

## MEMBERS CIL FUNDING REQUEST FORM

<b>AREA COMMITTEE – MEMBERS CIL FUNDING REQUEST</b>	
<b>MEMBER</b>	Cllr Kathy McGuirk
<b>DATE</b>	Mar-2023
<b>WARD</b>	West Finchley
<b>SCHEME SUMMARY</b>	
<p><b>Aim of the scheme</b>            artsdepot's free playdepot soft play area is visited week-round by hundreds of young families providing a safe and welcoming space for children to play and parents to socialise. playdepot attracts a diverse mix of people with feedback from visitors often sighting as a key benefit that it is free and friendly. playdepot provides an introduction to our venue and offers a space for families who arrive early for classes or shows and those that wish to stay on after an event.            'it is a lovely safe space for the kids to play indoors, The mixture of soft play and quiet space to read in is ideal for the little ones'            'a great space for people with kids to come with no expectation of costs'</p> <p>Sadly, the soft play installation is now 7+ years old and is falling apart and worn out – not how we wish to welcome our guests to their local arts centre. artsdepot has a short lease and is ineligible for capital funding. Also with a proposed development that could see the venue relocated, even with a renewed lease, capital funders have told us they wont invest until that uncertainty has been resolved.</p> <p>Soft play usually has a life span of 5 years – in the event we are relocated it is unlikely that will happen for 5 years, and if it were to be sooner soft play could be reinstalled in an alternative venue or donated elsewhere. The cost to replace soft play will be around £12k+vat and we already have £1k donated in support of free children's library facilities and toy provision.</p> <p>In addition to being a space for children to play and learn, playdepot is sometimes used as a break out space for children and young people with autism or ADHD during relaxed performances in our theatres. The tables – where any visitor can bring their own lunch, or order from our café – are used by parents and carers, but also by artists-in-residency when on lunch breaks from our adjacent Creation Space R&amp;D Lab.</p> <p>playdepot is open every day of the week, 360 days of the year, 10am – 6pm and is busy at all times of day, especially when the weather is poor.</p> <p>Photos</p> <p>playdepot is a much loved local free facility for young families</p> <p>It is however falling apart and in need of being replaced</p>	
<b>Funding Request (£)</b>	£10,000
<b>CIL Eligibility</b>	<i>The scheme is eligible under the CIL guidelines.</i>
<b>Area Committee priorities</b>	<i>How does the project meet the 4 priorities of the Barnet Plan and local area priorities            Creating a Family Friendly Barnet, enabling opportunities for our children and young people to achieve their best. playdepot provides a great free resource for local families and also an</i>

introduction to our offer of courses, classes and shows for young children and families.  
 Clean, safe and well run - A place where our streets are clean and antisocial behaviour is dealt with so residents feel safe.  
 Providing good quality, customer friendly services in all that we do.  
 playdepot is based at the heart of our venue benefitting from our safeguarding and staffing model it is a safe space, however it is falling apart so needs to be replaced to ensure a high quality experience  
 Healthy - A place with fantastic facilities for all ages, enabling people to live happy and healthy lives.  
 playdepot supports active play allowing children to run around, climb and literally bounce off the walls.  
 Thriving - A place fit for the future, where all residents, businesses and visitors benefit from improved sustainable infrastructure & opportunity  
 playdepot is not fit for the future – it desperately needs replacing.

**Who will deliver the scheme** How will we deliver and manage the scheme?  
 We are working with <https://www.softbrick.co.uk/> on a detailed plan for the renovation which will incorporate a theatre theme to make a connection between the family shows in our venue. Soft Brick and its suppliers are committed to playing their part in addressing the risks of climate change, including offsetting carbon emissions and recycling / repurposing waste PVC / foam material wherever possible.  
 Soft Brick have estimated £10,000 to replace the soft play equipment and to install artworks and graphics on the walls. artsdepot has raised £1,000 and will provide a further £1,000 from our revenue budgets to re-stock the lending library, introduce a toy bank and dressing up box/ area.  
 The scheme will be managed by our Visitor Services Manager who has recently led refurbishments to our café and theatre seating. We estimate installation will take 4 days and can be booked in as soon as funding is confirmed. The project has minimal risks in terms of timeframe / implementation.

