

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

Technical Assessment of Bid – Project M 23-12 Stradbroke Leisure Centre Changing Places Facility (from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund - Stradbroke)

ASSESSMENT

Validation

VALIDATION	ASSESSMENT
Need /Justification	This project will see a Changing Places Facility built within the Stradbroke Leisure Centre refurbishing the current accessible toilet and changing room into an improved equipped facility. The project is a bathroom facility designed to include specialist equipment such as a height adjustable changing bench, peninsular toilet, ceiling tracked hoist and shower. This space will provide accessibility and extra equipment and space to allow use of these facilities for people with profound multiple learning disabilities or with physical disabilities such as spinal injuries, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis. This project will mean that the Leisure Centre can be accessed by all benefitting health and wellbeing inclusively. The nearest Changing Places Facilities are located in Diss, Bungay and Needham Market so no provision is currently being provided to serve the rural areas of Mid Suffolk; this project will help to address this shortfall.
Delivery /timescales	Start date once CIL funding is approved. Due to Government funding this facility must be built and registered by March 2024.
Necessary other approvals	No planning permission required
Public or private land	Leasehold – The Parish Council are the freeholder. Mid Suffolk District Council hold the lease. Everyone Active manage the site on behalf of Mid Suffolk District Council.
State aid details if any	There are no state aid concerns relating to this bid for CIL funding.
Details of future funding maintenance	.As part of the financial agreement between MSDC and Everyone Active, Everyone Active have agreed to be responsible for the ongoing cleaning, maintenance, and servicing for the lifetime of the Changing Places Facility.

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 - Provision of infrastructure of leisure and community facilities
Can the infrastructure be provided using s106 funds	No Section 106 available.
Is Bid complete	Yes – Validation has taken place and all criteria has been met.
Has information be verified	Yes – Validation complete
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 Mid Suffolk Plan (setting out a vision approach and strategic priorities) and/or the Councils 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 – this project will provide facilities to improve accessibility for communities for health and wellbeing.
It represents key infrastructure (essential)	No
Value for money	Yes – Only one quote received through a tender process. Quote received lower than estimate provided with CIL bid application.

Clear community benefits	Yes – Accessibility for all. The facility will be available regardless of whether the leisure centre facilities are accessed or not.
Community support (including results of Consultation exercise.)	Yes – The Disability Forum, who represent members of the community with disabilities have been consulted on the project. They are supportive and have encouraged the installation of this facility at this location. Changing Places Fund and MDUK have awarded £55,000 of DLUHC money to support this project due to its appropriate location allowing opportunities for the community to access leisure facilities and green space. Consultation has taken place with local Councillors and Parish Council in accordance with the CIL Expenditure Framework. Councillor - SCC Cllr Peter Gould Councillor – MSDC Cllr Anders Linder Stradbroke Parish Council
Deliverability (“oven ready” schemes)	Yes
Affordability (from CIL Funds)	Yes – Collaborative spend with monies received from Changing Places Fund (DLUHC)
Timeliness	The project is ready to begin once the 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)	The project is a collaborative spend between the District Council (CIL) and Changing Places Funding through DLUHC. The total cost of the project is £61,381.00. DLUHC funding £51,391.00 The CIL Bid Fund application is for £9,990.00
Community Bid – Funding percentage of project	15% will be funded with District 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 – Everyone Active have agreed to cover the ongoing costs for the lifetime of the facility. This is within a clause in the financial agreement between MSDC and Everyone Active.

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?	N/A
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?	N/A

CONCLUSIONS

- This project will see a Changing Places Facility built within the Stradbroke Leisure Centre refurbishing the current accessible toilet and changing room into an improved equipped facility. The project is a bathroom facility designed to include specialist equipment such as a height adjustable changing bench, peninsular toilet, ceiling tracked hoist and shower. This space will provide accessibility and extra equipment and space to allow use of these facilities for people with profound multiple learning disabilities or with physical disabilities such as spinal injuries, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis. This project will mean that the Leisure Centre can be accessed by all benefitting health and wellbeing inclusively. The nearest Changing Places Facilities are located in Diss, Bungay and Needham Market so no provision is currently being provided to serve the rural areas of Mid Suffolk; this project will help to address this shortfall.
- This project and the amount of District CIL funding is regarded as acceptable under the terms of the CIL Expenditure Framework as the CIL Bid of £9,990.00 represents 16% of the total eligible project costs. It lies within the community infrastructure thresholds of not exceeding £100,000 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 note this delegated decision for this CIL Bid for £9,990.00 which is 15% of the total eligible project costs of the project from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund.

