

Appendix B – Mid Suffolk – CIL Bids under the Ringfenced Infrastructure Funds and Local Infrastructure Funds.

Technical Assessment of Bid – Project M23-07 Great Ashfield Community Hall Kitchen Refurbishment and improvement (from the Local Infrastructure Fund)

ASSESSMENT

Validation

VALIDATION	ASSESSMENT
Need /Justification	<p>Lord Thurlow Hall Management Committee is proposing to redevelop the current Kitchen provision at the Community Hall in Great Ashfield. The Committee will be refurbishing the Kitchen at the Community Centre to increase the potential maximum usage and footfall of the site. These works will also improve the energy efficiency of the kitchen area.</p> <p>This project will Install a new modern catering-standard stainless-steel kitchen and appliances and associated works to allow for installation and finishing. This will include removal of existing kitchen, building work to accommodate and plumbing to allow for installation and improved access. Upgraded electrical services within the hall are required to accommodate the kitchen and appliances. In addition, new double-glazed windows and installation of a new broadband line. These works will futureproof the hall.</p> <p>The proposed works have support from the local and wider community around Great Ashfield. The applicants have completed additional funding applications to enable this proposed project to go ahead.</p>
Delivery /timescales	Summer 2023 (once CIL funding is approved)
Necessary other approvals	The remaining funding has been secured and Planning has been consulted. No planning permission required.
Public or private land	Leasehold - The land and building has been conveyed to the Trustees of the village in 1974. Out of courtesy Lord Thurlow has been consulted on the development plans and has written giving his approval. Copy of the letter is attached to the application.
State aid details if any	There are no state aid concerns relating to this bid for CIL funding
Details of future funding maintenance	Maintenance will be completed by the Committee.

SCREENED (for possible s106 expenditure with the opportunity being taken to secure other funding if available)

BIDS SCREENED	ASSESSMENT
Must follow the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List)	Yes
Can the infrastructure be provided using s106 funds	None available
Is Bid complete	Yes – Validation has taken place and all criteria has been met for the phase of the project that CIL is assisting with.
Has information be verified	Yes
Is this infrastructure linked to a major housing project which has priority?	No

PRIORITISATION (Using criteria from the CIL Expenditure)

PRIORITISATION CRITERIA	ASSESSMENT
Infrastructure necessary for an approved growth project (those with planning permission) in order that development carried out is sustainable.	No
Positively scores against provisions /objectives of Joint Corporate Plan and/or Joint Local Plan and/ or Infrastructure Strategies or other Babergh and Mid Suffolk strategies or external strategies Babergh and Mid Suffolk support and/or input into	Yes – Community Provision. The Committee is proposing to redevelop the current Kitchen provision. This will increase the potential maximum usage and footfall of the site. These works will also improve the energy efficiency of the building.
It represents key infrastructure (essential)	Yes
Value for money	Yes – The Infrastructure team has worked with the applicant to ensure that the project is value for money.
Clear community benefits	Yes – This project will provide newly redeveloped Community Centre kitchen provision.
Community support (including results of Consultation exercise.)	Yes – The local and wider community support the project.

Deliverability (“oven ready” schemes)	The project will begin once funding is approved.
Affordability (from CIL Funds)	Yes
Timeliness	The part of the project that CIL is supporting is ready to begin once funding is approved.
By releasing CIL money can we achieve infrastructure provision through collaborative spend? (i.e. Infrastructure providers, Parish/Town Councils, Babergh and Mid Suffolk infrastructure provision, or LEP/Government funding)	<p>The project is a collaborative between the District Council (CIL) and the Parish Council using their Neighbourhood CIL funds.</p> <p>Total eligible cost of the project is £32,742.20.</p> <p>The rest of the funding will come from the Parish Council Reserves</p> <p>The CIL Bid Fund application is for £24,556.65.</p>
Community Bid – Funding percentage of project	75% of the total eligible project costs will be funded with CIL
Supports housing and employment growth	Yes – The upgraded Community Centre will serve the current and future developments for the local and wider community.
Have a package of measures been proposed and submitted which allow for ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure such that its longevity can be assured	Yes – The Committee will maintain the Community Centre
Must be based on the developing Infrastructure Delivery Plan unless circumstances dictate otherwise	This project meets the CIL Expenditure Framework criteria and has been developed under the Community Infrastructure section under the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk
How does the proposal affect green infrastructure principles?	The proposed project will improve the energy efficiency of the site and will add to the current air source heating/cooling.
How does the project address green/sustainability principles/infrastructure?	Part of the project will deliver solar panels to the building.

How does the project affect state aid implications?	No State aid concerns for this project
How does the project affect security and safety in the community?	Provides safe & secure environment for leisure & community pursuits

CONCLUSIONS

- Lord Thurlow Hall Management Committee, after consultation with local residents, are proposing the redevelopment of the kitchen provision at the Community Hall in Great Ashfield. The CIL funding will be used for the new kitchen part of this project. The other works of the project are looking to provide an alternative hall exit to allow for additional fire escape route and associated alarms, lighting and revised thresholds to allow for wheelchair access alongside works to provide a new broadband connection to the Hall. This will future proof the venue.
- The proposed project will deliver an improved kitchen provision to establish greater versatility and flexibility of the current function and hiring spaces to satisfy increasing demand in the area. This will enable the Community Centre to be a more attractive venue for current and future uses.
- The village hall is the only dedicated community centre within the parish and has become a vital meeting place for residents to engage in a range of social activities. The village has had no public house, post office or shops for many years. The applicant organisation has strived to facilitate a wide range of events to cater for all demographics within the village. There have been many events at the hall including game nights, monthly pub nights, harvest festivals, vegetable and flower shows, quiz nights, film nights, dance classes, church events, historical presentations, and it is regularly used by local well-being classes e.g., yoga. In addition, the hall hosts local WI meetings. Local residents have hosted birthday celebrations, wedding receptions and wakes at the hall.
- It has become clear that the current facilities, particularly the existing kitchen is restricting usage. With a new modern kitchen, the opportunities to expand the opportunities for use will increase and provide a safe, flexible facility for all users.
- The amount of CIL funding is regarded as acceptable under the terms of the CIL Expenditure Framework as the CIL Bid is for £24,556.65 and represents 75% of the total eligible project costs. It lies within the community infrastructure thresholds of not exceeding £100,000 or 75% of the total costs. This project has been delivered under the Community Infrastructure section within the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to Cabinet is to approve this CIL Bid for £24,556.65 which is 75% of the total eligible project costs from the Local Infrastructure Fund.

Technical Assessment of Bid – Project M22-11 Norton Community Centre Development & Extension (from the Local Infrastructure Fund)

ASSESSMENT

Validation

VALIDATION	ASSESSMENT
Need /Justification	<p>Norton Village Hall Management Committee is proposing to redevelop and extend the Norton Community Centre. The Committee will be expanding the Community Centre to increase the potential maximum usage and footfall of the site. These works will also improve the energy efficiency of the building.</p> <p>This project will create additional function rooms and establish greater versatility and flexibility of the function/hiring spaces both in and outdoor. This will satisfy the increasing demand for the usage of the site. The project will be looking to rectify the current storage issues. The development of the site will deliver bigger and better storage capacity to assist users of the site. In addition, the project will ensure that the field next to the Community Centre can be used to its full potential as the project will also improve and expand the current changing rooms and toilet facilities.</p> <p>The proposed works have support from the local and wider Community around Norton. The applicants have completed extensive funding applications to enable this proposed project to go ahead.</p> <p>The CIL funding will be used on the new build elements of this project.</p>
Delivery /timescales	Summer 2023 (once CIL funding is approved)

Necessary other approvals	The remaining funding is being provided by the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) Precept-paid loan, Norton Village Hall Norton Parish Council and Suffolk Greenest County.
Public or private land	The land and buildings are owned Freehold by Norton Parish Council, of which the Norton Village Hall Management Committee (NVHMC) is a subsidiary group and registered charity (Charity # 1063062) and which leases the village hall from its own Parish Council.
State aid details if any	There are no state aid concerns relating to this bid for CIL funding
Details of future funding maintenance	Maintenance will be completed by the Norton Village Hall Management Committee

SCREENED (for possible s106 expenditure with the opportunity being taken to secure other funding if available)

BIDS SCREENED	ASSESSMENT
Must follow the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List)	Yes
Can the infrastructure be provided using s106 funds	None available
Is Bid complete	Yes – Validation has taken place and all criteria has been met for the phase of the project that CIL is assisting with.
Has information be verified	Yes
Is this infrastructure linked to a major housing project which has priority?	No

PRIORITISATION (Using criteria from the CIL Expenditure)

PRIORITISATION CRITERIA	ASSESSMENT
Infrastructure necessary for an approved growth project (those with planning permission) in order that development carried out is sustainable.	No
Positively scores against provisions /objectives of Joint Corporate Plan and/or Joint Local Plan and/ or Infrastructure Strategies or other Babergh and Mid Suffolk strategies or external strategies Babergh and Mid Suffolk support and/or input into	Yes – Community Provision. Norton Village Hall Management Committee is proposing to redevelop and extend the Norton Community Centre. The Committee will be expanding the Community Centre to increase the potential maximum usage and footfall of the site. These works will also improve the energy efficiency of the building.

