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Neighbourhood Grant shortlisting document



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Neighbourhood CIL Priorities



Town and Local Centres



Transport and Roads



Community spaces and cultural facilities



Parks and green spaces



Sustainability and climate change initiatives

Shortlisting Criteria

Does the project meet CIL regulations?

Does the project address one or more of the identified neighbourhood priorities?

Does the project benefit the local and/or the wider community in the borough?

Is the project a one-off scheme that does not require additional revenue funding in its delivery or its operation (or identifies how additional revenue funding may be met)?

Is the project deliverable in the next 12 months?

Does the bid offer value for money?

Have evidence of local community support

Projects in areas that have experienced development will be prioritised for Neighbourhood Grant spend



Name of Organisation: Everett Rovers Football Club

Project Title: 3G Artificial Grass Pitch Development

Site Address/ location: Leggatts Playing Field, Dodd Road, Watford, Herts, WD24 5FS

Description of scheme

The project is to build a full size floodlit 3G artificial grass pitch on the site leased to Everett Rovers Football Club. Specifically, this is to create an all-weather football pitch which can be used for match play and training by local clubs, community groups and organisations. The Football Club are working with the FA, LA and Football Foundation on the scheme which will be developed through the Football Foundation framework process. The pitch will be 106m x 70m (112m x 76m site footprint) and include a 4.5m high ball stop fencing and entrance gates to the pitch perimeter, hard standing area for portable goal storage, pedestrian circulation, DDA access and vehicle maintenance and emergency access. The site will also have an LED floodlight system, maintenance equipment and improved LED lighting to the existing car park on site. The club will be working through the Football Foundation framework process, details of which are included in the supporting information. The application will be made to the Football Foundation in April 2022 for a funding decision in July 2022 and build late 2022 / early 2023.

Which of the following Neighbourhood CIL priorities does your project meet? Community spaces and cultural facilities, Parks and green spaces

Please provide details of how your project meets each priority that you have selected:

The local football facilities plan identified a shortfall of full size 3G artificial grass pitches in the area and the proposed project at Everett Rovers will help address this shortfall. The project will provide a new all-weather facility that enables local clubs and community groups to help enable increased participation in sports and physical activity. It will enable increased use of the site which is currently limited due to poor ground conditions and overplaying due to the number of teams who use the pitches. FA data shows that 63% of pitches in England are poor / low quality and one in six games is cancelled. The Club is one of the largest in Watford and is identified as having overplayed / poor quality pitches (based on the findings of the 2019 Playing Pitch Strategy). Improving pitch quality through access to a 3G artificial grass pitch will increase capacity of the site which in-turn will improve the user experience. New facilities will support a growth of participation throughout the Borough and provide additional sporting facilities for residents and community members in the local area. The proposed facility will also support and help to address the anticipated shortfall in youth 11v11 football pitches as identified within the Playing Pitch Strategy. It also states that there is an insufficient supply of full size third generation artificial grass pitches to meet current and anticipated future football training demand based on the FA training model in Watford. This new facility will help to address this supply.

Please explain how the project will provide local and/or borough-wide community benefits?

Everett Rovers recognises the important role sport and physical activity, plays. It also recognises that a strong sporting offer can play a significant role for social change, particularly around health and well-being, social inclusion, community cohesion, reduction of crime and disorder, educational attainment, skills development and employability. Led by volunteers the club strives to contribute to these areas. Watford has a population of 96,700,

mins a week). 13.7% (16+) of the population have a long-term illness or disability. 38.2% residents are BAME communities. The Active lives survey data tell us that nationally just over six in 10 adults (28.6m) achieved 150+ minutes of activity a week, 24.6% of people (11.1m) did less than an average of 30 minutes a week classed as inactive, 12.2% (5.5m) were fairly active but didn't reach an average of 150 minutes a week. We also know that the 16-34 age group there has been a decline with those who are active falling by 1.7%, or over 260,000 people. Socio-economic groups- those in routine/semi-routine jobs and those who are long-term unemployed or have never worked (NS-SEC 6-8) are the least likely to be active (54%) and most likely to be inactive (33%). The Active Lives also tells us there's a positive association between activity levels and mental wellbeing –some activity is good, more is better. As activity levels continue to increase, more people are getting the benefits with regards to mental wellbeing. Using this insight information, Everett Rovers will work to encourage a more active community, enhance & sustain their facilities and engage with partners & users to raise the profile of Sport & physical activity, building on the Sport England Active Nation 'Creating a sporting habit for life' and the FA's Grassroots Strategy -Survive, Revive, Thrive. Everett Rovers are keen to ensure the facilities are 'activated' as effectively as possible, inspiring more people to play football, connecting people from a range of backgrounds regardless of gender, age, ability, and ethnicity, supporting a wide range of interests and abilities - from beginner to intermediate, from grassroots participation to enabling competitive pathways. The club will connect the local communities and address barriers build community cohesion and promote health and well -being. Links have been made with education providers and faith groups already to support this. This project will tackle, head on, the flat lining levels of sport participation and high levels of inactivity in the UK. The club also want everyone in Watford to aspire to achieving the Chief Medical Officer recommendations for physical activity. The club provide opportunities to help those who are inactive to start playing football or get back into Football, and equally work to support those already active to 'stay' and increase their levels of activity, This new facility will enable the club to provide the opportunity to deliver a programme that provides targeted activities that link to women and girls, disability, older adults,

51% females and 49% males. 1 in 5 adults are classed as obese and 34.8% of year 6 young people are overweight or obese. 26.7% of residents are classed as inactive (less than 30

Please provide the anticipated start date: 01/12/2022

Please provide the anticipated end date: 31/03/2023

Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your application like evidence of community support and details of any development that has taken place in your area?

A planning application is currently being assessed with over 370 positive comments from the local community. A sample of the responses are included in the supporting information but further details can be found online via the planning reference number 22/00583/FUL. Consultation has been undertaken with Watford Borough Council (Caroline Roche), Hertfordshire FA, other local clubs (Watford Walking Football, Watford Ladies Football Club), Cherry Tree Primary School, West Herts College, Watford Jamia Mosque and private providers who may use the site to deliver opportunities for the local community. The project will see an increase in participation levels and support the health and wellbeing of individuals in the local area. The project will see the coordination of provision between Everett Rovers FC and Watford Walking Football which will increase participation for older members of the community and provide a social space and location for members to meet, take part in physical activity and reduce social isolation. The pitch will see on average 1000 people per week experiencing activities on site. The site will also lead to employment opportunities as the club will need to appoint individuals to manage and operate the facility, and a relationship with West Herts College will support young people gain qualifications and progress with their education.

