought?**

Over the past few years the Grange Big Local lottery project has carried out extensive consultation within the area and evidenced local desire for better open space provision, activities and opportunities for children and young people and for community involvement. <http://www.grangebiglocal.org/>

With specific reference to the ‘Barnwood’ site, there have been active discussions between community members, partners and stakeholders involved in the Tarling Road Hub development and a successful community engagement event was held on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The ‘Explorers Picnic’ was a collaborative event involving Barnet Council, Grange Big Local, the Somali Bravanese Welfare Association, Faiths Forum 4 London, local residents and external facilitators in environmental management and education (funded by Grange Big Local). Following some initial clearance by Barnet Council and the Good Gym project, local residents attending were able to get involved with further directed clearance, bird and plant identification and blackberry picking. They were also surveyed through a detailed questionnaire about how they would like to see the resource developed and a number expressed an interest in being involved in future management of the site. The event was covered by the Archer Newspaper <http://www.the-archer.co.uk/archive.php?year=2018&month=September> and promoted via

	<p>social media.</p> <p><b>What CIL funding is being requested and why?</b>  Now that the site is being opened-up it is important that it is made physically secure to prevent vandalism and inappropriate access, and made accessible to all members of the community.  In discussion with council officers, the following works have been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The existing fencing is in poor repair and needs replacing (and possible access gate upgrading).</li> <li>• There is a need for some additional professional clearance and tree works.</li> <li>• In order to make the wood fully accessible year round (for wheel chairs, buggies and visitors of a range of ages) it is proposed that the original informal paths are surfaced using natural looking Breedon (bonded) gravel such as is being planned for Windsor Open Space.</li> </ul> <p>This will improve the infrastructure of this asset and enable the site to become the good quality resource envisioned by the local community.</p> <p>It is envisaged that the woodland would then be capable of being managed by the local community, initially via the 'Adopt a Place' scheme but in the longer term, potentially, via a local Community Trust, thus ensuring that there is no ongoing revenue requirement from the council.</p> <p>Thus the CIL funding would secure and bring back into community use a currently neglected piece of local greenspace in an area of need. In doing so it would leverage local and wider funding for activities and to further development of the project (for example a suggestion from one child was to develop a 'bug hotel'), and harness input from local community volunteers. Alongside the new Community Hub, it is hoped it will contribute to supporting community cohesion and community resilience.</p> <p>The works have been assessed and would be carried out/commissioned by the council, ensuring that they are done to an appropriate standard, and are provisionally costed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further clearance and tree works - £1500 + VAT;</li> <li>• Bonded gravel pathway (150m x 1.5m) – approx. £9000 + VAT (note that this is an estimate based on a site plan rather than detailed measurements);</li> <li>• Replacement of the chain link fencing, plus possible new/replacement gate - £2500 - £4500 + VAT;</li> <li>• <b>Total £13,000 - £15,000 + VAT</b></li> </ul> <p>The Grange Big Local Board have agreed to contribute up to £6000.  There may also be an opportunity for the council to apply to the Mayor of London Greener City Community Fund for part of the costs.</p>
<p>Funding Required (£)</p>	<p><b>Costing for the works is estimated by Greenspaces to be £13,000 to £15,000 plus VAT</b> (dependent on whether the current access gates need replacing).</p> <p>The Grange Big Local Board have agreed to contribute up to £6,000 to support</p>

	<p>the project. Therefore this application is for up to £12,000 (allowing for VAT).</p> <p>Once the site is secure and accessible, the community will be enabled to raise funding for further development and activities from a range of sources.</p>
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Title	<b>Park View Road, N3</b>
Raised by (Councillor)	Ross Houston
Ward	West Finchley
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	<p>The residents of Park View Road, N3 have expressed concern about the parking situation in the road which has got considerably worse since the nearby roads were included in the local controlled parking zone (CPZ). This has made it difficult for Park View Road residents to find parking spaces in their own road as the road is now used by commercial vehicles, commuters and displaced parking from nearby roads. The road has also become congested particularly at the Park Avenue and Etchingham Park Road junctions.</p> <p>In view of a recent residents petition which was done as a result of the change in circumstances in Park View Road can residents now be consulted about a possible inclusion of their road in the CPZ.</p> <p>Many thanks</p>
Funding Required (£)	tbc

