


## MEMBERS CIL FUNDING REQUEST FORM

| <b>AREA COMMITTEE – MEMBERS CIL FUNDING REQUEST</b>  |                     |
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| <b>MEMBER</b>  | Cllr Val Duschinsky |
| <b>DATE</b>  | 28/02/2024          |
| <b>WARD</b>  | Mill Hill           |
| <b>cross-ward applications</b>   | N/A                 |
| <b>SCHEME SUMMARY</b>  |                     |
| <p>The area to the east of Mill Hill Park playground has long been troublesome due to its extremely wet nature, making it un-usable for significant periods during the year.</p> <p>Greenspaces officers have developed a scheme in conjunction with the Friends of Mill Hill Park whereby the area is transformed into a ‘playable landscape’; a combination of landscape features engaging for children and planting to support wildlife and mitigate the wet conditions.</p> <p>The intention is to work with rather than against the seasonally wet landscape while providing children an alternative to formal play features. These features include a willow tunnel, boulders, earth mounds, and tree trunks to encourage free and imaginative play. This informal style of play has been shown to support cognitive and physical development in children.</p> <p>Planting willow species with wet tolerant annual wildflowers will offer food sources and habitat to a wide range of wildlife, adding a significant biodiversity benefit to the surrounding area.</p> <p>The landscape features should make the area more visually appealing, and provision has been made to screen off the car park with natural hedging, leading to a more natural feel for the area. New and restored water-permeable crushed stone paths should allow use of the area throughout the year.</p> <p>The following estimate for the main works was received from the Greenspaces approved contractor. This is to be supplemented by additional works, the costs of those being estimated by Greenspaces Officers based on either agreed rates or the cost of similar work completed elsewhere in the borough over the previous year:</p> |                     |
|  <p><b>Bush Wheeler</b><br/><b>SERVICES LIMITED</b></p> <p><b>LAUREL BANK FARM, ST JAMES ROAD, GOFFS OAK, HERTS, EN7 6TR</b><br/><b>Telephone: 01707 872099</b><br/><b>Bob Bush: 07958 630319</b><br/><b>Email: <a href="mailto:bws@bwservices.uk.com">bws@bwservices.uk.com</a></b></p>   |                     |
| <p>27<sup>th</sup> February 2024<br/>London Borough of Barnet<br/>For the attention of Richard Young<br/>Greenspaces Development Officer<br/>Email: <a href="mailto:Richard.Young@barnet.gov.uk">Richard.Young@barnet.gov.uk</a></p>   |                     |

# ESTIMATE

## MILL HILL

### NATURAL PLAY AREA

- To supply labour and equipment to supply and install a live Willow Tunnel approximately 50m in length.
- To supply labour and equipment to install 130m of new footpath through the tunnel with wooden edging boards, 100mm of Mot type 1 covered with a layer of 10mm of granite dust.
- To top up the surface on approximately 70m of connecting paths with type 1 and granite dust.
- To supply labour, equipment and materials to build three earth mounds, 1no. 5m x 5m x 1.5m, 2no. 3m x 3m x 1m and cover with soil and seed.
- To supply and install two deadwood tree trunks to be used as seats or benches.
- To supply and install 25m timber edging to the play area to retain the woodchip.
- To supply and install 4 Large stone boulders to the play area.

**ALL FOR THE SUM OF £15,800.00 PLUS V.A.T.**



| Item  | Cost    | Comment  |
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| Willow tunnel<br>130m new crushed stone footpaths<br>70m restored footpaths<br>3x landscaped earth mounds<br>2x oak trunks<br>Restored timber edging<br>4x stone boulders | £15,800 | Price quoted by Greenspaces term contractor, attached above. |
| 50m hedging to screen car park  | £1,475  | Price per metre from term contractor                         |

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| Removal and disposal of defunct play equipment   | £4,400  | Price estimated by Greenspaces Officer from a similar, recent job        |
| Children's Wendy House and bench to supplement picnic area                                   | £4,850  | Price estimated by Greenspaces Officer from recent similar installations |
| Plant 4x specimen willow trees with two years after care                                     | £2,800  | Scheduled rate provided by Arboricultural Officer                        |
| Plant area 50m2 with wildflowers   | £850  | Price per square metre from term contractor                              |
| <b>Sub-total</b>   | <b>(£30,175)</b>  |  |
| 10% Contingency  | £3,017  |  |
| 5% Project Management Cost   | £1,508  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>£34,700</b>  |  |
| <b>Funding Request (£)</b>   | £34,700   |  |
| <b>CIL Eligibility</b>   | <p>There have been major housing developments within the Mill Hill area, including blocks of flats, which have led to increasing demand for the Council to provide improved children's outdoor play and recreational facilities.</p> <p>The scheme has the support of the Friends of Mill Hill Park.</p>  |  |
| <b>Area Committee priorities</b>   | <p>Barnet Corporate Plan 2023 to 2026:</p> <p>Place – become a borough of fun; a place to enjoy ourselves, where people can meet, experience arts, culture, events, sports and hobbies that reflect our diverse communities.</p> <p>People – create a more family friendly borough, giving our children and young people the best possible start in life, with excellent education and support to grow</p> <p>Caring for the planet - improve our local environment, so that residents enjoy clean air and waterways and reduced flooding from extreme weather</p> <p>Caring for the planet - look after our precious parks and green spaces in ways to attract and support a wide range of wildlife, and to make them happy places to have fun, relax and improve our health and wellbeing</p> |  |
| <b>Who will deliver the scheme</b>   | Richard Young, Greenspaces Development Officer  |  |
| <b>Community Grants (if applicable please confirm this is included with the application)</b> | N/A   |  |
| <b>Feasibility Study only</b>  | N/A   |  |

| <b>BUDGET &amp; DELIVERY</b>   |   |
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| Itemised budget provided by Greenspaces– see above.  |   |
| <b>Quotes provided with the application</b>  | Quote for principal works provided above  |
| <b>Timescale for delivery</b>  | Weather dependent – works should commence late May 2024 when the ground is dry                            |
| <b>Council Service Delivery</b>  | Matthew Gunyon, Head of Greenspaces<br>matthew.gunyon@barnet.gov.uk                                       |
| <b>Dependencies/Risks</b>  | Weather conditions may cause a delay to commencement. New areas to be monitored for anti-social behaviour |
| <b>VALUE FOR MONEY</b>   |   |
| The project will be delivered by already appointed term contractors with Barnet Council who have won competitive tenders, ensuring good value-for-money.             |   |
| The nature of playable landscape features ensures ongoing maintenance will be minimal, with health and environmental benefits enjoyed                                |   |
| <b>No ongoing revenue costs</b>  | No ongoing revenue costs, pruning of live features to be undertaken by local volunteers                   |
| <b>COMMUNITY BENEFITS</b>  |   |
| Benefits described in ‘Scheme Summary’ above. In short:<br><br>Amenity value of to all park users<br>Play value to local children<br>Environmental value to wildlife |   |
| <b>Lead Officer Review – if required</b>   |   |
| <b>Lead Officer</b>  |   |
| <b>Date</b>  |   |
| <b>Assessment &amp; Recommendations</b>  |   |