What is the total cost of your project? £834,522.48

Total CIL Funds sought: £20,000

Football Foundation - decision October 2022. Currently applied for £669,897.48 but this figure will be reviewed in September 2022.

John Apthrop - grant request £25,000 decision expected July 2022.

Further club fund raising is also taking place.

Is there an on-going revenue cost, which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed?

As part of the project a 5 year income and expenditure forecast has been developed that confirms how the site will be sustainable. Income from hirers will cover all expenditure including maintenance, a sinking fund (£25,000 per annum), utilities and staffing costs. This forecast can be provided if required.

Ward Leggatts



Name of Organisation: Friends of Cherry Tree School PTA

Project Title: Cherry Tree Biodiversity Garden
Site Address/ location: Berry Avenue, Watford

Description of scheme

At Cherry Tree Primary School, our PTA works towards the goal of supporting the education of the children, whilst strengthening our school community, by arranging fundraising events, creating friendship networks, providing the children with opportunities to learn new skills, as well as raise vital funds for resources to enrich the learning experiences of the pupils. Our green and sustainable project aims to improve community space here at Cherry Tree School and support the health and well-being of our pupils. We are passionate about nature and the environment and our eco council of students have designed their dream biodiversity garden, which was presented to the Mayor of Watford. We have exciting plans to transform a section of the playground, making their ideas a reality. This new outdoor learning area will be used by all students and will include inside sensory equipment, with a nature theme, so that the children can learn all about our environment, even in the colder months. The sensory element will give an opportunity for peace and reflection time, decreasing stress and anxiety and alleviating happiness. We also feel that children learn better when using their senses and we wish to promote a love of nature for all. There are many benefits of outdoor learning. Children are motivated to work together, developing their communication and language, social, problem solving and team building skills. This green project will enhance the local biodiversity at Cherry Tree, by attracting birds and bee pollinators to the wild-flowers and bug city homes. We would be grateful to receive funding, to achieve our

plans, enabling us to turn the children's ideas into an inspiring nature garden, which will enrich the children's outdoor learning opportunity, enabling them to explore, learn and thrive.

Which of the following Neighbourhood CIL priorities does your project meet?
Community spaces and cultural facilities, Sustainability and Climate Change initiatives

Please provide details of how your project meets each priority that you have selected: Community Spaces: All children at Cherry Tree School will benefit from our biodiversity nature garden as it will be in the school playground and available to all. Families are always invited to our school and will be able to see what has been provided for our pupils.

Climate change initiative: This green project will enhance the local biodiversity at Cherry Tree, by attracting birds and bee pollinators to the wild-flowers and bug city homes.

Please explain how the project will provide local and/or borough-wide community benefits?

Here at Cherry Tree School we have a thriving community. We host many successful events for the school children, their families and the local residents. This outdoor space will be available to all the children during the school day. Families are always invited to our school and the local residents, when events, such as summer fairs, are organised.

Please provide the anticipated start date: January 2022 Please provide the anticipated end date: March 2023

Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your application like evidence of community support and details of any development that has taken place in your area?

What is the total cost of your project? £5,063.45

Total CIL Funds sought: £4,500.00

Match funding from

£1500 Veolia Sustainability Fund (Not Guaranteed).

£500 from the Asda Green Token Scheme (Guaranteed)

£6.45 fundraising activities

Is there an on-going revenue cost, which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed? No

Ward Leggatts



Name of Organisation: Friends of Cassiobury Park

Project Title: Provision of interpretive signs within Cassiobury Park nature reserve

Site Address/location: Cassiobury Park

Description of scheme

Friends of Cassiobury Park (FoCP) are contributing to the development of the nature reserve within Cassiobury Park. In particular we are collaborating with the council on restoration of the wetlands area which formerly occupied the abandoned watercress beds near the River

Gade. Once restored, this area will: make a major contribution to the reserve's biodiversity; have increased aesthetic appeal; provide an excellent opportunity to educate people of all backgrounds on the importance of biodiversity and care of the environment. It will be of particular use to the many school groups which use the park as an outdoor classroom. However to fully exploit its potential it is essential that visitors know what to look for. Our goal therefore is to install interpretive signs at points overlooking the restored wetlands. These will indicate the type of animals/plants to look for at the signs' locations, with electronic links via QR codes to more information over the Internet.

Which of the following Neighbourhood CIL priorities does your project meet? Parks and green spaces

Please provide details of how your project meets each priority that you have selected: Our project will enhance the quality of Watford's "flagship" park in ecological, aesthetic, and educational terms

Please explain how the project will provide local and/or borough-wide community benefits?

Cassiobury Park is the "jewel in Watford's crown". Our project will enhance its value to the local community by making it an even more attractive destination for all members of our community.

Please provide the anticipated start date: October 2022

Please provide the anticipated end date: December 2022

Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your application like evidence of community support and details of any development that has taken place in your area?

Our bid has received the endorsement of: Councillor Asif Khan (WBC Leggatts Ward, and Herts County Council, recently Chair of Watford Borough Council). Councillor Khan writes: "I am happy to endorse this project as it would help visitors develop a fuller understanding of the park and its rich biodiversity." Councillor Peter Jeffree (WBC Park Ward) who writes: "The friends of Cassiobury are a dedicated team of volunteers who do a tremendous amount of work in the park, clearing litter, maintaining the Nature Reserve and supporting its bio-diversity. This project to provide interpretive signage around the Nature Reserve will enhance the experience of the many school children who visit the park. I am pleased to support their funding application".

What is the total cost of your project? £1822.00

Total CIL Funds sought: £1822.00

We are seeking £1,320 for the purchase of six signs, plus an extra £500 to cover design and installation costs;

Is there an on-going revenue cost, which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed? None

Ward Park



Name of Organisation: Watford FC Community Sports & Education Trust

Project Title: Meriden Community Centre car park

Site Address/ location: Meriden Community Centre, Garsmouth Way, Watford

Description of scheme

The Meriden car park has been a hazard for over a year, with pot holes becoming bigger and deeper. The drawing attached shows the quote for the 'runway' strip from Garsmouth Way to the new astroturf pitch. It does not include white lining to maximise car parking, a safety walkway, drop kerbs or sleeping policemen.

