

MEMBERS CIL FUNDING REQUEST FORM

AREA COMMITTEE – MEMBERS CIL FUNDING REQUEST	
MEMBER	Ross Houston/Danny Rich
DATE	5 June 2023
WARD	West Finchley
cross-ward applications	N.A

SCHEME SUMMARY

There are two aims of the scheme.

1. *To edge the path with pressure treated timber in a previously overgrown and derelict part of Finchley Way Open Space that has been opened-up to visitors by volunteers (photo 1). This will reduce trips hazards, prevent the paths eating into the managed wilderness and planted areas and reduce the volunteer workload. This area currently has uneven sized log edging but the logs rot and there are now few usable replacement logs on the site. Moreover, visitors (including dogs) move the smaller logs around, making even greater trip hazards.*

2. *To replace the current unsightly plastic protective barrier with a protective wicker barrier which is environmentally friendly and more in keeping with the natural feel of the area (photo 2). The seeded area inside the fencing needs to be protected from dogs, foxes, deer and visitors, etc. for several years to allow the plants to root fully. The roots will then hold the soils in place. In the meantime, the area needs to be protected or the seeding may be wasted.*

We purchased the seeds from Meadow Mania and their advice is:

“Establishing a new perennial wildflower meadow will take a little time; from Year 1 full of gloriously colourful annuals, to Year 2 with fewer colours and the first of your perennial blooms, and finally on to Years 3 and 4 and a species-rich, biodiverse, floriferous and colourful meadow.”

Photo 1 below shows Finchley Way Open Space and the red lines show where the path edging would go.



Photo 2 below shows the unsightliness of the existing protective barrier, which is also unsuitable because it cannot be fully secured, which is also visible from the photo.



Previous grants from the Area Committee have supported new seating in this part of the site and the replacement of the dilapidated fencing and gates around the whole site. This grant would build on that investment.

Funding Request (£)	£10,296.00
CIL Eligibility	<p>Barnet Plan</p> <p><i>The trustees believe that improving the path and the visuals of the site will contribute to the Barnet Plan's objective of providing opportunities to live healthy and fulfilling lives in safe and thriving families and communities in the Borough.</i></p> <p><i>It will help to keep the Borough green and the neighbourhood safer by showing that the community cares about its environment through a well-maintained site.</i></p> <p>Consultation</p> <p><i>One of the objects of the charity is to educate people about nature and the planting will help children (and adults) to learn more about the natural world. We do this by engaging with volunteers and other visitors in person and through our quarterly newsletter and signs on the site. We also undertake an annual consultation each autumn.</i></p> <p><i>It is also increasingly clear that access to local green space is important for mental health. At present the plastic fencing detracts from the peacefulness and visuals of the site.</i></p> <p><i>The whole site is fenced and therefore safe for younger children and dogs, which our local consultations have found to be important</i></p>

	<p>Development in the area</p> <p><i>Finchley Way Open Space falls within the West Finchley Neighbourhood Plan area and is a designated green space by the Plan. The site is about 10 minutes' walk from Finchley Central Underground station and can provide open space for many residents in Nether Street and further afield who do not have private gardens. The site is adjacent to social housing on two sides.</i></p> <p><i>Greenspaces such as Finchley Way Open Space help to improve air quality and reduce heating from hard surfaces.</i></p> <p><i>Importantly, the Executive Committee of the charity works closely with, and has a good relationship with, the Greenspaces and Tree Teams in Barnet.</i></p>
Area Committee priorities	<p>Area Committee Objectives</p> <p><i>The trustees believe that these plans fit within the aim of the East Area Committee to improve the green infrastructure of the Borough.</i></p>
Who will deliver the scheme	<i>The trustees will work with the Greenspaces Team and the contractors (BWS).</i>
Community Grants (if applicable please confirm this is included with the application)	N/A
Feasibility Study only	N/A
BUDGET & DELIVERY	
<p>Please provide an itemised budget for the scheme (for example – quotes provided, an excel sheet etc). Please ensure the budget reflects the funding requested in the application.</p> <p>The budget should be supported by either the relevant Barnet service area (their quote is sufficient) or at least two quotes from external suppliers, which are itemised and with the VAT element shown separately).</p> <p>This ensures that a competitive tender process has been undertaken and complies with procurement guidance and providing value-for-money.</p>	
Quotes provided with the application	<i>Andrew Arliss, Greenspaces Team to provide quote details</i>
Timescale for delivery	<i>BWS is Greenspaces selected supplier for this work. As a Greenspaces supplier BWS will deliver when they have availability.</i>
Council Service Delivery	<i>Andrew Arliss, Greenspaces contract details Andrew.Arliss@barnet.gov.uk</i>
Dependencies/Risks	<p><i>The main risks are overrun on costs and time and complaints from users.</i></p> <p>Overruns on costs.</p> <p><i>Depending on the amount, more funds could be raised from the community, other funders, unrestricted reserves or the project could be scaled back.</i></p> <p>Overrun on time</p> <p><i>Overrunning on time is less of an issue for the charity unless the contractor abandons the work part-way to move to another project. In</i></p>