Technical Assessment of Bid – Project M23-22 Badwell Ash Playground Project Stage 2 (from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund – Badwell Ash)

ASSESSMENT

Validation

VALIDATION	ASSESSMENT
Need /Justification	<p>Badwell Ash Parish Council successfully completed in 2019 Stage 1 of this project at Alfred le Grice Playing Field providing 6 pieces of play equipment for children aged 2-12 years. Badwell Ash Parish Council are now planning Stage 2, constructing a second site alongside Stage 1. Therefore, Badwell Ash Parish Council are proposing to provide a further play area with more diverse equipment that meets the needs of a wider age group and abilities within the local community and surrounding areas. The proposal is for the addition of 4 new pieces of adult exercise equipment, 1 table tennis table and 1 basketball hoop/stand.</p> <p>The Parish Council monitors community views through a variety of means (public participation in Parish Council meetings, a face-to-face survey at the Summer Fete in 2019, Badwell Ash website, and bi-monthly village newsletter – the Badwell Broadsheet 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/adults 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.</p>
Delivery /timescales	The project aims to start once CIL funding is approved.
Necessary other approvals	<p>The remaining funding is being provided by the Parish Council and Section 106 monies.</p> <p>The District Councils planning department has confirmed that no new planning permission is required.</p> <p>Environmental Health have no objections.</p>

	Public Realm have no objections; however, they have also stated – <i>“to ensure the play company they are intending to use is a member of the appropriate professional bodies and the play equipment is inspected after installation by an independent RPII registered inspector.”</i> In this case it is understood that the play equipment is being sourced from a play specialist and the contractor (who erected phase 1 of the Parish Councils play equipment) will erect it. The play equipment (in this phase) will be inspected annually (paid for by the Parish Council) so this matter has been satisfactorily addressed.
Public or private land	Freehold land (owned by 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	Badwell Ash Parish Council maintain the play equipment in the play areas and will continue to do so going forward. Equipment will be inspected annually in line with current obligations and repairs funded by the Parish Council 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
Can the infrastructure be provided using s106 funds	Yes - £3605.60
Is Bid complete	Yes
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 the Mid Suffolk Plan (setting out a vision approach and	Yes – Community Provision. The new equipment will continue to help to support the health and wellbeing of children and adults alike.

strategic priorities) and/or the Councils 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	
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. The amount of CIL funding is £8,502.40 and represents 24% of the total eligible project costs. It lies within the community infrastructure thresholds of not exceeding £100,000 and 75% of total eligible project costs.
Clear community benefits	Yes – this project will improve the age range and abilities that the equipment is able to be used by.
Community support (including results of Consultation exercise.)	Yes – local residents have fully supported Badwell Ash Parish Council constructing play areas where there had been no recreation or leisure facilities previously. The Parish Council monitors community views through a variety of means. This is a Parish Council 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 and Section 106 monies.
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 project between the District Council (CIL), Section 106 monies and the Parish Council using their Neighbourhood CIL funds.</p> <p>Total cost of the project is £35,943.50 (excluding VAT).</p> <p>Section 106 monies £3,605.95 Parish Council Contribution £23,835.15</p> <p>The CIL Bid Fund application is for £8,502.40</p>
Community Bid – Funding percentage of project	24% will be funded with CIL
Supports housing and employment growth	Yes – The upgraded play area support families moving into the area and a local provider is installing the equipment.

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 Parish Council 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 within the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk.
How does the proposal affect green infrastructure principles?	The chosen contractor is locally based in Walsham Le Willows
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/adults to play in the local area.