It represents key infrastructure (essential)	Yes
Value for money	Yes – The Infrastructure team has worked with the applicant to ensure that the project is value for money.
Clear community benefits	Yes – This project will provide a newly redeveloped Community Centre.
Community support (including results of Consultation exercise.)	Yes – The local and wider community support the project.
Deliverability (“oven ready” schemes)	The phase of the project that CIL is supporting is ready to begin once funding is approved.
Affordability (from CIL Funds)	Yes
Timeliness	The phase of the project that CIL is supporting is ready to begin once funding is approved.
By releasing CIL money can we achieve infrastructure provision through collaborative spend? (i.e. Infrastructure providers, Parish/Town Councils, Babergh and Mid Suffolk infrastructure provision, or LEP/Government funding)	<p>The project is a collaborative between the District Council (CIL) and the Parish Council using their Neighbourhood CIL funds.</p> <p>Total project cost of the new build elements that CIL will be supporting = £395,765.90.</p> <p>PWLB Precept-paid loan - £295,765.90</p> <p>The CIL Bid Fund application is for £100,000</p>
Community Bid – Funding percentage of project	25% will be funded with CIL
Supports housing and employment growth	Yes – The upgraded Community Centre will serve the current and future developments for the local and wider community.
Have a package of measures been proposed and submitted which allow for ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure such that its longevity can be assured	Yes – Norton Village Hall Management Committee will maintain the Community Centre

Must be based on the developing Infrastructure Delivery Plan unless circumstances dictate otherwise	This project meets the CIL Expenditure Framework criteria and has been developed under the Community Infrastructure section under the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk
How does the proposal affect green infrastructure principles?	The proposed project will improve the energy efficiency of the site and will add to the current air source heating/cooling.
How does the project address green/sustainability principles/infrastructure?	Part of the project will deliver solar panels to the building.
How does the project affect state aid implications?	No State aid concerns for this project
How does the project affect security and safety in the community?	Provides safe & secure environment for leisure & community pursuits

CONCLUSIONS

- Norton Village Hall Management Committee (a Registered Charity) after consultation with local residents are proposing the redevelopment and extension of the Norton Community Centre. The proposed project will deliver for the local and wider community additional function rooms and establish greater versatility and flexibility of the current function and hiring spaces to satisfy increasing demand in the area. To enable the Community Centre to be a more attractive venue for current and future uses, this proposed project will also improve the storage capacity of the site to assist hirers and the venues own fund-raising events.
- As part of this multi-phased project, new and improved changing facilities and toilets will be delivered to enable better usage of the field which is situated next to the Community Centre. This will assist the local communities with accessing physical exercise and set the Community Centre up for a more diverse set of uses. The current Community Centre is used for educational classes, hobby groups, fitness sessions, singing choirs and Am Dram groups, business meeting venues, martial arts, kids' dance classes and playgroups. The Community Centre run different types of entertainments, and their industry-standard kitchen can produce formal dinners for up to 120 covers. They present wine tastings, 'Magic Circle' events, wedding receptions and a host of fund raising events such as quizzes, bingo nights, auctions, car boot sales and kids' parties and competitions. The user age range runs from young children to elderly patrons and includes every age group in between. The applicants have advised that they would like to achieve more of the same with less 'fixture congestion' and are especially keen on opening up our theatrical stage facility, and to encourage kids and youth sports on the field next to the Community Centre in line with the ambitions of 'Fields in Trust' who manage that space.

- In agreement with the applicant the CIL funding will be targeted at the new build elements of this project. The amount of CIL funding is regarded as acceptable under the terms of the CIL Expenditure Framework as the CIL Bid is for £100,000 and represents 25% of the total project costs. It lies within the community infrastructure thresholds of not exceeding £100,000 or 75% of the total costs. This project has been delivered under the Community Infrastructure section within the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to Cabinet to approve this CIL Bid for £100,000 which is 25% of the total project costs from the Local Infrastructure Fund.

Technical Assessment of Bid – M22-21 Finningham Parish Council and Suffolk County Council – Finningham Green Footpath (from the Ringfenced and Local Infrastructure Fund)

ASSESSMENT

Validation

VALIDATION	ASSESSMENT
Need /Justification	<p>The Finningham Green Footpath is a joint project between Suffolk County Council Highways and Finningham Parish Council to create a new footpath between the crossroads at Westhorpe Road, Station Road, Wickham Road and Walsham Road (B1113), up to the entrance of the Village Green.</p> <p>Currently, there is no established footpath along this section of the B1113 and a temporary footpath has been created by pedestrians walking along the roadside grass verge between the crossroads and the Green.</p> <p>The verge is used by residents to access the Village Green, the play equipment which is located on the green, and the Church. The route is used by school children in the mornings and afternoons, dog walkers and residents walking from one side of the village to the other.</p> <p>Over time, the grass surface has been eroded away, to create a dirt track that is uneven, extremely narrow in places, contains many trip hazards (both visible and hidden) and it becomes very muddy in wet weather. Given the verge’s close proximity to road, the weight of traffic using the B1113 and</p>

	because there is currently no segregation between the road and the verge, this temporary footpath is dangerous for residents to use.
Delivery /timescales	Suffolk Highways are hoping to start the design phase of the project in September and complete it by November 2023, with the construction phase beginning in the spring of 2024.
Necessary other approvals	N/A
Public or private land	The land is a Public Highway, which Suffolk Highways is responsible for and the project is being delivered by the local Highways Authority (Suffolk Highways).
State aid details if any	N/A
Details of future funding maintenance	The new footway will be maintained by Suffolk County Council Highway Authority

SCREENED (for possible s106 expenditure with the opportunity being taken to secure other funding if available)

BIDS SCREENED	ASSESSMENT
Must follow the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List)	Yes - It falls under the Walking and Cycling section of the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) and therefore complies with this criterion.
Can the infrastructure be provided using s106 funds	No
Is Bid complete	Yes
Has information been verified	Yes.
Is this infrastructure linked to a major housing project which has priority?	No

PRIORITISATION (Using criteria from the CIL Expenditure)

PRIORITISATION CRITERIA	ASSESSMENT
Infrastructure necessary for an approved growth project (those with planning permission) in order that development carried out is sustainable.	No.
Positively scores against provisions /objectives of Joint Corporate Plan and/or Joint Local Plan and/ or Infrastructure Strategies or other Babergh and Mid Suffolk strategies or external strategies Babergh and Mid Suffolk support and/or input into	Yes – the project scores positively against District Council objectives. This project is not specifically listed within BMSDC’s Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). However, the need to establish cycling and walking paths along sections of the B1113 to make it safer for active travel is listed within the LCWIP. This project has the support of the Council’s Sustainable Travel Officer, who believes this project will improve local active travel connectivity, which is one of the key aims of the LCWIP.

	<p>This project would support some of the strategic outcomes listed in BMSDC’s Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy, particularly the Active Places and Spaces strategic theme through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and promote clear, safe routes that enable confident, active travel through early intervention into the planning stages of new development and through the councils’ wider approach to sustainable travel. <p>This project would also support the Health Theme of BMSDC Wellbeing Strategy: “People will have good mental and physical health throughout most of their lives, supported by the right opportunities, facilities and activities”.</p>
It represents key infrastructure (essential)	No. This project is not critical or essential infrastructure in respect of the Councils Infrastructure Delivery Plan.
Value for money	Yes – This project will benefit from the knowledge and expertise Suffolk Highways has in delivering similar types of projects across the county.
Clear community benefits	<p>The temporary pathway that has been created on the grass verge is not safe for pedestrian use. The surface is uneven, contains numerous trip hazards, is extremely narrow in places, becomes extremely slippery and muddy in wet weather, is not accessible for people with mobility issues and verge provides no segregation between the traffic using the B1113 and pedestrians.</p> <p>This project will create a permanent, hard surface footpath that will enable local people to travel across the village by foot and provide safe access to the community facilities located on the Village Green. Once completed, the footpath will be fully accessible.</p>
Community support (including results of Consultation exercise.)	<p>This is a joint application between Suffolk Highways and Finningham Parish Council, which is supported by the County/District Councillor, Parish Council Members, local residents and the Councils Sustainable Travel Officer.</p> <p>Both Finningham Parish Council and the County/District Councillor have committed their own sources of funding towards the design costs of the project which are excluding from being eligible for CIL funding.</p> <p>The Finningham Green Footpath project is a regular agenda item for Parish Council meetings. Finningham Parish Council said in October 2022:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“The Parish Council is extremely concerned for the health and safety of residents and is fearful that it is only a matter of time before an accident occurs. We therefore approved the installation of a new footpath ...”</i> <p>Finningham Parish Council has provided copies of correspondence it has received from residents regarding the need to install a footpath along this section of the B1113 and/or their concerns with people using the roadside verge as a footpath.</p>
Deliverability (“oven ready” schemes)	Yes
Affordability (from CIL Funds)	Yes
Timeliness	Suffolk Highways are hoping to start the design phase of the project in September and complete it by November 2023, with the construction phase beginning in the spring of 2024.
By releasing CIL money can we achieve infrastructure provision through collaborative spend? (i.e., Infrastructure providers, Parish/Town Councils, Babergh and Mid Suffolk infrastructure provision, or LEP/Government funding)	<p>Total cost of the project including VAT and design costs = £66,400.00</p> <p>Total eligible cost (excluding VAT – recoverable by SCC) = £52,000.00</p> <p>Parish Council contribution is £2,000.00 and County/District Councillor contribution is £2,000.00 towards design costs.</p> <p>CIL funding required: £52,000.00</p>
Community Bid – Funding percentage of Total Eligible project costs	This falls under the Walking and Cycling section of the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) and therefore complies with this criterion. 100% funding is therefore acceptable
Supports housing and employment growth	No.
Have a package of measures been proposed and submitted which allow for ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure such that its longevity can be assured	The new footway will be maintained by Suffolk County Council Highway Authority
Must be based on the developing Infrastructure Delivery Plan unless circumstances dictate otherwise	<p>This project is not listed in the current version of BMSDC’s Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP), but the project does support the themes and outcomes listed in several BMSDC strategy documents.</p> <p>This project will improve local active travel connectivity, which is one of the key aims of the LCWIP. This project would also support some of the strategic outcomes listed in BMSDC’s Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy and Wellbeing Strategy.</p>

How does the proposal affect green infrastructure principles?	This project will provide a safe walking route, which will connect the Village Green with existing footpaths in the village and connect both ends of the village and hopefully reduce the number of short car journeys This project will improve local active travel connectivity, which is one of the key aims of the LCWIP
How does the project address green/sustainability principles/infrastructure?	As above
How does the project affect state aid implications?	N/A
How does the project affect security and safety in the community?	The temporary pathway that has been created on the grass verge is regarded by local people and the Parish Council as not being safe for pedestrian use. Due to the amount of traffic and the speed of some cars, the Parish Council has concerns that a serious accident could occur on this section of the B1113, unless improvements are made and a permanent footpath is installed. By creating a safe, accessible and direct route between Walsham Road and the Village Green, it will reduce the potential of an accident, improve connectivity across the village and hopefully reduce the need for residents to use their cars for short journeys.