Which of the following Neighbourhood CIL priorities does your project meet? Community spaces and cultural facilities

Please provide details of how your project meets each priority that you have selected:

The resurfacing would have a significant impact on the local area. Car drivers currently using the car park swerve to miss the pot holes and with large volumes of young people using the centre, together with older adults, this can result in 'near misses' occurring. The Trust has safeguarding at the top of its agenda and we need to ensure that the whole facility is safe for all users. Because there are no white lines to indicate where cars should park drivers allow too much space between themselves and the next car, which on busy days/evenings causes drivers to park on local side roads or on neighbouring grassed areas. These grassed areas are the local means of local estate based residents gaining access to and from the centre as there is no path on the left hand side of the park and no low level barriers to prevent this. Should these barriers be erected using the Meriden Park fund then this will add to parking issues and cause more local parking bays to become occupied by centre users. We have the agreement of the Meriden Residents Association and consultation group to this effect. We also wish to add sleeping policemen to assist with traffic calming measures within the car park given the volume of young people particularly now using the astroturf pitch. A safe coloured walkway strip would also help signposting people to the pitch or back to the centre and alert drivers that they should be aware of people on foot, similar to the Atria centre car park.

Please explain how the project will provide local and/or borough-wide community benefits?

Local estate based people will benefit by knowing that we should be able to cope with car parking volumes better with structured white lining in place and this resulting in local road parking being minimised. For those using the centre by car and other vehicles, it will signpost where parking is allocated and prevent disagreements with local residents. Naturally the more parking the centre can provide, the less incidents we suspect will occur, including near misses or safeguarding issues

Please provide the anticipated start date: November 2022

Please provide the anticipated end date: March 2023

Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your application like evidence of community support and details of any development that has taken place in your area?

Steve Moss, chair of the Meriden Residents' Association supports our needs, together with consultees on the council's Meriden Park group. These include local residents.

What is the total cost of your project? estimated £32,000 to include all areas of the works

Total CIL Funds sought: £20,000

WBC - freeholder WCHT - key stakeholder and we are hoping that they will contribute to the works, in lieu of the Trust allowing the temporary Post Office to be sited in our car park between May and December 2021.

Watford FC Community Trust - leaseholder and we shall contribute £5000 towards the project. We are also approaching Steve Cavinder to understand whether any local councillor's budget is available.

Is there an on-going revenue cost, which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed?

WCHT will be responsible for any ongoing maintenance.

Ward Meriden



Name of Organisation: Veterans Support Group Watford & District

Project Title: Get Active

Site Address/ location: 21 Trowley Rise Watford

Description of scheme

We would like to purchase some metal detectors so that our veterans can walk in the fresh air and get some gentle exercise with a purpose to the day. I have permission from 3 local farmers that we can use their land and we have our donated mini bus to transport them and the equipment we will also need the headphones and accessories for this project

Which of the following Neighbourhood CIL priorities does your project meet?

Community spaces and cultural facilities

Please provide details of how your project meets each priority that you have selected:

we will take advantage of our local opens spaces to enable our veterans to be outside together to help prevent loneliness & isolation so helping then to cope with their Mental health and CRPTSD

Please explain how the project will provide local and/or borough-wide community benefits?

All local veterans will be able to come on these days of activity 50 -100 members

Please provide the anticipated start date: Autumn 2022 Please provide the anticipated end date: March 2023

Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your application like evidence of community support and details of any development that has taken place in your area?

Does the bid offer value for money? £2000.00

Total CIL Funds sought: £2000.00

This is for complete kits for 20 people

Is there an on-going revenue cost, which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed? $\mbox{N/A}$

Ward Woodside



Name of Organisation: New Hope

Project Title: New Hope Memorial Garden at St Marys Church, Watford

Site Address/ location: St Marys Church, Church Street, Watford,

Description of scheme

Following the closure of New Hope's Community Market Garden, the peaceful area of reflection for people with experiences of homelessness and loss known as the Garden of Remembrance has been inaccessible to service users. New Hope has been given permission by St Marys Church and the Diocese of St Albans to relocate this area to St Marys Church courtyard as a memorial garden with a bench (hard mounted to paving), the stonework memorial sculpture and two small fruit trees from the Community Market Garden. Based in the grounds of the location from which New Hope's story began this area will provide a pleasant and peaceful community space for past and present New Hope staff, volunteers, residents and service users along with members of the public to sit and celebrate the lives of

the people who they have known and lost, or simply just to enjoy a quiet and beautiful place to rest. Aside from seating, the area will include a hand carved stone sculpture that has been present in the original garden space for a number of years and a highly significant element of the memorial area is the inclusion of two fruit trees, one at either end. These "minaret" trees grow no larger than 9ft and produce fruit on short branches. The planting of these trees will represent the fruitfulness of the lives prematurely lost to homelessness and its associated traumas, and offers a living, growing legacy of those who suffered social disadvantage and family disconnection during their lives. Watford Borough Council has kindly agreed to relocate the memorial stone as a gift and the fruit trees will be replanted from their existing site at the Community Market Garden.

Which of the following Neighbourhood CIL priorities does your project meet?

Town and local centres, Community spaces and cultural facilities, Parks and green spaces

Please provide details of how your project meets each priority that you have selected: The site of the proposed memorial garden is St Marys Church churchyard in Watford's Central ward and in the middle of the high street itself. The footfall in this area of the town centre is visibly high and the pathways through the churchyard are a commonly used thoroughfare for people crossing the town centre and accessing the lower high street after parking at Church Car Park. The existing seating is well-used and is often seen to be at capacity when passing through. St Mary's churchyard is a large green space housing the church itself, an indoor community space housing meeting rooms and a large hall that is regularly used by day-care services and religious and community groups such as the Scouting organisations. A number of businesses back onto this green space and the open grass areas and paved seating areas are often used as a community space where town users can be seen socialising, eating after visiting one of the number of food outlets or simply enjoying the outdoors while passing through. The memorial garden space will enhance the exiting green space and community area with additional seating that can be used by anyone passing through the churchyard and town centre as well as giving people connected with St Marys Church or New Hope a central location to reflect on their experiences of homelessness, either first hand or through their knowledge of others with lived experience. The addition of attractive paving, a high quality bench and two small fruit trees will further increase the visual appeal of a high-footfall area of the town centre.

Please explain how the project will provide local and/or borough-wide community benefits?

See additional information

Please provide the anticipated start date: Work will be delivered by WBC if application is approved. Project time 3 weeks

Please provide the anticipated end date: Project time-line 3 weeks

Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your application like evidence of community support and details of any development that has taken place in your area?