CONCLUSIONS

- Badwell Ash Parish Council after consultation with local residents are proposing to provide additional equipment to widen the age range and abilities which these play areas cater for. The Parish Council will achieve this by installing new improved equipment which includes four new pieces of adult exercise equipment, one table tennis table and one basketball hoop/stand. The scheme comprises new sustainable materials to ensure longevity and equipment will afford easier maintenance.
- Badwell Ash Parish Council 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. It is anticipated that with the provision of more age-appropriate equipment for children and adults 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 £8,502.40 and represents 24% of the CIL total eligible project costs. It lies within the community infrastructure thresholds of not exceeding £100,000

or 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 to Cabinet to note this delegated decision for this CIL Bid for £8,502.40 which is 24% of the total eligible project costs from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund

Technical Assessment of Bid – Project M23-31 Stradbroke Health Centre Improvements additional bid to cover increased costs of energy efficiency project (from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund - Stradbroke)

ASSESSMENT

Validation

VALIDATION	ASSESSMENT
Need /Justification	<p>This project is a new CIL Bid linked to an earlier CIL Bid reference M22-26; this earlier project has been completed on site. However, the project came in at a higher cost than previously budgeted for as there has been a cost increase overall and also because as it has been necessary to consider the use of batteries to support the solar panels provided as part of the earlier scheme. This CIL Bid therefore seeks to cover part of the additional increase in costs of the energy efficiency project including the inclusion of batteries to support the solar panels.</p> <p>The initial project is part of a larger scheme which has provided for improvements and expansion of the Stradbroke Health Centre. Part of the Health Centre is owned by the Parish Council and it is this part of the building which is being improved. District CIL is assisting with the improvements to the energy efficiency of the health centre and its extension.</p> <p>These improvements include new solar panels, roof lighting and upgrading of the current heating system. These will futureproof the Health Centre, improve its sustainability and lower its energy costs. Overall, these works will enhance the user experience for staff and patients who work in and use the health centre.</p>

	<p>These works encompass the use of sustainable materials resulting in an ener4gy efficiency project.</p> <p>This additional bid will cover the increased cost of providing the energy efficiency project, as the original quote did not cover the required specification (battery requirement), and the need for this component was not evident until a full survey was undertaken when the project commenced. The funding requested will enable the Parish Council to complete the works.</p>
Delivery /timescales	The earlier project has been undertaken and this CIL Bid is to address increased costs together with the cost of batteries to support storage from the solar panels.
Necessary other approvals	Planning permission is not required and falls under Permitted Development. The Project is subject to Building Regulation approval being obtained.
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	Stradbroke Parish Council will continue to maintain the site as they own the building.

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 - Provision of infrastructure by the community.
Can the infrastructure be provided using s106 funds	No Section 106 available.
Is Bid complete	Yes – Validation has taken place and all criteria has been met.
Has information be verified	Yes – Validation complete
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	No

permission) in order that development carried out is sustainable.	
Positively scores against provisions /objectives of the Mid Suffolk Plan (setting out a vision approach and strategic priorities) and/or the Councils 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 and Health Provision. To improve the energy efficiency of the building enabling the medical practice to reduce its carbon footprint in line with the Council's climate aims.
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, to make the building more energy efficient with equipment of a higher specification and battery capacity. The amount of CIL funding is £7,684.00 and represents 100% of the total project costs. This percentage will recompense the previous bid.
Clear community benefits	Yes – This project will improve the Health provision for the local and wider communities
Community support (including results of Consultation exercise.)	Yes – A public consultation was held and there were no adverse comments received
Deliverability (“oven ready” schemes)	The project has begun.
Affordability (from CIL Funds)	Yes
Timeliness	The project is ready to be completed.

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>Funding:</p> <p>Increased Project Costs - £24,100.00 (excluding VAT) CIL Contribution (M22-26) - £12,312.00 (figure from original bid) Stradbroke Parish Council - £4,104.00 (figure from original bid)</p> <p>Amount being applied for from CIL: £7,684.00</p>
Community Bid – Funding percentage of project	100% can be funded by CIL as improvements for a health facility
Supports housing and employment growth	Yes – The new Health provision will support current and new residents to the area.
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 Parish Council and Health organisations will maintain the parts of the building that they own.
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?	This project will look to reduce the carbon footprint of the Health Centre and energy costs in general.
How does the project address green/sustainability principles/infrastructure?	Through the purchase of the solar photovoltaic system including onsite battery storage the Health Centre will be able to generate its own electrical power, further reducing the carbon footprint of the facility.
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 Health Centre has security systems on site and is locked up each evening.