Title	<b>Gates at the entrance to the Suburb at Hampstead Way/Finchley Road junction.</b>
Raised by (Councillor)	Rohit Grover
Ward	Garden Suburb
Area Committee	Finchley and Golders Green
Member Request	<p>To address the gates at the entrance to the Suburb at Hampstead Way/Finchley Road junction. This includes broken stumps and missing or broken chains.</p>
Funding Required (£)	tbc

**2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.2 As identified above Members of the Council have requested that the Committee consider requests for CIL funding. In line with guidance for Members' route to support applications for CIL funding, the Committee is asked to determine the desired course of action.
- 1.3 CIL funding can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure (as outlined in section 216(2) of the Planning Act 2008, and regulation 59, as amended) to support the development of a local area. The Act specifically names roads and transport, flood defences, schools and education facilities, medical facilities and recreational facilities; but is not restrictive. Therefore the definition can extend to allow the levy to fund a very broad range of facilities provided they are 'infrastructure'.
- 1.4 Further examples are: play areas, parks and green spaces, cultural and sports facilities, district heating schemes, police stations and community safety facilities. The flexibility in how the funds can be applied is designed to give local areas the opportunity to choose the infrastructure they need to deliver their Local Plan.
- 1.5 Guidance states that the levy is intended to focus on the provision of new infrastructure and should not be used to remedy pre-existing deficiencies in infrastructure provision, unless those deficiencies will be made more severe by new development. Therefore if funds are intended to be used to address existing deficiencies, it is recommended that funds are used to either increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing existing infrastructure, where it is recognised as necessary to support development in the area.
- 1.6 Guidance states that local authorities must allocate at least 15% of levy receipts to spend on priorities that should be agreed with the local community in areas where development is taking place. Therefore a decision was made to honour the provision of a 15% contribution to each of the Council's Area Committee. This is capped at £150k per committee per year.
- 1.7 Applications relating to requests should be made to this Area Committee via Members' Items as outlined in the Council's Constitution. In line with guidance, applications submitted by Members should receive an initial assessment by an appropriate Officer, and should be accompanied by a recommendation (i.e. that the Committee should support or refuse the application).
- 1.8 Members should note that the committee has the power to discharge CIL-related environmental infrastructure projects and therefore has joint budget responsibility across the Area Committees which can be spent in 2018/19. Furthermore it is noted that any request can be considered only by this Committee if it is in line with its terms of reference as contained in the Council's Constitution.

## **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

- 2.1 Not applicable.

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

- 4.1.1 The Committee has an allocated budget for Barnet Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from which it can award funds to Area Committee grant applications. Any allocation of funds will be assessed by Officers.

- 4.1.2 The Committee is able to award funding of up to £25,000 per project for CIL Funding. Requests for funding must be in line with the Council's priorities which are outlined in the Corporate Plan 2015 – 2020.

#### **4.2 Social Value**

- 4.2.1 Requests for CIL funding provide an avenue for Members to give consideration to funding requests which may have added social value.

#### **4.3 Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.3.1 Council Constitution, Article 7 contains the responsibilities of the Area Committees, which includes to: "Determine the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy funding within the constituency up to a maximum of £25,000 per scheme / project in each case subject to sufficient of the budget allocated to the committee being unspent."

#### **4.4 Risk Management**

- 4.4.1 None in the context of this report.

#### **4.5 Equalities and Diversity**

- 4.5.1 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 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.6.1 None in the context of this report.

### **5. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 5.1 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>

- 5.2 Review of Area Committees – operations and delegated budgets (24 June 2015): <https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s24009/Area%20Committees%20%20Co>

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