As the location of the memorial garden is central to the town centre and is in very close proximity to a large number of retailers, food outlets and local services, the project will see significant visual and practical use by people accessing Watford's Central ward. The existing community space provided by St Marys Church will be enhanced with additional seating for public use as well as visually appealing additions of a bespoke, carved-stone sculpture and fruit trees. This project is accessible to anyone visiting the area and therefore benefits both the local community and people from fart further afield if they choose to visit Watford town centre.

What is the total cost of your project? £3,111.59

Total CIL Funds sought: £3,111.59

Is there an on-going revenue cost, which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed?

New Hope will arrange for ongoing maintenance of the project.

Ward Central



Name of Organisation Random Cafe Watford

Project Title: Enhancing Random Café's home at Meriden Gardens

Site Address/ location: Random Cafe, Meriden Gardens. 24a Garsmouth Way, Watford,

Description of scheme

Random Café runs a café and shop offering food donated by supermarkets that would otherwise go to landfill. We've recently opened a community garden at our new site on the Meriden Estate. This is welcomed by nearby residents, many of whom live in properties (including two tower blocks) without gardens. We inherited a neglected and overgrown garden. Since 2020 our volunteers have transformed it, clearing out rubbish and weeds, refurbishing raised beds and bringing the area back to life with fruit trees, plants and produce we sell in the shop and cafe. The gardens have become a popular venue for community initiatives and events e.g. sustainability workshops, the Urban Orchard and free family fun days run with Meriden Residents Association. Our café also hosts socials such as parent & toddler groups and the local walking football group as well as our own weekly 'Crafternoon' and monthly book group. Although we are now welcoming lots of visitors to the site there are still improvements we'd like to make to increase accessibility and sustainability. We are therefore applying for funding for the following improvements: • Levelling and compacting paths around the gardens. This will make the site more accessible for wheelchair users, less mobile visitors and families with buggies • Creating a patio area to provide a pleasant seating area, so that the local community can enjoy the benefits of a welcoming green space • Fitting solar panels to our portacabin cafe, to help reduce power usage and increase our positive environmental impact. Our electricity bill is our highest nonstaff cost. Installing solar panels will help us reduce this cost and increase our long-term financial sustainability. These improvements are part of our on-going plans to improve the site, increase our own sustainability and make Random Café as welcoming as possible for people across Watford.

Which of the following Neighbourhood CIL priorities does your project meet? Sustainability and Climate Change initiatives, Parks and green spaces, Community spaces and cultural facilities

Please provide details of how your project meets each priority that you have selected: Community spaces and cultural facilities - we provide a meeting space for the community. For example we host free events in partnership with Meriden Residents Association, which attract 150-200 children & parents/carers each time. We're also a venue for groups such as the local Homestart Parent & Toddler group. We played an instrumental role in staging Meriden Jubilee Celebrations.

Parks and green spaces - we offer local residents access to a large green space in the middle of one of the town's largest housing estates. There is plenty of outdoor seating and visitors enjoy looking at the plants and produce and spotting wildlife in the garden.

Sustainability & Climate Change - Each customer using the cafe and shop is helping us take action to reduce food waste in the town. As well as taking practical action, we promote messaging around reducing food waste and work with others e.g. Feed our Future to host sustainability workshops for local people.

Please explain how the project will provide local and/or borough-wide community benefits?

We collect postcode data from our visitors and know that people come from across Watford to visit Random Café and our community garden. Each visitor that buys (on a pay as you feel basis) food from our café and/or shop is helping to reduce Watford's carbon emissions by helping us reduce food waste (globally 8-10% of carbon emissions come from food waste). Since 2017 we've saved over 80 tonnes of food. Visitors also tell us that they love coming to Random Café for the chance to meet other people in the local community.

Please provide the anticipated start date: October 2022

Please provide the anticipated end date: December 2022

Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your application like evidence of community support and details of any development that has taken place in your area?

We are widely supported in the local community. As well as our regular customers (around 110 a month), supporters (e.g. c. 1500 social media followers) event attendees (c.150-200 for outdoor family events) and volunteers (c.20) our work has been recognised in the following ways: We are a finalist in the Chamber of Conscience SME Hertfordshire Business Awards - Sustainability Award We were the 2019 winner of the Pride in Watford Audentior Award We have been part of a parliamentary roundtable on food waste hosted by Watford MP Dean Russell We receive on-going support from Watford Community Housing Trust, who offer the site at Meriden Gardens at a low rent.

What is the total cost of your project? £7923.00

Total CIL Funds sought: £7323.00

We have £600 funding from St Peter's Trust towards the patio and paths.

Is there an on-going revenue cost, which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed?

The main revenue cost is the salary of our Project Manager (sole staff member). We have recently received a grant from the People's Postcode Lottery to cover the full costs of this until June '23.

Ward Meriden



Name of Organisation Safer Watford

Project Title: Victoria Passage CCTV

Site Address/ location: Victoria Passage Durban road East to a Addiscombe road

Description of scheme

To part fund the purchase and installation of a CCTV camera in a public area that has been targeted with anti-social behaviour and crime.

Which of the following Neighbourhood CIL priorities does your project meet?

Town and local centres, Community spaces and cultural facilities, Transport and roads

Please provide details of how your project meets each priority that you have selected:

The passage way is a very heavily used foot path bicycle route into the centre of the town its regeneration is to see it turn into a community space with the proposed inclusion of art works and lighting to enhance the route as shared community space

Please explain how the project will provide local and/or borough-wide community benefits?

This is a well-used and popular route to access West Watford. Many residents use Victoria passage to access the town centre and the local football ground. Installing CCTV in this area will benefit the whole community especially the parents and children that attend the neighbouring school.

Local children and lone women will be able to use the walkway without fear of drug dealers and street drinkers approaching them.

Please provide the anticipated start date: November 2022

Please provide the anticipated end date: February 2023

Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your application like evidence of community support and details of any development that has taken place in your area?

This project is part of a wider community engagement based on the findings of the community trigger which called for a number of objectives to be met to reduce the impact of crime on residents. the needs and location for the cctv system have been separately assess by experts from the police Environmental visual audit team and their finding are available along with those of the community trigger

What is the total cost of your project? £26000.00

Total CIL Funds sought: £5000.00

levelling up fund of £15000

6K has already been agreed as a absorbance cost by the infra structure transport team in WBC

Is there an on-going revenue cost, which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed?