**Community Grants (if applicable please confirm this is included with the application)** The community group have completed the grant application process

**Feasibility Study only** N/A

**BUDGET & DELIVERY**

Soft play replacement to include new design, cushions for wall and floor, wall vinyls to extend theme across the space	£10,000* *requested in this applications	£12,000
Free children’s books and toys lending library and dressing up area	£2,000	£2,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,000</b>	<b>£14,400</b>

<b>Quotes provided with the application</b>	<i>Provided by softbrick</i>
<b>Timescale for delivery</b>	<i>Tbc – within delivery times post award</i>
<b>Council Service Delivery</b>	<i>n/a</i>
<b>Dependencies/Risks</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>VALUE FOR MONEY</b>	
<b>No ongoing revenue costs</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>COMMUNITY BENEFITS</b>	
<p>How does our scheme offer good value for money?  We estimate at least 250 – 350 visitors to playdepot weekly, 1,000+ a month, 12,000+ a year.  Over a 5 year life span an investment in playdepot will support 62,000 free play visits for young families working out at just 16 pence per visit.  The investment supports play and socialising building friendships and support networks across different social and cultural groups.</p>	
<b>Lead Officer Review - only</b>	
<b>Lead Officer</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Assessment &amp; Recommendations</b>	

<b>AREA COMMITTEE – MEMBERS CIL FUNDING REQUEST</b>	
<b>MEMBER</b>	Councillor Danny Rich
<b>DATE</b>	10/03/2023
<b>WARD</b>	West Finchley
<b>cross-ward applications</b>	N/A
<b>SCHEME SUMMARY</b>	
<p>This bid is for funding to enable the construction of a new sensory garden at Victoria Park, Finchley.</p> <p>The attachment, Victoria Park Sensory Garden photos of location, shows the current space and the attachment, Victoria Park Sensory Garden plan, shows what is proposed.</p> <p>The Victoria Park master plan was agreed in 2019, and identified 26 activities in the park, one of which was the construction of a new sensory garden. The implementation of the master plan is in the main funded by the £623k capital arising from the sale of The Lodge, and some s106 money. Work that has happened to date includes the two refurbished playgrounds in 2019, the refurbished tennis courts and multi-use games area created in 2020, the realigned footpath in 2020 and the path resurfacing in 2022. A quote is currently being sought for the installation of a new outdoor gym.</p> <p>In 2021 the LBB Greenspaces Team were approached by the Barnet Borough Site Impaired Group (BBSI) to say that they had a legacy to create a sensory garden in Barnet and did we have anywhere suitable. In the summer of 2021, Greenspaces and the BBSI met at Victoria Park and discussed the potential of a new sensory garden to the left hand side of the bowling club building, that would have a footpath running next to it and near the café, so therefore hopefully designing out some of the problems of the previous sensory garden as it was tucked away and suffered with plant theft. Since then Greenspaces appointed Groundwork London who have worked with Greenspaces and the BBSI to design a sensory garden and to cost the proposal. Some of the BBSI members are also members of the Friends of Victoria Park.</p> <p>Funding of £43,000, is being sought from the Committee to part fund the new sensory garden. The BBSI legacy will contribute £10,000 and the master plan fund will contribute £20,000, as well as the cost of dismantling the old sensory garden and the appointment of Groundwork London.</p>	
<b>Funding Request (£)</b>	£33,000
<b>CIL Eligibility</b>	<p>The relevant CIL eligibility criteria, which this project meets is ““The charging authority may use the CIL to which this regulation applies, or cause it to be used, to support the development of the relevant area by funding—</p> <p>(a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure”.</p> <p>This project is for the provision of a new sensory garden, which is an improvement to Victoria Park.</p> <p>Barnet Council’s Greenspaces Team has worked with the Barnet Borough Site Impaired Group on the development, which is explained further in the “Community Benefits” section.</p>
<b>Area Committee priorities</b>	The relevant draft Area Committee priorities are Sustainability, Community Engagement and Public Health.
<b>Who will deliver the scheme</b>	<i>Greenspaces, Barnet Council</i>
<b>Community Grants</b>	N/A