CONCLUSIONS

- There is no established footpath along the section of the B1113 between the crossroads and Finningham Village Green. A temporary footpath has been created by pedestrians walking along the roadside grass verge, which has been deemed as not safe for pedestrian use. The surface is uneven, contains numerous trip hazards, is extremely narrow in places, becomes extremely slippery and muddy in wet weather, is not accessible for people with mobility issues and verge provides no segregation between the traffic using the B1113 and pedestrians. This project will create a permanent, hard surface footpath that will enable local people to travel across the village by foot and provide safe access to the community facilities located on the Village Green.
- This project is a joint application from Suffolk Highways and Finningham Parish Council. The project is supported by the County/District Councillor and members of the local community and the Councils Sustainable Travel Officer. Both the Parish Council and County/District Councillor have committed funding towards design stage of the project and the project will benefit from the knowledge and expertise Suffolk Highways can bring to the project together with its delivery.

- This project will support the Councils joint aims towards achieving outcomes listed within the Councils LCWIP, Wellbeing and Community strategies and the District Council’s environmental goals and targets.
- This proposal represents an “oven ready” scheme with evidence of community support. The project will be funded through collaborative spend, with the CIL portion being 100% of the eligible costs funded from the Ringfenced and Local Infrastructure Funds, together with funding contributions from the Parish Council and County/District Councillor.
- In view of the above the amount of CIL funding is regarded as an acceptable under the terms of the current CIL Expenditure Framework as this CIL Bid of £52,000.00 represents 100% of the total eligible project costs. This project has been delivered under the Walking and Cycling section within the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation for Cabinet to approve this CIL Bid of £52,000 from the Ringfenced and Local Infrastructure Funds

Technical Assessment of Bid – Project M23-10 Wyverstone Village Hall Kitchen Refurbishment and improvement (from the Local Infrastructure Fund)

ASSESSMENT

Validation

VALIDATION	ASSESSMENT
Need /Justification	<p>Wyverstone Village Hall Committee is proposing a project concerning the village hall building to enlarge and upgrade the kitchen area for the installation of a commercial quality kitchen. Wyverstone Village Hall is a registered charity, and the project will improve access with the extension having an external door and with some minor internal alterations to the hall to allow an improvement to the flow of the building. The extension will approximately double the floorspace of the kitchen and planning permission and building control approval has been sought and granted.</p> <p>The project will significantly improve the Village Hall kitchen allowing an increase in the number and size of events that can be held there. The current kitchen facility has not been updated or improved for many years (the kitchen units and appliances are over 20 years old) and this restricts the type and number of functions that can utilise the Village Hall. As the Village Hall is the only</p>

	<p>public facility in the Village, it is imperative that the Kitchen is improved and upgraded in keeping with the rest of the Hall (there is already a large hall, wi-fi, bar and seating area, car park and play area surrounding it) to provide a facility that is fit for purpose.</p> <p>This project is for an extension to the Village Hall, installation of a new modern catering-standard stainless-steel kitchen and associated works to allow for installation and finishing. This will include removal of existing kitchen, building work to accommodate and installation of roller shutters. Upgraded electrical services within the hall are required to accommodate the kitchen and appliances. These works will futureproof the hall.</p> <p>The proposed works have support from the local and wider Community around Wyverstone. The applicants have completed additional funding applications to enable this proposed project to go ahead.</p>
Delivery /timescales	January 2024 (once CIL funding is approved)
Necessary other approvals	The remaining funding has been secured and planning has been consulted and the necessary planning permission obtained (along with Building Control).
Public or private land	Freehold – The Land and Hall are owned by the charity (Wyverstone Village Hall) but have been vested to the Official Custodian for Charities. Copies of the Trust Deed which includes ownership details and the vesting document to the Official Custodian for Charities are attached to the application.
State aid details if any	There are no state aid concerns relating to this bid for CIL funding
Details of future funding maintenance	Maintenance will be completed by the Committee.

SCREENED (for possible s106 expenditure with the opportunity being taken to secure other funding if available)

BIDS SCREENED	ASSESSMENT
Must follow the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List)	Yes
Can the infrastructure be provided using s106 funds	None available
Is Bid complete	Yes – Validation has taken place and all criteria has been met.
Has information be verified	Yes
Is this infrastructure linked to a major housing project which has priority?	No

PRIORITISATION (Using criteria from the CIL Expenditure)

PRIORITISATION CRITERIA	ASSESSMENT
Infrastructure necessary for an approved growth project (those with planning permission) in order that development carried out is sustainable.	No
Positively scores against provisions /objectives of Joint Corporate Plan and/or Joint Local Plan and/ or Infrastructure Strategies or other Babergh and Mid Suffolk strategies or external strategies Babergh and Mid Suffolk support and/or input into	Yes – Community Provision. The Committee is proposing to extend and developer the current Kitchen provision. This will increase the potential maximum usage and footfall of the site.
It represents key infrastructure (essential)	Yes
Value for money	Yes – The Infrastructure team has worked with the applicant to ensure that the project is value for money.
Clear community benefits	Yes – This project will provide a newly extended and fit for purpose commercial modern kitchen and provide a facility that will have an even wider use.
Community support (including results of Consultation exercise.)	Yes – The local and wider community support the project. In March 2023 an event was held at the monthly Village Café where the proposals (including architectural drawings) were displayed and attendees completely a questionnaire. The results were extremely positive in favour of the project.
Deliverability (“oven ready” schemes)	The project can begin once funding is approved.
Affordability (from CIL Funds)	Yes
Timeliness	The project is ready to begin once funding is approved.
By releasing CIL money can we achieve infrastructure provision through collaborative spend? (i.e. Infrastructure	The project is a collaborative between the District Council (CIL), the Parish Council using their Neighbourhood CIL funds, The Wyverstone Town Trust and Wyverstone Vill Hall Funds.

providers, Parish/Town Councils, Babergh and Mid Suffolk infrastructure provision, or LEP/Government funding)	<p>Total cost of the project is £87,961.20</p> <p>Parish Council Contribution: £10,000</p> <p>Wyverstone Town Trust Contribution £1,000</p> <p>Wyverstone Village Hall Own Funds £10,990.30</p> <p>The CIL Bid Fund application is for £65,970.90</p>
`	75% will be funded with CIL
Supports housing and employment growth	Yes – The upgraded and extended Village Hall Kitchen will serve the current and future developments for the local and wider community.
Have a package of measures been proposed and submitted which allow for ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure such that its longevity can be assured	Yes – The Committee will continue to maintain the Village Hall to ensure the longevity of the infrastructure.
Must be based on the developing Infrastructure Delivery Plan unless circumstances dictate otherwise	This project meets the CIL Expenditure Framework criteria and has been developed under the Community Infrastructure section under the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk.
How does the proposal affect green infrastructure principles?	N/A
How does the project address green/sustainability principles/infrastructure?	The Project will enable the Village Hall to increase the number of events that can be held in an area with little public transport. An EV charger is already on site.
How does the project affect state aid implications?	No State aid concerns for this project
How does the project affect security and safety in the community?	Provides safe & secure environment for leisure & community pursuits

CONCLUSIONS

- Wyverstone Village Hall, after consultation with residents and other local interested parties, are proposing a project to extend and upgrade the kitchen area of the Village Hall. This will allow a new modern commercial kitchen to be installed with the extension nearly doubling the current kitchen area. It will upgrade the kitchen and will provide a facility that matches the rest of the Village Hall. This will allow even more events to be held with greater numbers in attendance and allow the venue to be of more value to the local community.
- The proposed project will deliver an extended and improved kitchen provision to establish greater versatility and flexibility of the current function and hiring spaces to satisfy increasing demand in the area. To enable the Village Hall to be a more attractive venue for current and future uses.
- The village hall is the only dedicated public facility within the parish and has become a vital meeting place for residents to engage in a range of social activities. The village has had no public house or shops for many years and the play area and field are provided by the Hall. The applicant organisation has strived to facilitate a wide range of events to cater for all demographics within the village and hosts several regular catered events (Village Café, Friendship Group/Over 60s, Film Nights, War Space Breakfast to name a few). The Hall is also used on a private hire basis for parties, wedding receipts and wakes and because of the current limitations of the kitchen facility party sizes have had to be limited.
- It has become clear that the current facilities, particularly the existing kitchen is not fit for purpose and is restricting usage. With a new modern kitchen and the extension, the opportunities to expand the opportunities for use will increase and provide a safe, flexible facility for all users. The CIL funding will allow this project to come forward and benefit all.
- The amount of CIL funding is regarded as acceptable under the terms of the CIL Expenditure Framework as the CIL Bid is for £65,970.90 and represents 75% of the total project costs. It lies within the community infrastructure thresholds of not exceeding £100,000 or 75% of the total costs. This project has been delivered under the Community Infrastructure section within the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to Cabinet to approve this CIL Bid for £65,970.90 which is 75% of the total eligible project costs from the Local Infrastructure Fund

Technical Assessment of Bid – M23-08 – Needham Market Town Council – Crowley Park Children’s Playground Project from Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund.