CONCLUSIONS

- Stradbroke Parish Council own part of the Stradbroke Health Centre and are delivering a multi-phase project to extend and improve the energy efficiency of the Health Centre. The first phase will extend the Health Centre and District CIL is supporting the energy improvement phase of the project. This phase is delivering new Solar Panels, Roof Lights and improved heating systems.
- This will enhance the energy efficiency of the site and lower the energy costs for the centre. Overall decreasing the carbon footprint of the centre. Improving the user experience of the site for staff and patients who use the health provision in Stradbroke.
- This project has support from both the Integrated Care Board as well as residents of the community.
- The amount of CIL funding relating to increased costs arising from an earlier CIL Bid is regarded as acceptable under the terms of the CIL Expenditure Framework as the CIL Bid of £7,684.00 relating to health infrastructure represents 100% of the total eligible project costs. This project has been delivered under the Health Infrastructure section within the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) for Mid Suffolk.

RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation to Cabinet is to note the delegated decision for CIL Bid for £7,684.00 (relating to increased costs arising from an earlier CIL Bid for health infrastructure and additional storage batteries to support solar panels) and represents 100% of the total eligible project costs from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund (subject to Building Regulations approval).

Technical Assessment of Bid – M23-21 – Walsham Le Willows Memorial Hall Solar Panels (from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund - Walsham Le Willows)

ASSESSMENT

Validation

VALIDATION	ASSESSMENT
Need /Justification	The Memorial Hall Committee was established in 1952 and is proposing to install an alternative source of energy in the form of a solar photovoltaic system including onsite battery storage. Having

seen their electricity supply costs increase threefold over the last year, they now wish to proceed with a plan to install an alternative energy source, which will ultimately address cost issues and provide a better internal environment for Hall users.

The Memorial Hall provides a central facility where members of the community of all ages can meet and pursue activities which enhance individual lives and permit the development of group interests through social, educational and leisure programmes/activities.

Their objectives are:

- To further develop the existing strong sense of community
- To reduce the impact of rural isolation – being situated away from main A and B class roads and 12 miles distant from Diss, Thetford, Stowmarket and Bury St Edmunds, the nearest towns
- To provide local services and amenities and reduce the need to access, by bus or car, those further away.
- To develop a more vibrant, self-sufficient and sustainable community.

The Memorial Hall is a hub for community-based activities, and it is used daily by a wide range of people from the local community. Activities include weekly coffee shop and satellite Post Office, weekly Warm Hub in the winter months, parent & toddlers, table tennis, martial arts and keep fit classes, monthly community lunch, regular drama and musical events, community cinema, private parties and wedding receptions plus various regular meetings including Parish Council and other social events. The Memorial Hall is also the village's designated Community Emergency Centre in the event of any sort of emergency.

The Memorial Hall was constructed in 1958 and was built with preformed concrete blocks around a steel framework with a metal roof. Over the intervening years the building has been maintained and redeveloped.

The key changes over the last 12 years being-

- Rear extension and accessible shower/toilet
- Redevelopment of main toilets
- Energy Efficiency Project comprising re-insulation of internal walls and ceiling, double glazing of windows, installation of LED lighting and infra-red heating.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment of kitchen and all equipment.
Delivery /timescales	Once CIL funding is approved
Necessary other approvals	The remaining funding is being provided by Initial Capital Stake from Own Reserves and Charitable Donations. The District Councils Planning Department has confirmed that no new planning permission is required. Building Regulation approval has been sought.
Public or private land	Freehold land owned by the Memorial Hall Registered Charity 304950 (Trust Deed)
State aid details if any	There are no state aid concerns relating to this bid for CIL funding
Details of future funding maintenance	The installation of photovoltaic solar panels and battery storage will effectively mark the end of the redevelopment plan for the Memorial Hall. Focus thereafter will be on regular maintenance and minor repair work to keep it fit for purpose. The only significant element of work envisaged over the next 5 years is the resurfacing of the car park for which the Charity have been earmarking £1,000 a year since 2019. Operationally the Memorial Hall is financially sustainable for the foreseeable future based on current management accounts and reserves held.