<i>(if applicable please confirm this is included with the application)</i>	
<b>Feasibility Study only</b>	N/A

## BUDGET & DELIVERY

### Total Sensory Garden Project Costs

<i>Detail</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Groundwork London estimate costs for new sensory garden including plant establishment maintenance (quote provided Dec 2022)	62,500
5% for Barnet Council project officer management costs	3,125
10% for contingency	6,563
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72,188</b>
Removal of old sensory garden and making good	8,000
Groundwork London - engagement, design and tender	11,319

### Total Sensory Garden Project Funding

<i>Detail</i>	<i>Amount</i>
BBSI legacy	10,000
Victoria Park Master Plan	30,000
Bid to East Area Committee	33,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73,000</b>
Old sensory garden – funded from Victoria Park Master Plan	8,000
Groundwork London – funded from Victoria Park Master Plan	11,319

The Victoria Park Master Plan identified 26 activities, with the total estimated cost at £660,000. For the new sensory garden the estimated cost was £20,000. The work carried out by Groundwork London in December 2022, has identified that a new sensory garden will cost around £62,500 as set out in the attached quote. As a result of the increased estimated cost, the contribution from the Victoria Park master plan has increased from that originally identified. There are still activities on the master plan to be delivered such as the outdoor gym, therefore a contribution is being sought from East Area Committee to proceed with the new sensory garden.

Barnet Council's Greenspaces Team will procure the new sensory garden, using a tender package developed by Groundwork London. It is very likely that the work will be tendered using an existing framework.

<b>Quotes provided with the application</b>	Victoria Park sensory garden – cost estimate summary Dec 2022
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<b>Timescale for delivery</b>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Timescale</i>
	Procure supplier to deliver sensory garden	April – June 2023
	Dismantling of old sensory garden	May 2023
	Construction of new sensory garden	Autumn 2023

<b>Council Service Delivery</b>	Nicola Cross, Greenspaces Nicola.cross@barnet.gov.uk
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<b>Dependencies/Risks</b>	<p>Risk – When the work is procured, the value is greater than the budget. To mitigate this risk Groundwork London updated their cost estimate in December 2022, and a 10% contingency has been included in the budget.</p> <p>Risk – When the new sensory garden is installed it is damaged. To mitigate this risk: a location has been identified in the park that is next to a well-used path and close to the café and Groundwork London have designed the planting scheme to reduce the accessibility and likelihood.</p>
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### VALUE FOR MONEY

This project is to build a new sensory garden in Victoria Park. The cost of the project includes the establishment maintenance of the plants, for the first 12 months, such as watering in warm weather. After this time the new sensory garden will be maintained by Barnet Council's Grounds Maintenance Team. The Barnet Borough Sight Impaired Group (BBSI) are also keen to be involved in the maintenance of the sensory garden.

The BBSI have been gifted a legacy of £10,000 to build a sensory garden in Barnet. The BBSI recognises that this amount of money on its own is not sufficient to build a sensory garden and therefore approached the Greenspaces Team. As the Victoria Park Master Plan identifies the provision of a new sensory garden, and has some funding, it seems a sensible approach to combine the resources to build one sensory garden.

<b>No ongoing revenue costs</b>	There are no ongoing additional revenue costs associated with the scheme. The maintenance of the new sensory garden can be supported from existing revenue budgets.
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### COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The Victoria Park master plan was developed following a public consultation. It contains 26 priorities that were listed in priority order, as a result of the public consultation. Activity 16 on the list is to create a new sensory garden.

Groundwork London, Barnet's Greenspaces Team and the Barnet Borough Site Impaired Group (BBSI) have been working together on the development of the sensory garden. Joint meetings have taken place. Discussions have taken place on the type of plants that would be the most beneficial, with benches to allow people to sit and enjoy the garden. Consideration has been given to the width of the path and the path surface for wheelchair users.

The Friends of Victoria Park have been kept up to date on what is proposed, and it has been agreed that the plaque from the old sensory garden will be incorporated into the new sensory garden.