ASSESSMENT

Validation

VALIDATION	ASSESSMENT
Need /Justification	<p>The play equipment that was previously located on Crowley had been in place for 20+ years, it had reached the end of its lifespan and was almost unserviceable. In 2022, this play equipment was removed to make way for a new multi-use games area, with the intention of creating a new play facility for young children (8 years and under), to be located in a different area of the park.</p> <p>When completed, the new play area will be fully inclusive and will provide a range of different play and problem-solving activities for younger children. This new facility will address a currently lack in play facilities within the town for younger children and by providing a safe environment and new opportunities for children to play and socialise together, it will help to enhance children’s mental and physical health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Over the last few months, Needham Market Town Council has received a high volume of communication from local residents via its social media platforms and direct contact with the council and Members, regarding the lack of facilities for younger children. In April 2023, Needham Market Town Council received a petition from residents requesting the reinstatement of a younger children’s play area on Crowley Park.</p> <p>The Needham Market Neighbourhood Plan – The Future of our Town 2020 to 2037, identifies Crowley Park is an asset to the community in terms of sport and recreation provision. The creation of the new playground will fit in with other improvement projects, which have taken place over the last two years to community facilities located on Crowley Park, such as the extension to the Cricket Pavilion and installation of the Multi-Use Games Area.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan states that both ensuring safe access to community facilities and providing and improving facilities for younger people in the town are key considerations within the</p>

	Community Infrastructure Policy. The policy also states that facilities should be clustered together to enable opportunities for shared spaces and promote accessibility.
Delivery /timescales	Needham Market Town Council expect the project to take 3 months to complete, starting in autumn 2023
Necessary other approvals	The Councils Planning and Environmental Protection teams have been consulted, no approvals required.
Public or private land	Needham Market Town Council has the Freehold on Crowley Park
State aid details if any	N/A
Details of future funding maintenance	Needham Market Town Council holds funding that is used to maintain all pieces of infrastructure on Crowley Park.

SCREENED (for possible s106 expenditure with the opportunity being taken to secure other funding if available)

BIDS SCREENED	ASSESSMENT
Must follow the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List)	Yes
Can the infrastructure be provided using s106 funds	No
Is Bid complete	Yes
Has information been verified	Yes
Is this infrastructure linked to a major housing project which has priority?	No

PRIORITISATION (Using criteria from the CIL Expenditure)

PRIORITISATION CRITERIA	ASSESSMENT
Infrastructure necessary for an approved growth project (those with planning permission) in order that development carried out is sustainable.	No. However, this project will provide a safe, inclusive environment and address a lack in current play provision for younger children. This project will also help to support the sustainability of local housing growth, by providing additional community facilities.
Positively scores against provisions /objectives of Joint Corporate Plan and/or Joint Local Plan and/ or Infrastructure Strategies or other Babergh and Mid Suffolk strategies or	Yes – the project scores positively against District Council objectives and will contribute towards the delivery of some of the outcomes listed within the Needham Market Neighbourhood Plan – The Future of our Town 2020 to 2037, During the consultation phase of the Needham Market Neighbourhood Plan the following two key issues specifically relating to young people were identified:

<p>external strategies Babergh and Mid Suffolk support and/or input into</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a significant growth in young people forecast in the plan period (to 2037) and additional development of new housing will bring young families to the town. • Premises which provide facilities for children and young people are at or nearing end of life. <p>Through providing a new playground facility, this project will contribute to the following outcomes contained within the Neighbourhood Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure safe access to community facilities. • Provide and improve facilities for younger people in the town. • Incorporate natural spaces and green areas for community recreational use <p>The project also supports some of the key aims listed within Babergh & Mid Suffolk Communities and Wellbeing Strategies, in particular:</p> <p><u>The Communities Strategy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure that Communities built, natural and social assets work to create a local identity, good quality of life and opportunities for rewarding activity. - We will work with other organisations to create opportunities for people to be healthier and more active. <p><u>Wellbeing Strategy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable community sport, leisure and physical activity facilities that enable and support people to be active. - Green and open spaces providing formal and informal opportunities to be 'everyday active'.
<p>It represents key infrastructure (essential)</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Value for money</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Clear community benefits</p>	<p>Yes – There is currently a lack of play provision within Needham Market for children aged 8 years and younger. When completed, the new play area will provide a safe and inclusive area in which young children of all abilities can play and enjoy themselves as well as providing a welcoming environment for parents/carers.</p> <p>By providing new opportunities for children to play and socialise together, it will help to enhance children’s mental and physical health and wellbeing.</p>

Community support (including results of Consultation exercise.)	<p>Before starting the Neighbourhood Plan process, Needham Market Town Council conducted a Health Check in 2004, which produced valuable baseline data and identified a number of key issues that were affecting the town, which included the growth of the younger peoples age group in the town and the need for facilities – education – leisure including sport and informal recreation.</p> <p>Since 2013, Needham Market Town Council has held a number of community engagement and community consultation events, to help shape the Neighbourhood Plan. As a result of these events, the Neighbourhood Plan includes Policy NM6 – <i>“Proposals that promote and enhance community services and infrastructure for all sectors of the community will be supported where such schemes are otherwise acceptable”</i>, which includes but is not limited to the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure safe access to community facilities. • Provide and improve facilities for younger people in the town. • Incorporate natural spaces and green areas for community recreational use <p>Update reports on the playground project have been presented at Full Town Council meetings throughout the last 12 months. Members of the Town Council’s Community and Assets Committee have been involved in site visits with play equipment providers and obtaining quotes.</p>
Deliverability (“oven ready” schemes)	Yes
Affordability (from CIL Funds)	Yes
Timeliness	Project aims to start and be delivered once funding has been approved. Needham Market Town Council expect the project to take 3 months to complete, starting in autumn 2023
By releasing CIL money can we achieve infrastructure provision through collaborative spend? (i.e. Infrastructure providers, Parish/Town Councils, Babergh and Mid Suffolk infrastructure provision, or LEP/Government funding)	<p>Total eligible costs, excluding VAT: £87,414.00</p> <p>Needham Market Town Council funding: £21,853.50</p> <p>CIL funding required: £65,560.50</p>
Community Bid – Funding percentage of Total Eligible project costs	75% of the total eligible project costs
Supports housing and employment growth	This project will provide a safe, inclusive environment and address a lack in current play provision for younger children. This project will also help to support the sustainability of local housing growth, by providing additional community facilities.

Have a package of measures been proposed and submitted which allow for ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure such that its longevity can be assured	Needham Market Town Council holds funding that is used to maintain all pieces of infrastructure on Crowley Park.
Must be based on the developing Infrastructure Delivery Plan unless circumstances dictate otherwise	This project supports objectives listed within the Needham Market Neighbourhood Plan and the Councils Communities and Wellbeing strategies.
How does the proposal affect green infrastructure principles?	The pieces of play equipment will contain recycled materials, with safety surfaces being levelled off with top soil and finished using turf.
How does the project address green/sustainability principles/infrastructure?	By having a local play area in the parish, it means that people will no longer have to drive to the nearby play area so a reduction on car usage.
How does the project affect state aid implications?	N/A
How does the project affect security and safety in the community?	A perimeter fencing will be installed around the playground to section off the play equipment from other park activities and for security purposes.

CONCLUSIONS

- This new facility will address a currently lack in play facilities within the town for younger children and by providing a safe environment and new opportunities for children to play and socialise together, it will help to enhance children’s mental and physical health and wellbeing.
- When completed, the new play area will be fully inclusive and will provide a range of different play and problem-solving activities for younger children. This new facility will ensure that Crowley Park is able to provide a wide range of activities, which people of all ages can participate in and enjoy
- This proposal represents an “oven ready” scheme with evidence of wide community support. The project will be funded through collaborative spend, with the CIL fund portion being 75% of the eligible costs funded from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund, together with funding contributions from Needham Market Town Council.
- In view of the above the amount of CIL funding is regarded as an acceptable exception under the terms of the current CIL Expenditure Framework as this CIL Bid of £65,560.50 represents 75% of the total eligible project costs. It lies within the community infrastructure

threshold of not exceeding £100,000 and 75% of the total eligible project costs. This project has been delivered under the Community Infrastructure section within the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation for Cabinet to approve this CIL Bid for £65,560.50 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund

Technical Assessment of Bid – M23-18 Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk District Council - Creeting St Mary Walking & Cycling Scheme (Sally Woods Lane) (from the Local Infrastructure Fund)

ASSESSMENT

Validation

VALIDATION	ASSESSMENT
Need /Justification	<p>The project seeks to undertake improvements to Sally Woods Lane (a section of the National Cycle Route 51) and is a joint project between Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way & Access (who will take the lead) and the Councils Sustainable Travel Officer. The improvements to Creeting St Mary BR32 (Bridleway 32) will allow greater versatility of users within the community.</p> <p>At present, a 200m stretch of the Bridleway is only suitable for pedestrians, dogwalkers and those on mountain bikes because of the numerous ruts/potholes and is, therefore, not safe for all users.</p> <p>Without the upgrade to the surface along the Sally Woods Lane stretch, the bridleway will never be suitable for cyclists (other than mountain bikers) to travel along it safely. The proposed upgrade (re-surface using the same type of existing materials of graded road plainings on a sub-base of crushed concrete) will ensure greater access for users along this stretch and ensure longevity of the bridleway.</p> <p>The improvements undertaken will ensure that the Bridleway can be used by residents and visitors who wish to cycle along this route safely as it is a section of National Cycle Route 51.</p>
Delivery /timescales	Suffolk County Council are looking at starting and completing the works as soon as possible depending upon the capacity of the Public Rights of Way team and contractor availability. It is anticipated that the project will take approximately 3 days to complete.