None

Ward Vicarage



Name of Organisation Watford & Three Rivers Trust (W3RT)

Project Title: Holywellness

Site Address/location: Holywell Centre, Tolpits Lane, Watford

Description of scheme

The Holywell Community Centre sits in the top 4 most deprived Watford neighbourhoods and requires investment to better serve local residents. Covid-19 closures reduced our forecast room-hire income by £52k, so we are seeking £20k to invest in our kitchen, main hall and entrance facilities to enhance our ability to support the local community during the cost-of-living crisis and beyond. We will invest £20k of Neighbourhood Grant funding in significant improvements to the kitchen facilities (£5,900), main hall AV system and chairs (£10,880) and entrance area (£3,100) and have gathered ideas and feedback from six local community groups and over 30 residents through the WCH "Big Knock" day and surveys to inform this application. We will purchase a new cooker unit, dishwasher, microwave and basic cooking utensils such as saucepans, electric mixers, bowls, cutlery and crockery and fix the cooker hood (quote included). We can then host several external organisations keen to provide cooking and nutrition workshops for families, including Wise About Food and Andrea Hayes' One Pot Project and others. We will invest in the main hall and stage facilities with a quality, laser projector and sound equipment, so we can offer free or lowcost screenings of free BFI films. This will also give us a sustainable income stream of daytime conference and event bookings. The sound system will allow us to make our entrance more welcoming by playing local Vibe radio. We will repair and repaint chipped walls and invest in new furniture for the entrance, including a screen showcasing local social and wellbeing opportunities, such as the Cycle Hub café, Inspire All Family Centre, WBC Healthy Hub activities and annual events organised by the Watford Muslim Youth Centre. We will also purchase six outdoor planters from reclaimed wood for pollinator flowers and edibles for the local community to enjoy.

Which of the following Neighbourhood CIL priorities does your project meet? Community spaces and cultural facilities, Sustainability and Climate Change initiatives

Please provide details of how your project meets each priority that you have selected: Local groups already working in this area have told us families often feel too ashamed to approach foodbanks, so establishing a functioning community kitchen at the Holywell Centre will enable them to provide food provision in an informal, non-judgmental way and upskill parents on how to make their money go further. Enhancing our main hall facilities will also help us to secure sustainable income through bookings for meetings or professional events who need a high-quality sound system for music recitals, amateur dramatics, performing arts or community fundraising open mic nights, for example.

Please explain how the project will provide local and/or borough-wide community benefits?

This funding will allow us to explore future community development and engagement initiatives, which local groups and schools are keen to explore, including the Cycle Hub, Laurence Haines School and Inspire All Family Centre. The planters for outside the Holywell Centre will offer enhancement to the external community facility and make it more welcoming and feel more 'loved'. We are exploring 'seed sharing' initiatives and corporate donations to ensure the planters are well maintained. We will also engage volunteers to maintain the planters and have liaised with the Family Centre around the potential to deliver a 'Holywellies' family gardening group where children can learn to grow vegetables and edibles along with their parents to encourage healthy eating. Some planters will be for flowers only at the front of the building, which would encourage greater biodiversity by increasing pollinators in the area. A few local residents made suggestions to make it easier to find and feel safer and more welcoming, such as improving external lighting, signage and a community arts project for a mural. We have added these suggestions to the online Commonplace Neighbourhood Grant suggestion map, which will also benefit the Cycle Hub.

Please provide the anticipated start date: November 2022

Please provide the anticipated end date: March 2023

Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your application like evidence of community support and details of any development that has taken place in your area?

Engagement work with local groups and residents has informed our application. This included surveys, conversations at the shops & surrounding area, WCH "Big Knock" day, future of Neighbours Together bid survey, Community Champions, Watford Pensioner's Forum attendees, W3RT Holywell Community Centre staff, Laurence Haines School Pastoral Team and local voluntary groups. Has highlighted the following feedback about the Holywell area and the Holywell Community Centre:

"It looks dark and uninviting"

"It's depressing, it reminds me of an old government building like a prison or a school" "It looks like its being torn down, I don't think anyone uses that anymore."

"I didn't know we had a community centre."

Key issues identified include:

- Lack of knowledge of where the Holywell Community Centre is and what is on offer
- Lack of opportunities to socialise
- Holywell Community Centre seen as being not welcoming, the area around the centre is very dark, the place looks very uninviting, unloved, dated and depressing.
- An impression that the Holywell Community Centre is only for a certain demographic and not for all (e.g. older people).
- Lack of support for Mental health conditions & Wellbeing for all age groups in the local area

What is the total cost of your project? £20,000.00

Total CIL Funds sought: £20,000.00

Is there an on-going revenue cost, which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed?

Not applicable,

Ward Holywell



Name of Organisation Beechfield School

Project Title: School Allotment

Site Address/ location: Gammons Lane Watford

Description of scheme

We would like to have an allotment in our school grounds to teach the children about growing different types food. We would then like the children to be able to use this food and prepare healthy meals. Many of our children live in flats and cramped accommodation without outdoor spaces. 25% of the children are pupil premium. We have 47 languages spoken at our school. We feel our diverse and multi-cultural school community would greatly benefit from this resource.

Which of the following Neighbourhood CIL priorities does your project meet? Sustainability and Climate Change initiatives, Community spaces and cultural facilities

Please provide details of how your project meets each priority that you have selected:

We would like an allotment area and a kitchen in our pastoral centre to support the learning that takes place in our curriculum. In PSHE and PE we teach the children about healthy lifestyles and healthy eating.

In Science we think about food and how things grow. In Design and Technology each year group has a unit about food and cooking. In Geography we think about the impact of climate. In History we think about how food has changed over time. Having an allotment to grow the food and then a kitchen area where children and adults are able to prepare a meal from it would be a great learning opportunity and would impact on creating lifelong healthy lifestyle.

We have an inclusion and pastoral team that supports children with social and emotional difficulties and SEND. Having an allotment where these children can take on some responsibilities and have fun while learning would be very beneficial for them in terms of learning, confidence and positive choices. Having a kitchen area that all the children could access (from Nursery to Year 6) would be fantastic and would educate the children about how to make a meal with fresh ingredients. Many of our families need support with this. With a kitchen area we would be able to invite our families in to teach the children about cooking from other cultures (we have 47 languages at our school). We also have a hearing impaired group who use our pastoral centre on a Tuesday morning, these families and children would also benefit from access to a kitchen area where they can teach the children how to prepare food and teach them vocabulary.

Many of our families are vulnerable and inviting parents in to share their knowledge of cooking would be beneficial in raising their self-esteem and self-belief. It would also bring the community together

Please explain how the project will provide local and/or borough-wide community benefits?