Barnet Council's Greenspaces Team will continue to liaise with the BBSI during the procurement of the contractor, the installation and establishment of the sensory garden.

The space identified for the new sensory garden is currently grass. The new sensory garden will bring new plants to the area, therefore increasing the diversity and wildlife.

### Lead Officer Review - only

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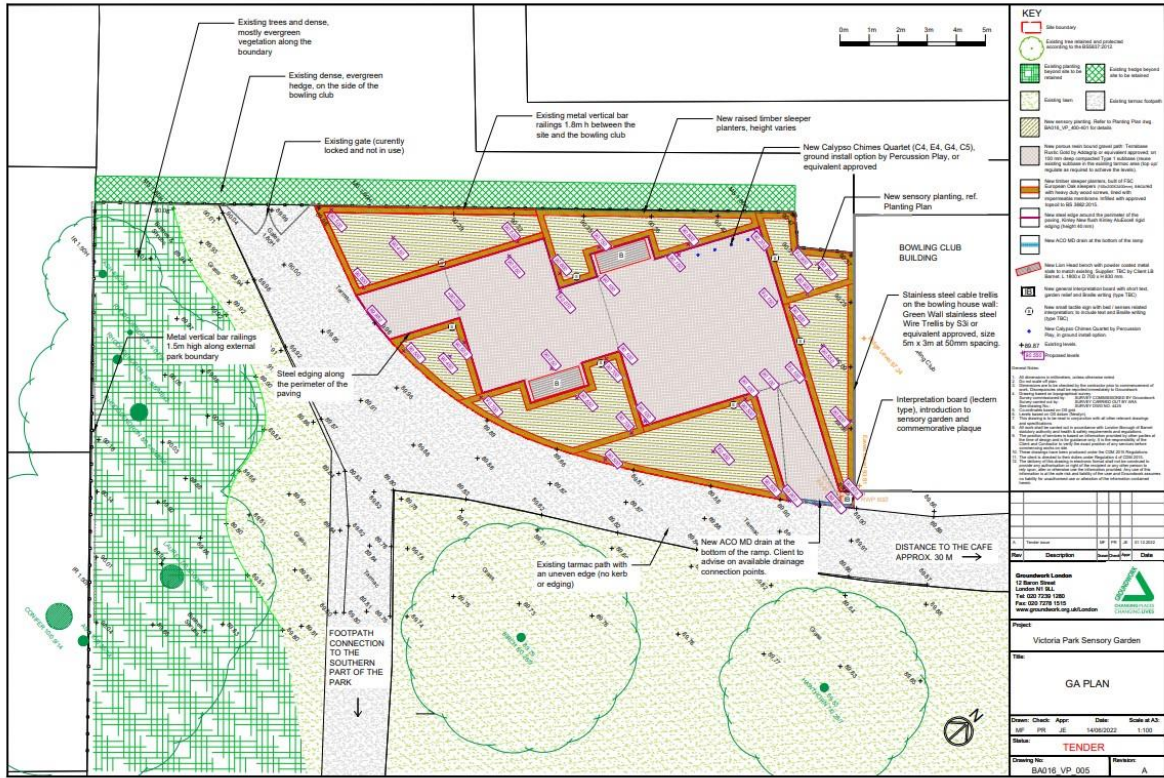
# GROUNDWORK

## Budget Estimate Summary

(note: this is a high level estimate is based on GW knowledge of comparison rates on similar projects only, not a QS schedule)

Site **Victoria Park Sensory Garden**  
Client **London Borough of Barnet**  
Issue **Tender-REV A**  
Date **1st December 2022**  
Notes:  
Magdalena Firganek-Fulcher  
email: [magdalena.fulcher@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:magdalena.fulcher@groundwork.org.uk)