Necessary other approvals	None required
Public or private land	Existing Public Right of Way is an asset of Suffolk County Council, and the project is being delivered and lead by them.
State aid details if any	N/A
Details of future funding maintenance	To be funded by Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way East maintenance budget if required.

SCREENED (for possible s106 expenditure with the opportunity being taken to secure other funding if available)

BIDS SCREENED	ASSESSMENT
Must follow the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List)	Yes - It falls under the Walking and Cycling section of the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) and therefore complies with this criterion.
Can the infrastructure be provided using s106 funds	No
Is Bid complete	Yes – costings have been provided by Highways
Has information been verified	Yes.
Is this infrastructure linked to a major housing project which has priority?	No

PRIORITISATION (Using criteria from the CIL Expenditure)

PRIORITISATION CRITERIA	ASSESSMENT
Infrastructure necessary for an approved growth project (those with planning permission) in order that development carried out is sustainable.	No.
Positively scores against provisions /objectives of Joint Corporate Plan and/or Joint Local Plan and/ or Infrastructure Strategies or other Babergh and Mid Suffolk strategies or external strategies Babergh and Mid Suffolk support and/or input into	Yes – the project scores positively against District Council objectives. This project is listed specifically within the Councils Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). The Sally Woods Lane section is part of National Cycle Route 51 and is currently only accessible for cyclists on mountain bikes. This project has the support of the Councils Sustainable Travel Officer, who believes this project will improve local active travel connectivity, which is one of the key aims of the LCWIP.

	<p>This project would support some of the strategic outcomes listed in the Councils Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy, particularly the Active Places and Spaces strategic theme through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and promote clear, safe routes that enable confident, active travel through early intervention into the planning stages of new development and through the councils' wider approach to sustainable travel. <p>This project would also support the Health Theme of the Councils Wellbeing Strategy: "People will have good mental and physical health throughout most of their lives, supported by the right opportunities, facilities and activities".</p>
It represents key infrastructure (essential)	No. This project is not critical or essential infrastructure in respect of the Councils Infrastructure Delivery Plan.
Value for money	Yes – This project will benefit from the knowledge and expertise that the Public Rights of Way team already have in delivering this type of project.
Clear community benefits	<p>The unsuitability of this section of National Cycle Route 51 has been identified during a consultative event as a main reason that individuals do not use it and prefer other, less safer routes. The ruts and potholes mean that only those cyclists with mountain bikes can use it any assurance of safety and pedestrian and dogwalkers often must avoid the potholes and ruts when traversing along the route (as well as mud and puddles if the weather has been wet).</p> <p>If the 200m section identified by Sally Woods Lane is improved and resurfaced it will provide a safer, more usable National Cycling Route. This will have the added benefit of encouraging normal everyday cyclists to use a safer route rather than via a roadway with the associated traffic. Pedestrians and dogwalkers will also benefit by not having to avoid muddy surfaces and potholes.</p> <p>This project will ensure that the key cycling route is fit for purpose and will enable local people and visitors a safe more sustainable way to travel.</p>
Community support (including results of Consultation exercise.)	This is a joint project between Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way & Asset (leading the project) and the Councils Sustainable Travel Officer. It has the support of local members of the community and comments such as those below were registered when the consultative event took place:

	<p><i>“This section of the national cycle network (Creeting Hills) is impassable unless you have a mountain bike.....”</i></p> <p><i>“The surface is dreadful. The sandy section can be dangerous.”</i></p> <p><i>This section of Cycle route 51 is totally unsuitable for anything other than leisure mountain biking.....It is a barrier to commuting by Bike not a solution!”</i></p> <p>Improvements to this section of the National Cycle Route will ensure that it become more accessible to all and should no longer be seen as a barrier to community by cycle.</p>
Deliverability (“oven ready” schemes)	Yes
Affordability (from CIL Funds)	Yes
Timeliness	The Public Rights of Way team and contractors are hoping to start as soon as capacity and availability allows.
By releasing CIL money can we achieve infrastructure provision through collaborative spend? (i.e., Infrastructure providers, Parish/Town Councils, Babergh and Mid Suffolk infrastructure provision, or LEP/Government funding)	<p>Total cost of the project including VAT and design costs = £12,010</p> <p>Total eligible cost (excluding VAT – recoverable by SCC) = £10,170</p> <p>CIL funding required: £10,170</p>
Community Bid – Funding percentage of Total Eligible project costs	This falls under the Walking and Cycling section of the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) and therefore complies with this criterion. 100% funding is therefore acceptable.
Supports housing and employment growth	No.
Have a package of measures been proposed and submitted which allow for ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure such that its longevity can be assured	It will be maintained by the Suffolk County Council’s Public Rights of Way East maintenance budget if required.
Must be based on the developing Infrastructure Delivery Plan unless circumstances dictate otherwise	This project is not listed in the current version of the Councils Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP), but the project does support the themes and outcomes listed in several Council strategy documents.

	<p>This project will improve local active travel connectivity, which is one of the key aims of the LCWIP. This project would also support some of the strategic outcomes listed in Council Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy and Wellbeing Strategy.</p>
How does the proposal affect green infrastructure principles?	<p>This project will provide an improved section of National Cycling Route and enable all cyclist to access it rather than just being limited to mountain bikers. Pedestrians and dogwalkers will also benefit from the improved surface and this will actively encourage more people to use this safe route (either walking or cycling) and hopefully reduce the number of short car journeys within the local vicinity.</p> <p>This project will improve local active travel connectivity, which is one of the key aims of the LCWIP</p>
How does the project address green/sustainability principles/infrastructure?	As above
How does the project affect state aid implications?	N/A
How does the project affect security and safety in the community?	<p>The current stretch of Bridleway at Sally Woods Lane has ruts and potholes making it unsuitable for all types of cyclists and not the most useable route for pedestrians or dogwalkers. As Sally Woods Lane forms part of a key cycling route (National Cycling Route 51) it needs to be upgraded and improved to ensure the maximum usage by the local community and visitors alike. Without providing a safer route, then cyclists (other than mountain bikers) will be forced to use the local road network which is not as safe as a Bridleway.</p> <p>By creating a safer, accessible, and better surface at the Sally Woods Lane stretch, it will potentially reduce the number of normal cyclists who use the local roadways and provide a route that is free of potholes and ruts. This will improve connectivity and hopefully reduce the need for residents and visitors to use their vehicles for short journeys.</p>

CONCLUSIONS

- Sally Woods Lane is a section of National Cycle Route 51 however it is currently not suitable (along a 200m stretch) to be used for all types of cyclists due to the poor bridleway surface. As it is considered a key cycle route, it should be accessible to all and not limited in any way. The potholes and ruts also present problems to pedestrians and dogwalkers and can get very muddy with puddles forming in the potholes etc when it has been raining. This project will improve the surface of that stretch of the bridleway making it accessible to all

types of cyclist and providing a more pleasant pathway for pedestrians and dogwalkers (removing potential trip hazards etc). It will enable, and encourage, greater use and provide a safer way to travel and, hopefully, encourage the local community and visitors to use There is no established footpath along the section of the B1113 between the crossroads and Finningham Village Green. A temporary footpath has been created by pedestrians walking along the roadside grass verge, which has been deemed as not safe for pedestrian use a more sustainable method of travel for short journeys rather than their vehicles.

- This project is a collaboration between Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way & Access (who are acting as the lead) and the Councils Sustainable Travel Officer and will support the Councils joint aims towards achieving outcomes listed within the Councils LCWIP, Wellbeing and Community strategies and the District Council's environmental goals and targets.
- This proposal represents an "oven ready" scheme with evidence of community support. The project will be funded by CIL and 100% of the eligible costs funded from the Local Infrastructure Funds.
- In view of the above the amount of CIL funding is regarded as an acceptable under the terms of the current CIL Expenditure Framework as this CIL Bid of £10,170 represents 100% of the total eligible project costs. This project has been delivered under the Walking and Cycling section within the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation for Cabinet to approve this CIL Bid of £10,170 from the Local Infrastructure Fund.

Technical Assessment of Bid – M23-17 Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council – Eye Cycling and Walking Scheme (from the Local Infrastructure Fund)

ASSESSMENT

Validation

VALIDATION	ASSESSMENT
Need /Justification	<p>This project is being proposed by Suffolk County Council, Rights of Way (lead) in partnership with the Councils Sustainable Travel Officer and seeks to provided changes to the public footpath access across Broome Hill near Eye to allow cyclists to use this section safely.</p> <p>There are established footpaths along Broome Hill (Broome Foot Paths 6&9) and Eye Foot Paths (19 & 34) however it is currently not suitable for cyclists. To make it suitable to enable cyclists to use this section it requires improvement to the surface and either a change in designation (legal status change to a bridleway) or via permissive cycling (changes to local signage).</p> <p>Undertaking this change and improvement to the footpaths will allow a safe off-road cycle route between Eye and Broome, encouraging more sustainable, active travel between the two places. A Mid Suffolk District Council led event at Eye Town Hall in September 2022 provided an opportunity whereby residents and visitors identified wanting to be able to travel safely between the two locations.</p>
Delivery /timescales	As soon as possible depending upon Public Rights of Way Team's capacity and contractor availability.
Necessary other approvals	None required
Public or private land	The land is an Existing Public Right of Way and is an asset of Suffolk County Council. The Landowner across which the footpaths run has agreed, in principle, to allow cyclists.
State aid details if any	N/A
Details of future funding maintenance	This will be funded by Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way maintenance budget as required.