Our direct school community of 406 pupils would benefit from having an allotment. Indirectly their parents would also benefit from this, their children would have a greater

awareness of where food comes from and the importance of healthy eating. Teaching this at primary school would hopefully lead to lifelong healthy lifestyle habits which benefits the whole of the community in terms of reducing impact on local health services. We also have a hearing impaired group - Little Chicks - who use our pastoral bungalow on a Tuesday. They would benefit from this provision. We could open up the pastoral centre after school for families who need support. We have worked closely with Watford Women's Centre previously and this may be a resource they would be interested in utilising.

Please provide the anticipated start date: October 2022

Please provide the anticipated end date:

Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your application like evidence of community support and details of any development that has taken place in your area?

Beechfield School has unfortunately for many years not been seen as a good choice of school for Watford families, however, this is changing. We have had a successful Ofsted in May this year and our KS2 SATs result for July 2022 have been the best we have ever had, they are above the national and Hertfordshire average. We serve a disadvantaged community but our children are happy and achieving well. 97% of our parents say they would recommend the school. We are bringing the community together in Callowland. People are speaking positively about the school in the local area. We are showing that being disadvantaged doesn't have to be a barrier to success. This is benefiting the whole of the Callowland community. We want to enhance this further and feel an allotment and a kitchen area would benefit the school and community greatly.

What is the total cost of your project? 20,000

Total CIL Funds sought: 5,000 costs of Allotment only

5,000 on allotment - building and resourcing with raised beds, soil, seeds.

Is there an on-going revenue cost, which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed?

General upkeep would be budgeted for purchasing seeds etc would come out of school budget yearly.

Ward Callowland



Name of Organisation Cathartic C.I.C.

Project Title: Community Artwork

Site Address/ location: Unit 14, Wenta Business Centre, Colne Way, Watford,

Description of scheme

High quality, bespoke community artwork, designed and created through workshops with vulnerable groups of all ages/abilities. Artworks will be designed for/gifted to public buildings in Watford such as the Town Hall, Watford Stations, Colosseum, Oxhey Park and Watford General Hospital. Artworks will be created by those facing challenging circumstances, and subsequently experiencing loneliness and isolation, such as those with life threatening illnesses, dementia, SEND, receiving long term Dialysis treatment, domestic abuse survivors, Ukrainian refugees and bereaved children/teenagers. Artworks aim to be inspiring, collaborative, thought provoking and rich with meaning, experiences, passion and authenticity. Artwork will be sensory driven, inclusive of communities such as the blind, to enjoy. The project grant will fund the equipment needed to create these high quality, sustainable and long-lasting works, and will enable exciting creative experiences/ skills development for participants/service users for years to come. Cathartic will work with space requirements and needs with artworks tailored to a variety of two dimensional and three dimensional works. Artwork will explore themes of equality, diversity, survival, legacy, memorial and community, as examples. The opportunity to participate in art sessions (experimenting with materials, colours, exploring ideas and opening creative channels for self-expression) has extensive therapeutic values and will contribute holistically to the quality of the lives involved. Not only do creative sessions give freedom of expression and the chance to develop new interests, they will also empower the individuals with a sense of achievement, a chance to feel involved in a wider community and to feel a sense of worth/achievement when seeing the final pieces on display. The art sessions will increase social interaction and communication that will provide a healthy diversion from everyday challenges. The work created will contribute to creating these public spaces inviting, relatable, inspiring and community driven, creating an uplifting atmosphere for all.

Which of the following Neighbourhood CIL priorities does your project meet?

Town and local centres, Community spaces and cultural facilities, Parks and green spaces

Please provide details of how your project meets each priority that you have selected:

Town and local centres, parks and green spaces, community spaces and cultural facilities: To provide bespoke, creative, stimulating and community focused artwork to fill the multiple and diverse public buildings/ spaces outlined across Watford, with vibrancy, positivity, stimulation and inspiration. The artwork will be a talking point and contributes to making spaces comfortable and relatable by bringing in community voices, expressed through bespoke artwork. The creation of works will involve vulnerable, Watford based individuals and groups and will be created to the spaces needs and requirements. This creative process will assist participants to feel more involved in Watford's community, giving them a voice and to encouraging them into the parks, Town Centre, and community spaces. Seeing

artwork in these places brings them a sense of pride and achievement. Artworks will be long lasting, relatable and inclusive for all to enjoy, and will visually demonstrate/represent the strong community support values Watford holds.

Please explain how the project will provide local and/or borough-wide community benefits?

Please see answer above regarding community benefit. In addition to this, Artworks can be responsive and designed to address/promote local/ national / global events, issues, and awareness. We will work with the council to ensure that the artwork achieves this and educates the Watford community who will enjoy the works. Artworks can also be updated to meet developing needs. The equipment purchased will also continue to provide creative education and skill development for all of Cathartic service users in the future, and for some, contribute to gaining creative qualifications with Cathartic and build up employability skills.

Please provide the anticipated start date:

Equipment will be purchased once the funding has been secured.

Please provide the anticipated end date: Equipment will be purchased once the funding has been secured.

Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your application like evidence of community support and details of any development that has taken place in your area?

Please see answer above regarding community benefit. In addition to this, Artworks can be responsive and designed to address/promote local/ national / global events, issues, and awareness.

We will work with the council to ensure that the artwork achieves this and educates the Watford community who will enjoy the works. Artworks can also be updated to meet developing needs. The equipment purchased will also continue to provide creative education and skill development for all of Cathartic service users in the future, and for some, contribute to gaining creative qualifications with Cathartic and build up employability skills.

What is the total cost of your project? £17,773.80

Total CIL Funds sought: £8,773.80

Is there an on-going revenue cost, which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed? No

Ward Holywell, Meriden, Oxhey, Park, Vicarage, Central



Name of Organisation B Dance and seated exercise

Project Title: Seated exercise for the elderly

Site Address/ location: Luther Blissett Hub

Description of scheme

I'm a regular dance teacher in Watford. I require funding for a seated exercise class I run with the local elderly residents. Previously the class was held at the Centrepoint Community Centre then we moved to Watford rugby club whilst the centre was being rebuilt and I am

now wanting to continue the class at the new Luther Blissett Hub. This session has been running for seven years with 12 residents attending the class who are extremely keen to continue. I believe the people who attend the class really benefit and are improving their health and wellbeing particularly after the last couple of years with the pandemic. I receive part funding from Watford Community Housing but this has been cut by £1,000 by comparison to previous years. Would you be able to help contribute? Alternatively I may have to consider cancelling the class as this currently won't be sustainable. I have examples of the benefits my class has brought to local elderly residents and know it will impact their confidence, fitness and loneliness / social interaction. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Which of the following Neighbourhood CIL priorities does your project meet? Community spaces and cultural facilities

Please provide details of how your project meets each priority that you have selected: Community spaces - This class has been running for seven years for the local community in the Radlett road estate and the residents are really keen to continue the class in the new Luther Blissett Hub.