	<i>1. Preliminaries Subtotal</i>				SEE BELOW
	<i>2. Clearance &amp; Ground Preparation Subtotal</i>				£4,010.00
	<i>3. Surfacing &amp; Edging Subtotal</i>				£8,200.00
	<i>4. Drainage</i>				£420.00
	<i>5. Furniture, Interpretation signage and Play features</i>				£28,374.00
	<i>6. Planting</i>				£7,546.80
	<i>7. Maintenance</i>				£3,600.00
	Subtotal (excluding Prelims & contingency )				£52,150.80
	10% Prelims				£5,215.08
	10% Contingency				£5,215.08
	Landscape Works TOTAL				£62,580.96





## MEMBERS CIL FUNDING REQUEST FORM

<b>AREA COMMITTEE – MEMBERS CIL FUNDING REQUEST</b>	
<b>MEMBER</b>	Claire Farrier and Arjun Mitra
<b>DATE</b>	20.3.2023
<b>WARD</b>	East Finchley and Golders Green
<b>cross-ward applications</b>	N/A
<b>SCHEME SUMMARY</b>	
<i>{Please provide an overview of the scheme – any photos, design or supporting information to provide a visualisation of the scheme may be useful}</i>	
<b>Funding Request (£)</b>	£30,000
<b>CIL Eligibility</b>	<p>Grange Big Local is a resident led community project funded by Local Trust to make a positive difference in our local area. Refurbishment of the Underpass was the key project in our funding application to Local Trust in 2016. In December 2019 WSA Community Consultants led GBL's Community Profile consultation for our second Big Local plan. Residents reaffirmed their priority to see improvements to Trinity Road Underpass as a key project in meeting community aspirations for our area, enabling our environment to blossom.</p> <p>Our area is made up of different neighbourhoods; the Grange Estate, from which GBL took its name, Font Hills, Brownswell and Thomas More Estates. Trinity Road Underpass is in the middle of the GBL residential community. It is the key walking route between East End Road, and Long Lane and the High Road. The area is bisected by the northern line and the underpass is the only pedestrian route to link the two sides other than the narrow Church Lane Road bridge to the southeast. The condition of the Underpass is poor. It is dirty, dark, damp and overgrown. It is in a sorry state of repair and requires a major upgrade. The path has steep gradients and turns four corners, with very poor sightlines along the route. It feels unsafe to many residents who avoid using it, preferring to walk the long way round via the narrow footpaths of the Church Lane Road bridge.</p> <p>GBL residents would like to see repairs to improve drainage, lighting and safety as well as new art works, planting and play path to transform the damp, dark and dirty underpass into a welcoming and enjoyable route. The aspiration is that with better lighting, drainage and reflective surfaces at the corners the sense of safety will be improved, and that it will also become a delightful and stimulating walking route with moments of art, planting and play along the way.</p> <p>The project will not only make physical improvements to the public realm but also bring benefits in terms of the community collaborating to make a change to their local environment through organised clean ups, participation in design of the underpass improvements and design and implementation of the public art and planting projects.</p> <p>The project addresses Barnet's and the Mayor's policies on taking opportunities to enhance the public realm to benefit the urban environment, greenspace and the community, the outcomes include positive impacts for walking, health, community, green spaces and public space in a location which includes areas identified by MHCLG as being in the top 20-30% most deprived. Improvement of this walking route will encourage local people to leave their cars at home, with beneficial mental and physical health outcomes. Greening the path will improve air quality and link to improvements being made</p>