SCREENED (for possible s106 expenditure with the opportunity being taken to secure other funding if available)

BIDS SCREENED	ASSESSMENT
Must follow the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List)	Yes - It falls under the Walking and Cycling section of the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) and therefore complies with this criterion.
Can the infrastructure be provided using s106 funds	No
Is Bid complete	Yes – figures provided by Highways for the proposed works

Has information been verified	Yes.
Is this infrastructure linked to a major housing project which has priority?	No

PRIORITISATION (Using criteria from the CIL Expenditure)

PRIORITISATION CRITERIA	ASSESSMENT
Infrastructure necessary for an approved growth project (those with planning permission) in order that development carried out is sustainable.	No
Positively scores against provisions /objectives of Joint Corporate Plan and/or Joint Local Plan and/ or Infrastructure Strategies or other Babergh and Mid Suffolk strategies or external strategies Babergh and Mid Suffolk support and/or input into	<p>Yes.</p> <p>This project is specifically listed within the BMSDC's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) and during the LCWIP consultation exercise Eye Outdoors Group supported the change in designation to the existing footpath. They saw it as providing a safe access to Brome and Oakley avoiding the section of the B1077 which carries high volumes of HGV traffic. The project has the support of the Councils Sustainable Travel Officer.</p> <p>This project would support some of the strategic outcomes listed in the Councils Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy, particularly the Active Places and Spaces strategic theme through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and promote clear, safe routes that enable confident, active travel through early intervention into the planning stages of new development and through the councils' wider approach to sustainable travel. <p>The project would also support the Health Theme of BMSDC Wellbeing Strategy: "People will have a good mental and physical health throughout most of their lives, supported by the right opportunities, facilities and activities".</p>
It represents key infrastructure (essential)	No. This project is not critical or essential infrastructure in respect of the Councils Infrastructure Delivery Plan.
Value for money	Yes – This project will benefit from the knowledge and expertise Suffolk County Councils Public Rights of Way team who has delivered similar types of projects across the county.
Clear community benefits	This project will create a safe cycle route between Broome and Eye along a footpath that is already used. By upgrading the footpath and to change its designation to a bridleway will provide a safe

	route between the two locations, providing a greater opportunity for the use of a more sustainable method of transport.
Community support (including results of Consultation exercise.)	<p>Yes – The consultation event conducted in Eye Town Hall in September 2022 highlighted the desire of residents and visitors for the provision of a safe route for cyclist to travel between Broome and Eye.</p> <p>The Eye Outdoors Group supported a change in designation stating <i>“This track is currently being regularly used by cyclists to give safe access to Brome and Oakley avoiding the section of the B1077 which carries high volumes of HGV traffic from the A140 to the Mid Suffolk Business Park”</i></p> <p>The change in designation and upgrading of the footpath will allow this to happen.</p>
Deliverability (“oven ready” schemes)	Yes
Affordability (from CIL Funds)	Yes
Timeliness	Suffolk County Council’s Public Rights of Way team are hoping to start as soon as they have capacity, and the contractor is available.
By releasing CIL money can we achieve infrastructure provision through collaborative spend? (i.e., Infrastructure providers, Parish/Town Councils, Babergh and Mid Suffolk infrastructure provision, or LEP/Government funding)	<p>Total cost of the project (including VAT) £3,240</p> <p>Total eligible costs (excluding VAT – recoverable by SCC) = £2,700</p> <p>CIL Funding required: £2,700</p>
Community Bid – Funding percentage of Total Eligible project costs	This falls under the Walking and Cycling section of the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) and therefore complies with this criterion. 100% funding is therefore acceptable.
Supports housing and employment growth	No.
Have a package of measures been proposed and submitted which allow for ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure such that its longevity can be assured	Yes – it will be maintained as a Public Right of Way.

Must be based on the developing Infrastructure Delivery Plan unless circumstances dictate otherwise	<p>This project is listed in the current version of the Councils Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) and does support the themes and outcomes listed in several Council strategic documents.</p> <p>This project will improve local active travel connectivity, which is one of the key aims of the LCWIP. It also supports some of the strategic outcomes listed in the Councils Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy and Wellbeing Strategy.</p>
How does the proposal affect green infrastructure principles?	<p>This project will provide a safe route for cyclists along a footpath (to be changed to a bridleway) which will allow safer connectivity between Broome and Eye and hopefully reduce the number of cyclists needing to use a busy road.</p> <p>The project meets one of the key aims of the LCWIP.</p>
How does the project address green/sustainability principles/infrastructure?	As above
How does the project affect state aid implications?	N/A
How does the project affect security and safety in the community?	<p>At present, the footpath cannot be used by cyclists, and they must travel along a busy road. This project will provide a safe route for cyclist to travel between Broome and Eye.</p> <p>By changing the designation of the footpath, upgrading the surface and providing a safer route for cyclist, it will reduce the potential for accidents, improve connectivity between the two locations and hopefully encourage more residents to cycle rather than taking their car.</p>

CONCLUSIONS

- There is a Public footpath network running across Broome Hill, however it is currently not useable by cyclists. This project by upgrading the surface and changing the designation to a bridleway will allow cyclists to utilise this route thereby actively encouraging local residents and visitors to cycle for their short frequent journeys rather than travel by car.
- This project is proposed through partnership working between Suffolk County Council, Rights of Way & Access (who will be the lead) and the Sustainable Travel Officer for Mid Suffolk District Council. The project is supported members of the local community who see the benefit of having a safer route to cycle along rather than a busy road.

- This project will support the Councils joint aims towards achieving outcomes listed within the Councils LCWIP, Wellbeing and Community strategies and the District Council’s environmental goals and targets.
- This proposal represents an “oven ready” scheme with evidence of community support. The project will be funded through CIL, which will provide 100%of the eligible costs funded from the Local Infrastructure Fund.
- In view of the above the amount of CIL funding is regarded as an acceptable under the terms of the current CIL Expenditure Framework as this CIL Bid of £2,700 represents 100% of the total eligible project costs. This project has been delivered under the Walking and Cycling section within the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to Cabinet to note this delegated decision for this CIL Bid of £2,700 from the Local Infrastructure Fund.

Technical Assessment of Bid – M23-16 Suffolk County Council in partnership with Mid Suffolk District Council and supported by Walsham Le Willow Parish Council – Walsham Le Willows Palmer Street Footpath (from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund)

ASSESSMENT

Validation

VALIDATION	ASSESSMENT
Need /Justification	<p>The Walsham Le Willows Palmer Street Footpath is a project with Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way Team in partnership with the Councils Sustainable Travel Officer and supported by Walsham Le Willows Parish Council. The aim of the project is to provide a safe and segregated walking area for pedestrians along Palmer Street where there are gaps in the pavement/walking provision.</p> <p>Although there are pathways/pavements it is not continuous and there is no established safe walking provision for pedestrian to travel the length of Palmer Street. Currently, pedestrians are forced to walk along the roadside grass verge through the village which is not safe.</p> <p>It is a popular walking route used by residents, which contains a blind bend and no safe provision for pushchairs or wheelchairs to “pull over” if vehicles (including busses) come round the bend.</p>

	<p>The verge is used by residents to walk either through the village or to gain access to the centre of the village throughout the day and is heavily used by pedestrians and dogwalkers.</p> <p>With no dedicated walking area to ensure the safety of pedestrians, and a blind bend (although it is a 30mph zone) it presents a hazard for those who use it and is not safely accessible to all. The edge of the roadway in places is crumbling away and the grass verges do not provide an adequate platform to stand on if they need to leave the roadway because of traffic (and becomes very muddy in wet weather).</p> <p>As there is no continuous segregated walking area along Palmer Street and the blind bend, it is become increasingly unsafe for residents and visitors to use this route when walking.</p>
Delivery /timescales	As this project can be delivered by the Public Rights of Way team rather than Suffolk Highways it is anticipated that it can start as soon as the team has capacity and the contractor is available.
Necessary other approvals	None required
Public or private land	The land is a Public Highway (the carriageway of the road and some width either side) and belongs to Suffolk Highways and the project will be delivered by Suffolk County Council's Public Rights of Way Team.
State aid details if any	N/A
Details of future funding maintenance	Maintenance will be funded by existing Public Rights of Way or Highways maintenance budget as required

SCREENED (for possible s106 expenditure with the opportunity being taken to secure other funding if available)

BIDS SCREENED	ASSESSMENT
Must follow the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List)	Yes - It falls under the Walking and Cycling section of the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) and therefore complies with this criterion.
Can the infrastructure be provided using s106 funds	No
Is Bid complete	Yes – costings have been provided by Highways
Has information been verified	Yes.
Is this infrastructure linked to a major housing project which has priority?	No

PRIORITISATION (Using criteria from the CIL Expenditure)