	<p><i>such an eventually I would expect the Council to refuse payment until the work is complete.</i></p> <p>Public consultation</p> <p><i>There are ten trustees of Friends of Finchley Way Open Space, which is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Eight of the trustees live within 10 minutes' walk of the site and all voted in favour of replacing the plastic fence with a wicker fence. While a formal consultation with Friends and residents has not been carried out because of the timescale for this application, it seems unlikely that anyone will complain as the fence will improve the visual impact of the area.</i></p> <p><i>As for replacing the log edging with a pressure treated wooden edging, this is removing a trip hazard. One of the trustees has tripped and fallen and trustees have observed one or two other people (including a child) tripping on the logs. The logs are not fixed and are often moved around by animals and people and can be left in the middle of paths. They are quite rough and ends stick-up at odd angles and may be particularly dangerous for the partially sighted.</i></p> <p><i>A notice will be erected on the 11 June at the twice monthly volunteer work party that will inform visitors about the project with the email address of the charity for any comments. The quarterly newsletter is due out in mid-June and will inform Friends of the project and its rationale. A notice will be put on the website at www.fofwos.org This will give visitors a chance to comment before the Committee meets.</i></p> <p><i>Planning consent is not required. Insurance requirements, legal or regulatory requirements, health & safety considerations, environmental health, road safety, licencing etc will be dealt with by BWS/Greenspaces.</i></p>
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VALUE FOR MONEY

	<p>How does your scheme offer good value for money?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schemes should be self-sufficient/sustaining and unless explicitly agreed otherwise, should not impose additional costs on the council and other relevant partners). Schemes 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 please outline this. • Please outline what consideration that has been given to social value in the procurement of goods or services, specifically in the use of volunteers as an alternative to paying a supplier, using local Barnet suppliers, the sourcing of recycled materials
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No ongoing revenue costs	<p><i>There are no ongoing costs to the Council.</i></p> <p><i>The trustees believe that by working with Greenspaces we will obtain the best value for money as this contractor has already been screened and has worked on the site previously.</i></p>
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	<p><i>The proposed path edging has an expected life of 10 years+, hence maintenance will be very low. The wicker fence will decay but once the plants establish strong roots it will no longer be needed.</i></p> <p><i>The trustees believe that the requested budget will cover the full cost of the project based on the quote received.</i></p> <p><i>No other funding has been secured for this project but the charity has successfully sought money from the National Lottery Community Fund and through Barnet Spacehive crowdfunding in the past. We also receive irregular funding from local residents and businesses and various online schemes.</i></p>
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COMMUNITY BENEFITS

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

Please describe the outcomes and benefits provided by the scheme and outline how these have been assessed. Please include **insight and data** you have gathered to support the funding for the scheme, and to measure the success of it after delivery.

Please ensure consideration has been given for any **consultation or engagement** that may be required – for example with residents, community groups, local businesses, other ward members.

Please describe the **environmental impact** of the scheme, the positive impact on the borough’s carbon and ecology impact, or at least ensuring it is neutral.

Please ensure that the scheme has considered **equalities and diversity** and relevant protected characteristics as outlined under the Equalities Act 2010.

Data from a people counter has enabled us to calculate that there are about 8,000 visits per year to the site. This is visits, not separate visitors. The annual consultation has found that almost all visitors live within a short walk of the site. Improving the site is therefore going to greatly benefit the local community.