	<p>along The Walks and to Manor Park Playground, extending the green thread and Pollinator Trail through the Grange Big Local area encouraging more birds, butterflies, insects and bees. High quality public space developed with local community members, harnessing enthusiasm, imagination and skills will improve social cohesion and confidence.</p> <p>This is an opportunity for Barnet to collaborate with GBL to create an exemplary high quality public realm that will benefit the urban environment, greenspace and the community in line with Barnet's policy CDH03 Public Realm set out in the Borough Local Plan. Grange Big Local's priorities arose from community participation at multiple events described in their 2019 Community Profile. Improvements to the Underpass is consistently one of the projects that people would like to see happen.</p>
<b>Area Committee priorities</b>	GBL's proposal will meet all the 4 priorities for funding in 2022/23 as detailed in the 24 Oct 2022 submission.
<b>Who will deliver the scheme</b>	GBL and Barnet will share responsibility for delivery of the project subject to Barnet's assessment of its service capability. Barnet could be responsible for removing the crossover on Manor Park Road and repair and cleaning to the tunnel brickwork. GBL will be responsible for delivering the community engagement strategy and procurement and delivery of the public art, play path and planting. Responsibility for other items such as laying a new path surface would be subject to discussion between GBL and Barnet.
<b>Community Grants</b> <i>(if applicable please confirm this is included with the application)</i>	The Barnet CIL Community Grant application has been completed alongside this application.
<b>Feasibility Study only</b>	A site visit was undertaken on 15 March 2023 by Barnet Council services and on 16 March by the MET police design out crime team. Work is being undertaken to review the feasibility of the proposal and develop allocation of responsibilities for delivery of the project.
<b>BUDGET &amp; DELIVERY</b>	
A proposed budget from GBL is attached as an appendix. Following the site visit the Council services are reviewing the cost of work and will form a contribution towards the cost of the project.	
<b>Quotes provided with the application</b>	Attached as an appendix.
<b>Timescale for delivery</b>	<p>GBL intends to start work in 2023.</p> <p>The window for Barnet to partner GBL to make this long discussed project happen is closing. GBL is now consulting on its final Big Local plan for 2023 to 2025 and would like to include expenditure on this project. If the project doesn't proceed, then the funds will be spent elsewhere or returned to Local Trust if unspent.</p>
<b>Council Service Delivery</b>	Summary timeline of contact with Barnet is as per the 24 Oct 2022 submission. In March 2023 the project was assigned to the corporate project team for some initial support. A site visit was organised on 15 March 2023 and 16 March 2023. Work is underway to assess the feasibility of the proposal and to recruit a project manager to the proposal and develop allocation of responsibilities and the delivery of the project.
<b>Dependencies/Risks</b>	As per the 24 Oct 2022 submission.
<b>VALUE FOR MONEY</b>	

As per the 24 Oct 2022 submission.

**No ongoing revenue costs**

The ongoing maintenance of the underpass is the responsibility of Barnet Council, however where there is enhanced works approved as part of this project, the cost of maintaining this must be resolved prior to any approval.

**COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

As per the 24 Oct 2022 submission.

**Lead Officer Review - only**

**Lead Officer**

**Date**

**Assessment & Recommendations**

## Finchley Progressive Synagogue – Officer Feedback for the committee to consider when reviewing the Members CIL application for a Community Grant

It would be useful for the committee to make any award subject to the review and verification of the following:

- Further supporting documentation required:
  - Supporting quotes from at least two suppliers for the design and construction to show a diligent procurement process for a large scheme (***please note that this information is included in the enclosures***)
  - Supporting due-diligence information set out in this application in Section 2 (***to follow***)
- Planning consent needs to be obtained (this application mentions that it is in progress). (***the scheme may not require planning – tbc***)
- Clarification on whether all the funding has been secured for the scheme. Barnet may consider making any ward subject to the overall funding being secured. (***the funding target is £650k - an award can be pledged subject to the total being secured or the proposed funds from Barnet used for a discrete element delivered on its own***)
- Can a project timeline be provided setting out the milestones for the delivery of the scheme.

### BARNET - AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) FUND GRANT APPLICATION FORM

#### Part 3: Scheme Proposal

**Please provide a description of your proposed scheme, please include**

- The aim of the scheme
- Please include photos or documentation that help describe your proposed scheme

**How will your scheme contribute to the Barnet Plan, Area Committee Priorities and conform with CIL expenditure regulations?**

- Area Committee priorities for CIL funding (*reviewed at Committee*) and provide a wide community benefit
- How does the scheme meet one or more of the four priorities set out in the Barnet Plan
- How does the scheme “support the development of an area” through “the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure that is concerned with sustaining and maintaining the demands that development places on an area, or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area”