Please explain how the project will provide local and/or borough-wide community benefits?

Please provide the anticipated start date: 2022

Please provide the anticipated end date: 2023

Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your application like evidence of community support and details of any development that has taken place in your area?

1. One elderly member of my class was mugged on the bridge on the Radlett Road estate. My class helped to rebuild their confidence and help them get back out of the house. Without the seated exercise class and the coffee morning they would not have had the confidence to leave her home. 2. Participants who have lost their partners have returned to class and the new friendships they have made has helped keep their spirits up and provide companionship. 3. Anxiety levels have increased since the Pandemic and subsequent lockdowns, returning to 'normality' with regular classes has helped with socialisation which can help reduce stress and anxiety. 4. New participants have been told by their doctors to attend seated exercise classes and they've said it has helped them recover from some of their injuries and ailments.

What is the total cost of your project? 1,088

Total CIL Funds sought: £80

Exercise equipment (1kg hand weights 2 pairs x 12) £80 Neighbourhood Grant would only cover the cost of equipment

NCIL unable to cover the £728 to cover the hall hire or instructor costs

Is there an on-going revenue cost, which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed? $\mbox{N/A}$

Ward Central



Name of Organisation Pump House Theatre and Arts Centre

Project Title: Pump House - disability access to the yard

Site Address/ location: 5 Local Board Road

Description of scheme

Our theatre is an historic pumping station built in 1864 and has been a community theatre for more than 50 years. We urgently need to raise our roof to improve sustainability and ensure we have a watertight theatre. By doing this we can create more seating making our space more cost effective for community groups to hire (the more seats the more tickets they can sell). We would also like to develop an educational creative space (inc. History) as The Pump house has a fascinating past and is steeped in history. We would like to increase participation for people from hard-to-reach areas ensuring our theatre is inclusive to all and this means we would like to change the layout of parts of our theatre including our backstage area ensuring it is accessible for any disability and resurface our side area ensuring easy access into the theatre. The side access is the part of the project we would like to utilise with the community funding as this can be a standalone part of the project and needs to be completed asap to support our users now and help them with access to the theatre and disabled toilets. By making this area secure as well this can help with the issue of anti-social behaviour. By improving this area, we can start works almost immediately and this will not be affected by the raising of the roof. By completing this work, we will improve the exterior look of the building from the street and make this a more attractive facility for people to use. We are a theatre for the people by the people

Which of the following Neighbourhood CIL priorities does your project meet?

Town and local centres, Community spaces and cultural facilities, Sustainability and Climate Change initiatives

Please provide details of how your project meets each priority that you have selected:

Town and Local Centres - The Pump House is an integral part of Watford's cultural scene and brings art to all of the community. Our doors are open from morning to night adding to the day time economy and night time economy of Watford. By introducing the Fringe for over 6 years we include the venues of Watford and before the pandemic we had 14 venues included, currently 12. The Fringe is not only there for the residents but also we draw people from all local counties and London. When people are here we encourage they eat in the town and visit many of the attractions. Over time we hope people will get to know Watford Fringe and stay for the weekend. Not only does the Pump house add to the economy it is also a home for local arts and user groups. The Jazz Club alone offers a lifeline for elderly people living in isolation. Our centre is home to many disabled groups and having better access to the main theatre and the toilets is essential not to create barriers for these groups and to keep them from finding other facilities outside of the town centre.

Community Spaces and Cultural Facilities -As stated we have been a Theatre and Arts centre in Watford for over 50 years and recently, we have won awards for our contribution to services to the community. Last year we had over 18,500 people use our facility and over 1660 volunteers. We have 4 rentable spaces and with our new plans we will have 5. We are unique as most of our supporters and helpers are volunteers which make The Pumphouse a special place to be in and work. As we are a community theatre, we open our doors to all and we have many diverse groups as regular users, including groups such as Electric Umbrella, HIT, Cathartic, Music 24 and many more. We have a diverse culture, and we are constantly cultivating and encouraging diverse groups to use the Pumphouse regularly. It is

particularly important that these groups whatever their ability are able to access all areas. Being a building built in 1864 this was not a priority on their original plans. It is therefore our responsibility to ensure we change these areas where we can, and ensure we are a community space and cultural facility that is accessible to all

Sustainability and Climate Change- Being an old building we are not able to conform to some of the standards that are required to being sustainable. We did recently change our lighting to LED which made a huge difference to our electric bills and was a first step to being sustainable. Currently our roof lets out all the heat we produce and quite often lets the weather in. With our big plans for the new roof this will all change and support us to make sustainable decisions regarding our heating. Plus the insulated roof will finally retain heat supporting our environmental agenda

Please explain how the project will provide local and/or borough-wide community benefits?

The Project will provide boroughwide community benefits because: • it will aid disability access to the theatre and disabled toilets which in turn will ensure we can offer confidentially the space to other disabled users and groups. . In turn this should help increase our footfall from 18,000 to 20,000, as we can specify in our marketing all the disabled access. • The building will be secure and will look much tidier from the roadside. This will give the public that have never been, more confidence to find out more about our special theatre. • The long lasting benefits of raising the roof and improving the building will ensure we are able to provide an affordable community theatre for people to rent and visit for the next 50 years.

Please provide the anticipated start date: January 2023

Please provide the anticipated end date: March 2023

Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your application like evidence of community support and details of any development that has taken place in your area?

Recently we opened a Cafe within The Pumphouse just for teas and coffees and cake etc. The group that managed this were Cathartic and they had many people that used the cafe with disabilities. Within the cafe and the building is 3 steps to enter and 4 steps into the theatre area. They could use the fire exit and use the side entrance however for their blind clients this was impossible to use due to the pot holes and the uneven surface. As we had some anti-social behaviour some temporary Harris Fencing was erected to stop people entering this area. This then caused a further barrier to disabled people entering the building. Although we ensured there was access while the building is being used, t is heavy and encumbering. We therefore need a better and permanent solution to gate the area. This will be better also for the residents that live next door and within the area. Lastly the aesthetics of the front of the building will be improved.