PRIORITISATION CRITERIA	ASSESSMENT
Infrastructure necessary for an approved growth project (those with planning permission) in order that development carried out is sustainable.	No.
Positively scores against provisions /objectives of Joint Corporate Plan and/or Joint Local Plan and/ or Infrastructure Strategies or other Babergh and Mid Suffolk strategies or external strategies Babergh and Mid Suffolk support and/or input into	<p>Yes – the project scores positively against District Council objectives.</p> <p>This project is listed within the Councils Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). This project has the support of the Councils Sustainable Travel Officer, who believes this project will improve local active travel connectivity, which is one of the key aims of the LCWIP.</p> <p>This project would support some of the strategic outcomes listed in the Councils Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy, particularly the Active Places and Spaces strategic theme through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and promote clear, safe routes that enable confident, active travel through early intervention into the planning stages of new development and through the councils’ wider approach to sustainable travel. <p>This project would also support the Health Theme of the Councils Wellbeing Strategy: “People will have good mental and physical health throughout most of their lives, supported by the right opportunities, facilities and activities”.</p>
It represents key infrastructure (essential)	No. This project is not critical or essential infrastructure in respect of the Councils Infrastructure Delivery Plan.
Value for money	Yes – This project will benefit from the knowledge and expertise Public Rights of Way Team has in delivering similar types of projects across the county.
Clear community benefits	<p>There is no continuous pathway along Palmer Street and when traffic necessitates that pedestrians use the grass verges, it is unsuitable and unsafe for wheelchair users and those with pushchairs. The surface is uneven, contains trip hazards and becomes muddy and slippery in wet weather.</p> <p>This project will create a permanent, hard surface safe and segregated walking space along Palmer Street where there are gaps in the pavement/walking provision. This will enable local</p>

	people and visitors to travel through, and to the centre of, the village on foot and will be fully accessible to all.
Community support (including results of Consultation exercise.)	<p>his is an application from Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way Team in partnership with the Sustainable Travel Officer for Mid Suffolk District Council and is supported by Walsham Le Willows Parish Council and local residents.</p> <p>The consultation process (as part of the development of the Council's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) highlighted the need for the provision of a safe walking route along this stretch of road with:</p> <p><i>"Very popular walking route with no path but a blind bend. Dog bin in ditch always full so shows how much it is used and path is necessary. No where for pushchairs to pull over when cars & bus comes passed."</i></p> <p>Additional support was also received for this comment.</p>
Deliverability ("oven ready" schemes)	Yes
Affordability (from CIL Funds)	Yes
Timeliness	As soon as the Public Rights of Way team has capacity and contractor availability.
By releasing CIL money can we achieve infrastructure provision through collaborative spend? (i.e., Infrastructure providers, Parish/Town Councils, Babergh and Mid Suffolk infrastructure provision, or LEP/Government funding)	<p>Total cost of the project including VAT and design costs = £49,726.80</p> <p>Total eligible cost (excluding VAT – recoverable by SCC) = £41,439</p> <p>CIL funding required: £41,439</p>
Community Bid – Funding percentage of Total Eligible project costs	This falls under the Walking and Cycling section of the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) and therefore complies with this criterion.100% funding is therefore acceptable.
Supports housing and employment growth	No
Have a package of measures been proposed and submitted which allow for	The new/extended segregated walking space along Palmer Street will be maintained by existing Public Rights of Way or Highways maintenance budget as required.

ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure such that its longevity can be assured	
Must be based on the developing Infrastructure Delivery Plan unless circumstances dictate otherwise	<p>This project is listed in the current version of Councils Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP), and the project does support the themes and outcomes listed in several Council strategy documents.</p> <p>This project will improve local active travel connectivity, which is one of the key aims of the LCWIP. This project would also support some of the strategic outcomes listed in the Councils Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy and Wellbeing Strategy.</p>
How does the proposal affect green infrastructure principles?	<p>This project will provide a safe walking route along Palmer Street which will allow pedestrians to travel through, and to the centre of the village and hopefully reduce the number of short car journeys</p> <p>This project will improve local active travel connectivity, which is one of the key aims of the LCWIP</p>
How does the project address green/sustainability principles/infrastructure?	As above
How does the project affect state aid implications?	N/A
How does the project affect security and safety in the community?	<p>Currently there is no continuous footpath or safe pathway along Palmer Street. This is a heavily used route and contains a blind corner which necessitates pedestrians to use the grass verge. Although it is in a 30mph zone, it is not a safe route and by undertaking these works this issue will be overcome.</p> <p>By creating a safe, accessible, and continuous route along Palmer Street through, and to the centre of the village, it will improve connectivity across the village for residents and visitors and hopefully reduce the need for residents to use their cars for short journeys.</p>

CONCLUSIONS

- There is no continuous pathway along Palmer Street for pedestrians to use. The current route necessitates pedestrians using the grass verge when cars and other vehicles use the road or come round the blind bend. This is not safe and accessible for those in wheelchairs or using pushchairs. This project will create a permanent, hard surface continuous pathway that will enable local people and visitors to travel through, and to the centre of, the village by foot and provide safe way to do so.

- This project is a partnership project with Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way Team working with the Councils Sustainable Travel Officer and supported by Walsham Le Willows Parish Council and the local community. The project will benefit from the knowledge and expertise of Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way team who can bring the project together with its delivery. The aim of the project is to provide a safe and segregated walking area for pedestrians along Palmer Street where there are gaps in the pavement/walking provision
- This project will support the Councils joint aims towards achieving outcomes listed within the Councils LCWIP, Wellbeing and Community strategies and the District Council’s environmental goals and targets.
- This proposal represents an “oven ready” scheme with evidence of community support. The project will be funded through CIL with 100% of the eligible costs funded from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund.
- In view of the above the amount of CIL funding is regarded as an acceptable under the terms of the current CIL Expenditure Framework as this CIL Bid of £41,439 represents 100% of the total eligible project costs. This project has been delivered under the Walking and Cycling section within the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation for Cabinet to approve this CIL Bid of £41,439 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund.

Technical Assessment of Bid – Project M23-02 Improvements to Somersham Play Area (from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund)

ASSESSMENT

Validation

VALIDATION	ASSESSMENT
Need /Justification	Somersham & District Community Association is proposing to provide an improved play area in Somersham with a more diverse equipment range that meet the needs of a wider age group and abilities within the local community and surrounding areas. The proposal is for the addition of new pieces of additional play equipment.

	<p>Somersham & District Community Association monitors community views through a variety of means (public participation in Parish Council meetings and via various social media groups that identify local issues). This monitoring has identified the view held in the village that the play equipment provided is insufficient to meet a wide range of needs for local children and they would benefit from more diverse play equipment.</p> <p>The project will enable a wider range of individuals to access the facilities and with more diverse equipment offered. This project will also remove the current unsafe equipment on the site, which is currently unstable</p>
Delivery /timescales	Summer 2023 (once CIL funding is approved)
Necessary other approvals	The District Councils planning department has confirmed that no planning permission is required. Other funding for the project has been secured.
Public or private land	Freehold land
State aid details if any	There are no state aid concerns relating to this bid for CIL funding
Details of future funding maintenance	<p>Somersham & District Community Association currently completes the maintenance on both play areas and will continue to do so for the proposed equipment.</p> <p>Equipment will be inspected annually in line with current obligations and repairs.</p>

SCREENED (for possible s106 expenditure with the opportunity being taken to secure other funding if available)

BIDS SCREENED	ASSESSMENT
Must follow the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List)	Yes
Can the infrastructure be provided using s106 funds	None
Is Bid complete	Yes – Validation has taken place and all criteria has been met
Has information be verified	Yes
Is this infrastructure linked to a major housing project which has priority?	Yes

PRIORITISATION (Using criteria from the CIL Expenditure)

PRIORITISATION CRITERIA	ASSESSMENT
Infrastructure necessary for an approved growth project (those with planning permission) in order that development carried out is sustainable.	Yes
Positively scores against provisions /objectives of Joint Corporate Plan and/or Joint Local Plan and/ or Infrastructure Strategies or other Babergh and Mid Suffolk strategies or external strategies Babergh and Mid Suffolk support and/or input into	Yes – Community Provision. The aim is to provide more diverse play areas to support a wider age range of children and abilities, they are also utilised by a local childcare provider. This will help development of the children’s imagination as well as social and physical skills. These new facilities will help in supporting the health and wellbeing of children and adults alike.
It represents key infrastructure (essential)	No
Value for money	Yes – The Infrastructure team has worked with the applicant to ensure that the project is value for money and the most cost-effective quote has been used.
Clear community benefits	Yes – this project will provide newly upgraded play areas and will improve the age range and abilities that the equipment is able to be used by.
Community support (including results of Consultation exercise.)	Yes – the local residents requested that the play areas are upgraded to provide a greater range of equipment to support a wider age and ability range. This is a Somersham & District Community Association run project.
Deliverability (“oven ready” schemes)	The project is ready to begin once funding is approved.
Affordability (from CIL Funds)	Yes – The CIL Bid application is also funded via Parish Council Neighbourhood CIL. The Parish Council has advised that they will pick up any additional costs.
Timeliness	This project is ready to begin once funding is approved.
By releasing CIL money can we achieve infrastructure provision through collaborative spend? (i.e. Infrastructure providers, Parish/Town Councils, Babergh and Mid Suffolk infrastructure provision, or LEP/Government funding)	<p>The project is a collaborative between the District Council (CIL) and the Somersham & District Community Association using the Somersham Parish Council Neighbourhood CIL funds, District Cllr Locality monies and an MSDC Grant. All has been secured.</p> <p>Total cost of the project is £83,701.56.</p> <p>The CIL Bid Fund application is for £62,776.17</p>

Community Bid – Funding percentage of project	75% will be funded with CIL
Supports housing and employment growth	Yes – The upgraded play areas support families moving into the area and a local provider is undertaking the work
Have a package of measures been proposed and submitted which allow for ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure such that its longevity can be assured	Yes – Somersham & District Community Association will maintain and ensure the equipment is inspected to current guidelines and legislation.
Must be based on the developing Infrastructure Delivery Plan unless circumstances dictate otherwise	This project meets the CIL Expenditure Framework criteria and has been developed under the Community Infrastructure section under the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk.
How does the proposal affect green infrastructure principles?	The new equipment is being sourced using recycled materials.
How does the project address green/sustainability principles/infrastructure?	With additional and improved local facilities families will not have to travel by car to access play and outdoor facilities. The project will be looking to use sustainable materials which will ensure longevity
How does the project affect state aid implications?	No State aid concerns for this project
How does the project affect security and safety in the community?	The proposal will ensure that is a safe, age-appropriate play areas for children to play in the local area.