The new path edging will reduce the trip hazard in the wilder part of the site. Replacement of ugly plastic fencing with a wicker fence will enhance the visuals of the site and be in keeping with the natural and peaceful ‘feel’ of the site. The 2022 consultation found that the most common reason visitors enjoyed the site was because it is calm and peaceful.

The success of the project will be measured in the 2023 consultation which will take place in the autumn, a few months after the project is completed to give it time to settle in.

The wooden edging and wicker fence are both natural materials that I assume Greenspaces will ensure BWS obtains both from sustainable sources and will therefore be carbon neutral. The logs it replaces will be repurposed and used elsewhere on the site. The plastic fencing will, I assume be reused by BWS.

Most communities will be equally impacted but for the visually impaired and those with mobility issues, the project should enhance their enjoyment of the site.

Lead Officer Review – if required	
Lead Officer	
Date	
Assessment & Recommendations	

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AREA COMMITTEE – MEMBERS CIL FUNDING REQUEST	
MEMBER	Cllr Cohen
DATE	02/06/23
WARD	Golders Green
cross-ward applications	
SCHEME SUMMARY	
<p><i>Highfield Road is a residential no through road to vehicles which links to Leaside Crescent via a pedestrian footpath. At the end of the road there is a bridge structure that goes over Decoy Brook.</i></p> <p><i>I would like to request committee approval to enhance this section of road, to include raising the road surface and replacing with herringbone block paving, introducing planters with low maintenance greenery, resurface the footway between Leaside Crescent and Highfield Road and introduce decorative lighting.</i></p> <p><i>The location is currently uninviting and I believe this proposal will enhance the area for local residents and pedestrian.</i></p> <p><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></p>	
Funding Request (£)	£33,681.46
CIL Eligibility	<p><i>Due to the nature of this scheme and to ensure its success there will be a requirement to remove 2 parking spaces. There will be a requirement to undertake a statutory consultation with residents of Highfield Road.</i></p> <p><i>A consultation will also be required in relation to the proposals for decorative lighting. This consultation will include properties either side of the footpath on Leaside Crescent.</i></p> <p><i>{Please describe how your scheme fits within the guidance as eligible for CIL funding – please consider if and how the scheme seeks to address demands that development has placed on the area, and outline if and what engagement has taken place with the local community regarding the scheme}</i></p>
Area Committee priorities	<i>This scheme will create a space where residents can meet in safety and will enhance the proposed works being undertaken on Decoy Brook.</i>
Who will deliver the scheme	<p><i>The scheme will be delivered by the Highways & Street Lighting Teams</i></p> <p><i>{Please state which Council Service, Community Group or other party will be responsible for delivering this scheme}</i></p>
Community Grants (if applicable please confirm this is included with the application)	N/A

Feasibility Study only	<p>A review and design has been undertaken by the Highways Team and a design for street lighting will be completed prior to consultation with residents.</p> <p><i>{Please state if the request is for a feasibility study only, with the result determining on whether to bring a future scheme application}</i></p>
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Responsible	Actions	Cost
Highways	Design & Scheme overall	£13,328.95
	Consultation, Review, Finalisation	2,738.94
Lighting	Design, Consult & Implement	12,000.00
	Plus 20% contingency	5,613.57
TOTAL		£33,681.46

All monies not used will be returned to the East Area Committee

Quotes provided with the application	Costs provided by each service area
Timescale for delivery	<p>The consultations will be programmed within 8 weeks of funding approval.</p> <p>The overall delivery of the scheme is dependant on the outcome of the consultations above.</p>
Council Service Delivery	<p>Tony Dennison – Highways</p> <p>Paul Bragg – Street Lighting</p>
Dependencies/Risks	<p>The scheme is dependent on the outcome of the statutory consultation – if objections are received to the loss of parking or lighting, they will need to be resolved prior to the scheme being introduced.</p> <p><i>{Please outline dependencies/risks – such as planning consent, public consultation, additional funding required for the scheme, insurance requirements, legal or regulatory requirements, health & safety considerations, environmental health, road safety, licencing etc- please describe the approach to managing these dependencies/risks}</i></p>

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No ongoing revenue costs

{Members must confirm that there are no ongoing additional revenue costs associated with the scheme. If the scheme is to be maintained on an ongoing basis by a Council service, a mandated officer must confirm that the service can be support this from existing revenue budgets}

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Lead Officer

Date

Assessment & Recommendations