What is the total cost of your project? £25383.00

Total CIL Funds sought: £19383.00

We have Lamont Planning overseeing all the work and drawing up the plans for this area. He is a volunteer with the Pumphouse but if we were to utilise his services commercially the total would have been £6000. This is payment in kind.

Resurfacing the Yard = £9400 Gates for the yard side only = £9060 5% contingency = £923 Total £19,383

Is there an on-going revenue cost, which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed? No

Ward Central



Name of Organisation Watford Sheltered Workshop Limited

Project Title: Watford Workshop - Facilities Refurbishment

Site Address/ location: Century Retail Park, Dalton Way, Watford

Description of scheme

The project is to replace our rather old toilet and washroom facilities. These have been in use for well over twenty years since the workshop first moved onto the site at Century Park. This will include gents, ladies and disabled toilet facilities which are well in need of replacement.

Which of the following Neighbourhood CIL priorities does your project meet? Community spaces and cultural facilities

Please provide details of how your project meets each priority that you have selected:

We are a community and working space for our disabled service users who come to us for employment and training opportunities which they struggle to find elsewhere. They attend throughout the week and many will stay with us for the long term.

Please explain how the project will provide local and/or borough-wide community benefits?

Our organisation is growing all the time. The demand for our services is increasing and we are taking on more service users and staff where we can. This means an even greater number of people will benefit from the proposed improvements to the building.

Please provide the anticipated start date: December 2022

Please provide the anticipated end date: July 2023

Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your application like evidence of community support and details of any development that has taken place in your area?

We continue to develop the organisation and this will form part of that development.

What is the total cost of your project? £34,600.00

Total CIL Funds sought: £15,000

Total contribution from your own resources £7,000.00

Is there an on-going revenue cost, which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed? N/A

Ward Central



Name of Organisation Glen Rovers Hurling & Football Club Ltd

Project Title: Defibrillator and Facilities Improvement

Site Address/location: Radlett Road, Watford, Hertfordshire,

Description of scheme

- 1. Installation of a Public access defibrillator for increased safety measures.
- 2. Facilities improvement.

Which of the following Neighbourhood CIL priorities does your project meet? Community spaces and cultural facilities, Parks and green spaces

Please provide details of how your project meets each priority that you have selected:

Our facilities also include open spaces with high people footfall in addition to the sports we provide. We had an incident at one of our games where a defib was needed. We had a pitch side facility. We reviewed the situation afterwards and concluded that a public access facility would benefit the widespread community. With the high footfall we have accessed that by improving our facilities we could generate some income and provide a meeting point for the community and encourage more local activity for health and wellbeing.

Please explain how the project will provide local and/or borough-wide community benefits?

The facility improvements would provide a borough wide meeting point that is easily accessible and promote greater outdoor activity as the location has a park, play area and could be used as a safe walking area. The defibrillator would increase the availability of such facility within the borough and at a local level. It would also increase our standing within the sporting world as we take undertake best practise.

Please provide the anticipated start date: 2022

Please provide the anticipated end date:

Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your application like evidence of community support and details of any development that has taken place in your area?

As outlined earlier we had an instance where a defibrillator was needed on the park during a game. A review of operations indicated that a public access facility would be a benefit to the local area. Covid hit our ability to fundraise and we have had to become more forward

thinking. A review showed that we could generate an income by have a refreshment facility which would also encourage more local attendance.

What is the total cost of your project? Defibrillator will be £2,340.00.

Total CIL Funds sought: £2340,00

Is there an on-going revenue cost, which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed?

Yes there will be maintenance of the defibrillator. This cost will be met from club running costs.

Ward Tudor



Name of Organisation Watford Town Cricket Club

Project Title: Fully Enclosed Cricket Nets

Site Address/ location: Watford Town Cricket Club Horseshoe Lane Watford

Description of scheme

To replace the existing 2 lane cricket nets, which are now dangerous, with fully enclosed, lockable 2/3 lane nets having access to an electrical point for use of the bowling machines.

Which of the following Neighbourhood CIL priorities does your project meet? Community spaces and cultural facilities, Parks and green spaces

Please provide details of how your project meets each priority that you have selected:

We provide a facility where cricket is taught and played competitively, starting with children as young as 6, and our eldest team player is 63. We have 5 competing adult teams on a Saturday and 2 on a Sunday. We, also have children's teams competing at most age groups in the local leagues, and some picked for County, Area and District teams. These nets are used at all levels in the Club, to train, teach and practice. Bowling machines are useful to demonstrate and try out techniques. CRICKET BALLS ARE HARD AND DANGEROUS so we need to keep them in a confined area when they are being used in the nets, hence the enclosure of the lanes and surrounds. Our nets are used by visiting teams, the Afghanistan children housed in Watford at present use them on a Friday evening, with us providing our coaches to help them. We would make the nets available to local schools or social groups. Our Club is multicultural and in the middle of local council estates, providing a useful amenity to all the ethnic groups, and helps to keep local children entertained and off the streets.

Please explain how the project will provide local and/or borough-wide community benefits?

This project will provide the provision of quality Cricketing Nets, alongside the quality CRICKET ground recently provided by Watford Borough Council. We will be able to provide training and coaching to local and borough wide participants, in a safe environment, protecting those on the cricket pitch, spectators, dog walkers, and general public from hard hit cricket balls, hit at various strengths, various heights and various directions. We will also be able to provide facilities for adults and youth at the same time as the lanes are divided by netting all the way to the beginning of the run up

Please provide the anticipated start date: November 2022

Please provide the anticipated end date: April 2023

Please use this space to provide any additional information to support your application like evidence of community support and details of any development that has taken place in your area?

The council own and lease the whole facility to us. They were going to demolish and rebuild the Club House. This is now on hold/uncertain. the funds we have raised to refurbish the new clubhouse, can now in part be used to supplement any shortfall as necessary. As we are now on a year to year lease, we are unable to apply for loans or grants from our affiliated cricket organisations, banks etc. This has left us in the position that the Council is the only place we are able to apply for large sums of money for this type of Facility. We have obtained by petition, 200 signatures, supporting our request for the grant. This was in a short space of time one week, patrolling the cricket fence for passing dog walkers, and the parents in the children's playground etc.

What is the total cost of your project? approx. £25,000 to £30,000

Total CIL Funds sought: £20000

Full £20,000 will go towards the Watford Borough Council providing the facility. Up to £10,000 from our reserve funds

Is there an on-going revenue cost, which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed?

Electrical cost as used from our income from members subs

Ward Woodside