**How does your scheme offer good value for money?**

- Schemes should be self-sufficient/sustaining and unless explicitly agreed otherwise, should not impose additional costs on the council and other relevant partners (e.g. infrastructure providers). Bidders must also demonstrate how any revenue costs associated with each scheme will be funded and maintained over its lifetime
- If your scheme has secured funding from other sources (e.g. crowdfunding initiatives), this will strengthen your bid. However, match funding or funding from alternative sources (e.g. grants or monies from a larger scheme) is not a requirement of the bidding process. Where funding has already been received towards a scheme or programme, this must be detailed here
- If you already do, or intend to work with other organisations

#### **How will you deliver and manage the scheme?**

- ***Have you engaged relevant Council Service Officers relevant to your scheme? Council Service Officers will be required to review and provide approval for a scheme which may impact their service area (the CIL Officer named in Part 5 can assist with this)***
- Timescale of the scheme and when it will start
- Who will be responsible for the scheme?
- Can you demonstrate that the scheme will be delivered on time and budget?
- Are there any risks to the delivery of the scheme and how will you manage them?
- If applicable, demonstrate how the scheme complies with relevant policy and legal requirements (for example, on road safety, planning policy and environmental health)

#### **Aim of Scheme**

In 2023, Finchley Progressive Synagogue turns seventy. Seventy years of infusing North London life with meaning. Our current building has been our home since 1964. We have a simple, useful building that, with a few crucial improvements, can be open, airy, accessible, and ready for the next generation of congregants and the wider community. We are aiming to create a space that is inspiring and welcoming, that reflects our values: caring for the planet and for all the people who pass through our doors.

Our synagogue is not just a place of worship but it is a community resource to other Non-faith groups. A vital and central part of our regeneration programme is to update the facilities we provide to numerous communities.

Our building is used as a hub. We work very closely with some very vulnerable members of society and we have come to realise that in order to best serve them, we need to

update our shower and bathroom facilities. We provide a welcome and support to groups including:

- Homeless Action Barnet
- The Yaran Club for Farsi speaking women
- The Southover Partnership School, a school for children with autism, behavioural and learning difficulties

Initiatives about to begin include:

- LGBTQ+ lunch for asylum seekers
- Mental health support sessions for the young people and children of asylum seekers who are living in hotels (offering activities such as homework club/youth club/a space to feel safe outside of their rooms)

In order for these diverse groups to feel equally welcome and supported, our antiquated bathroom facilities need to be updated and improved with gender neutral toilets and added shower facilities. It is necessary to separate adult and child toilet facilities to fulfil the safeguarding requirements of Southover school.

- These changes will also meet the needs of users from our faith community – 30% over 65, and 55% with young families and 40% on financially supported subscriptions

We have appointed a local firm, Mills Power, in East Finchley who have a strong understanding of Barnet and a keen sense of our community building. They are looking forward to beginning and engaging with us as a community.

### **Barnet Plan Priorities**

Throughout this new renovation, our scheme will support a number of areas of the Barnet Plan Priorities. Firstly, our scheme is family friendly. Around 60% of our users are families with children, many of whom attend the premises weekly. On Saturday mornings we host extra-curricular activities, which we call *Ivriah*. Not only does this provide valuable education for young children, but teenagers who have grown through the project very often go on to teach their younger peers, volunteering as part of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. We also host family learning activities. Additionally, our building is used by The Southover Partnership School during the week, providing a safe environment for 'students with autism, social, emotional, behavioural and learning difficulties or those at risk of exclusion'.

Our scheme fully integrates Barnet's Healthy Priority. Our space is used as a winter shelter for Homeless Action Barnet, where we provide:

- Overnight accommodation
- A hot, three course evening meal
- Breakfast the following morning

Mental Health and Wellbeing is at the core of our work at the synagogue. Many of the people who use our building are seniors (over 65), and the space is of vital importance to them. Not only is it a place of sanctuary where they feel welcome, but it provides a place for socialising. The synagogue provides weekly, monthly and annual events for its members and the wider community and we are soon to host a new monthly lunch for LGBTQ+ asylum seekers. Providing a place where they can feel safe, unjudged and free to be who they are (many have fled from places where their sexuality was the cause of their persecution), is something that we at FPS feel very strongly about.