CONCLUSIONS

- Somersham & District Community Association after consultation with local residents are proposing to upgrade and provide additional equipment to widen the age range and abilities which these play areas cater for. Somersham & District Community Association will achieve this by installing new improved equipment which include new Climbing frame, Roundabout, Funrun Trail and swings. Using new sustainable materials to ensure longevity and equipment will ensure easier maintenance.
- Somersham & District Community Association has identified a need to ensure that the play areas provided for the local families offer the best facilities available and has taken the feedback from local residents on board when deciding to upgrade the play areas. The play areas also provide a place where a local childcare provider takes the children in their care to play encouraging social and physical skills. It is anticipated that with the provision of more age-appropriate equipment for under-fives it will ensure that these areas continue to be utilised not only by the local residents but also by those in the surrounding area.

- The amount of CIL funding is regarded as acceptable under the terms of the CIL Expenditure Framework as the CIL Bid is for £62,776.17 and represents 75% of the CIL eligible project costs. It lies within the community infrastructure thresholds of not exceeding £100,000 or 75% of the total costs. This project has been delivered under the Community Infrastructure section within the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to the Cabinet to approve the CIL Bid for £62,776.17 which is 75% of the total project costs from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund.

Technical Assessment of Bid – Project M23-19 Needham Market Scout Hut Project from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund

ASSESSMENT

Validation

VALIDATION	ASSESSMENT
Need /Justification	<p>1st Needham Market Scout Group and Needham Market Town Council are proposing a joint project to replace and expand the existing Scout Hut provision to ensure that the thriving group which serves the local community can continue to provide an organisation that offers a wide variety of activities and skills to enable young people to develop and thrive.</p> <p>The current building is a wooden prefab structure that has been in place since WW2 and is no longer fit for purpose. It cannot be expanded nor adapted to support the needs of those with physical disabilities who wish to join the Scouts organisation either as a Scout or a volunteer. With the replacement of this building with a new modern, larger, and safer facility that includes adaptations for individuals with disabilities will ensure that the community continues to benefit. It will also be built to modern structural and energy efficient standards.</p> <p>Once built, the new building can also be utilised by other community organisations and groups during the daytime and weekends, as the Scouts predominantly meet on evenings during the week. Its location near to Needham Lake and Camping Grounds, affords great opportunities for a variety of different activities.</p>

	As the population has grown in Needham by 50% over the last 10 years, there is a lack of activities for young people in the area and without the proposed project going ahead, then the Scout group will be unable to expand any further to offer more opportunities for young people. It is testament to the current group's leadership team in revitalising and expanding the Scout group even through the challenging period of lock down due to COVID.
Delivery /timescales	The project will commence once the CIL and S106 funding has been approved. The project is expected to take 6 months to complete, beginning in September 2023 and completed by February 2024.
Necessary other approvals	The remaining funding will be provided by the Town Council, Scouts Group and s106 funding. The District Councils planning department have confirmed that planning permission has been granted (DC/23/00647).
Public or private land	Leasehold land. The Landowner (Trustees of The Needham Market and Barking Welfare Committee Charities have granted a lease that is not due to expire until 24 th January 2122.
State aid details if any	There are no state aid concerns relating to this bid for CIL funding.
Details of future funding maintenance	The 1 st Needham Scouts Group will fund ongoing repairs, maintenance and operation costs through the income that is generated from an increase in number of members, private hire, from the group's own reserves and through fundraising, donations and applying to other sources for funding.

SCREENED (for possible s106 expenditure with the opportunity being taken to secure other funding if available)

BIDS SCREENED	ASSESSMENT
Must follow the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List)	Yes
Can the infrastructure be provided using s106 funds	Yes – s106 Developer Contributions Funding has been applied for and granted.
Is Bid complete	Yes – Validation has taken place and all criteria has been met.
Has information be verified	Yes
Is this infrastructure linked to a major housing project which has priority?	No

PRIORITISATION (Using criteria from the CIL Expenditure)

PRIORITISATION CRITERIA	ASSESSMENT
Infrastructure necessary for an approved growth project (those with planning permission) in order that development carried out is sustainable.	<p>No – However, by expanding the Scout Hub building, it will enable the Scouts to accommodate more young people, which will provide a safe, inclusive environment, where they can meet new people and develop new skills, hobbies and interests.</p> <p>This project will also help to support the sustainability of local housing growth, by providing an additional facility, which community groups and organisations will be able hire.</p>
Positively scores against provisions /objectives of Joint Corporate Plan and/or Joint Local Plan and/ or Infrastructure Strategies or other Babergh and Mid Suffolk strategies or external strategies Babergh and Mid Suffolk support and/or input into	<p>Yes – Community Provision. The aim is to provide a modern, safe building where the Scouts and other community groups and organisations can meet and provide a variety of different activities for young people.</p> <p>This new, improved, and expanded building will support a wider range of individuals within the community, including those with disabilities who, currently, are not able to be accommodate due to the age and design of the current prefab wooden hut.</p>
It represents key infrastructure (essential)	No
Value for money	Yes – The Infrastructure team has worked with the applicant to ensure that the project is value for money and that the most cost-effective quote has been used. The amount of CIL funding is £75,000.00 and represents 22.7% of the total project costs. It lies within the community infrastructure thresholds of not exceeding £100,000 and 75% of the total eligible costs.
Clear community benefits	Yes – This project will provide a new modern building which can not only be utilised by the Scout group (and now include members and volunteers with disabilities) but can also be used by other local and community groups, ensuring that it becomes a true community asset.
Community support (including results of Consultation exercise.)	Yes – With the growth in the local community (50% over the last 10 years), the need to provide activities for young people in the local area has increased. The numbers of young people joining the Scout group has increased over recent times and the current building is no longer fit for purpose. The project is being supported by the Town Council and the landowners who have extended the lease accordingly.

Deliverability (“oven ready” schemes)	The project is ready to begin once the funding is approved.
Affordability (from CIL Funds)	Yes – The CIL Bid application is also funded via Town Council Neighbourhood CIL, Scout Group funding and Section 106 funding.
Timeliness	The project is ready to begin once the funding is approved. The project is expected to take 6 months to complete, beginning in September 2023 and completed by February 2024.
By releasing CIL money can we achieve infrastructure provision through collaborative spend? (i.e. Infrastructure providers, Parish/Town Councils, Babergh and Mid Suffolk infrastructure provision, or LEP/Government funding)	<p>The project is a collaborative between the District Council (CIL), Town Council using their Neighbourhood CIL funds and reserves, Scout Group and section 106 funding.</p> <p>The total cost of the project is £329,490</p> <p>Town Council and Scout Group Contribution £19,490</p> <p>Section 106 - £235,000</p> <p>The CIL Bid Fund application is for £75,000</p>
Community Bid – Funding percentage of project	22.7% will be funded with CIL.
Supports housing and employment growth	N/A
Have a package of measures been proposed and submitted which allow for ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure such that its longevity can be assured	Yes – The Scouts Group will fund ongoing repairs, maintenance and operation costs through the income that is generated from an increase in number of members, private hire, from the group’s own reserves and through fundraising, donations and applying to other sources for funding.
Must be based on the developing Infrastructure Delivery Plan unless circumstances dictate otherwise	This project meets the CIL Expenditure Framework criteria and has been developed under the Community Infrastructure section under the Infrastructure Funding Statement (infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk.
How does the proposal affect green infrastructure principles?	N/A

How does the project address green/sustainability principles/infrastructure?	The project will deliver an environmentally and energy efficient building.
How does the project affect state aid implications?	No State aid concerns for this project
How does the project affect security and safety in the community?	It will provide a modern, well-designed building to provide a base for a wide variety of activities for young people attending Scouts and other organisations which should contribute to reducing anti-social behaviour and promoting more community benefits.

CONCLUSIONS

- The 1st Needham Market Scout Group together with Needham Market Town Council are proposing a joint project to build a new Scout Hut to provide a modern, larger and more versatile building. The current wooden prefab WW2 era structure is limited and prevents certain members of the local community (those with disabilities) being able to properly access it. With the expansion of the Scout group, which has continued to grow both in terms of members and volunteers despite COVID, now means that the current building is unable to support the Scouts adequately.
- A new, purpose-built large Scout Hut will enable the Scouts to continue to offer even more activities and skills that young people can take forward and developed as they go through life. More members and volunteers can join, and it will allow other community groups and organisations to use the building during the day and at weekends when not in use by the Scouts. Its proximity to Needham Lake and Camping Ground affords even more opportunities for groups wanting to hire the building.
- The local community can only benefit from this project and as Needham Market's population continues to expand, it will offer a much-needed resource to support the young people in the local area as there is currently a lack of activities for young people. This in turn will help alleviate any anti-social behaviour that can arise when young people are not actively catered for.
- The amount of CIL funding is regarded as acceptable under the terms of the CIL Expenditure Framework as the CIL Bid of £75,000 represents 22.7% of the total project costs. It lies within the community infrastructure thresholds of not exceeding £75,000 and 75% of the total costs. This project has been delivered under the Community Infrastructure section within the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to Cabinet to approve the CIL Bid for £75,000 which is 22.7% of the total eligible project costs from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund.