Throughout all of our renovations, we will be ensuring that the synagogue building adheres to Barnet's Thriving priority so that we play our part in lowering carbon emissions. The whole renovation is intended to make the building greener and more sustainable, benefitting for example from improved insulation and new heating systems: we will play our part in helping Barnet's campaign BarNET Zero achieve its goal.

(We are waiting to receive a clearer estimate from our architect of the reduction of our emissions.)

### **Supporting Development of the Area**

Community spaces are a vital part of area infrastructure. Our home supports around 300 people every week from both the Jewish and wider community. We have come to realise that if we wish to continue providing a space for these people, it is essential that we undertake the renovations described above.

Improving these facilities will make a significant difference to the following groups:

- Homeless Action Barnet (winter shelter) – approx. 30 per week
- Yaran group – approx. 50 women per week
- Southover Partnership School – approx. 40 children per week
- Lunches for LGBTQ+ asylum seekers (soon to come into action) – approx. 15 people per week
- Mental health support club for children of asylum seekers in local hotels (soon to come into action) – approx. 20 teenagers per week
- The older residents of our FPS community – approx. 35 per week

### **Value for Money**

Our overall renovation project has a cost of £650,000.

The majority of this will come from individual giving. We have already secured funding of £250,000, in part from legacy giving and in part from donations. Crowdfunding initiatives, other grant applications and fundraising activities will make up the remainder of the cost.

The proposed scheme for the renovation of toilet and shower facilities has an approximated cost of £80,000. The funds we are seeking from Barnet council therefore represent a small but invaluable part of our overall project.

### **Management and funding the scheme**

The trustees of our community have the overall responsibility for our regeneration scheme. Two key committees have already been formed: the Building Group and the Fundraising Group, both of which regularly report back to the Trustees. James Levy, a member of FPS, will be primarily responsible for the scheme.

As previously mentioned, we are relying on gifts to reach our goal of £650,000 so our scheme must be in budget. We will have a contingency fund to ensure that there will be no issues if there were to be a slippage on budget. We must also honour our tenant, Southover School, so it is equally essential that our project be completed on time. James Levy and our architect will ensure this.

We expect our project to begin this summer, during the school holidays. We have already applied for planning and put out three tenders to three different builders who came in at the same approximate sums. We have already appointed an architect and we will seek a minimum of three fresh tenders for the building scheme as we recognise that everything changes monthly.

We are working on advice from architects and being compliant with legal requirements is of extreme importance to us. This regeneration will enable us to reduce our carbon dioxide emissions as well as complying with new regulations regarding bathrooms and disabled access.

### **Summary**

In summary, this scheme proposal is an integral part to our overall renovation project. The funding we are seeking from Barnet council will be leveraged over 8 times to regenerate the community facility. This will allow the community to continue to expand its work to benefit families, more senior members of the community, homeless residents and refugees and asylum seekers across the borough. We will continue to contribute to Barnet's culture of welcome and to its Borough of Sanctuary group, while also upgrading the building to become as environmentally friendly as possible, in line with the goals of BarNET Zero campaign.

We propose a fully costed scheme with sound financial management. We will submit the quotes we have received to demonstrate our diligence in seeking the best value building works.



#### Part 4: Funding Request

How much funding are you requesting?		
£ 78,900.00		
Please provide a budget for of the cost for your scheme. We will need to see that more than one quote has been obtained for cost items to ensure that a diligent and competitive budget has been compiled - <i>please supply copies of supplier quotes (a separate budget file can be supplied rather than use this table – e.g. excel file)</i>		
Type of cost	Description of costs	Total cost £ (incl. VAT)
Capital costs - building works for toilets	(6) New WC area including 6 N° WC positions and adjustment of adjacent studwork walls. Connect soil pipe to existing below ground sewage disposal pipework Sanitaryware, taps and tiles and hand driers taken in second fix	£61,400
Capital cost – building materials for toilets and shower	6N° cloakrooms: 6x WC frame, flush plate, bowl and seat. 6N° WHB/ taps, 6N° air hand driers, 1N°shower tray, taps ans screen., 1N° disabled WC kit. Floor tiles	£15,000
Capital cost	Elec. Hot water heaters for WC's, kitchen	£2,500
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£78,900.00</b>