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 – Provision of leisure and community facilities
Can the infrastructure be provided using s106 funds	N/A
Is Bid complete	Yes – Validation has taken place and all criteria has been met.
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.	N/A
Positively scores against provisions /objectives of the Mid Suffolk Plan (setting out a vision approach and strategic priorities) and/or the Councils 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.</p> <p>The Memorial Hall will have the ability to generate and store its own energy, which will further reduce the buildings carbon footprint and keep hirer costs at the lowest possible level.</p> <p>Therefore, this project will support the following outcomes of Babergh and Mid Suffolk Districts Council’s Corporate Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Babergh and Mid Suffolk have a low carbon footprint • Babergh and Mid Suffolk are healthier, safer and sustainable places • Communities have the capacity and are supported and empowered – with the infrastructure to maximise opportunities and thrive. <p>This project will also contribute towards outcomes listed in Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council’s Communities Strategy, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with community organisers to develop and sustain projects that improve people’s lives, through advice, funding and connection • Invest in our community facilities for the future and ensure they are accessible and used. <p>The Memorial Hall is a designated Emergency Rest Centre and this project will ensure that Walsham Le Willows Parish Council has the capability of fully supporting the local residents and emergency services in the event of a failure of the main supply.</p>
It represents key infrastructure (essential)	No
Value for money	<p>Yes – The Charity has undertaken a competitive tender process.</p> <p>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. The amount of CIL funding is £21,769.68 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 eligible project costs</p>

<p>Clear community benefits</p>	<p>Yes – The Memorial Hall as indicated above is already well established as a community hub and the delivery of the Solar Energy Project will reduce financial overheads and improve the ongoing sustainability of this important rural amenity. The programme of activities that the Memorial Hall provides helps residents to keep fit and active, provides opportunities to explore new interests and hobbies, brings member of the community together, reduce social isolation and promote physical and mental wellbeing.</p> <p>Without the Memorial Hall residents would have to travel significant distances to access similar types of activities and the village would lose a focal point.</p> <p>Through generating more income through bookings and hiring and saving money through reduced energy bills, the Charity hope to keep hire costs to a minimum and safeguard the long-term future of the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>This project will ensure that the Walsham Le Willows Memorial Hall has full capability to operate as an Emergency Rest Centre in the event of failure of the mains supply especially as UK Power Networks no longer support generator provisions.</p>
<p>Community support (including results of Consultation exercise.)</p>	<p>Yes – upon completion, this project will benefit all of the current and future users. Out of the current village population of 1257 it is estimated that over a 12-month period approximately half of this number will use the facilities afforded by the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>This project has been instigated by the Memorial Hall Charity board of trustees in order to further improve the green credentials and to reduce energy costs to help ensure the ongoing sustainability of this vital community asset for the benefit of all users.</p> <p>The Walsham le Willows Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2037 was approved by the Parish Council in April 2023 with a public referendum on 21st November 2023. This plan recognises the need for renewable energy development within the community and that solar is the most likely option to arise in the short term (section 10.39 - Policy WLW13: Renewable energy/solar).</p> <p>The project is supported by the Parish Council and endorsed by Councillor Richard Winch the MSDC District Councillor.</p>

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 Initial Capital Stake from the Memorial Hall Reserves and Local fundraising and charitable donations. The Charity have advised that they will pick up any additional costs.
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 providers, Parish/Town Councils, Babergh and Mid Suffolk infrastructure provision, or LEP/Government funding)	Total eligible project costs £28,450.24 (including VAT) Initial Capital Stake from own reserves £4,612.56 SCC Cllr Locality Grant £1,000.00 MSDC Cllr Locality Grant £1,500.00 The CIL Bid Fund application is for £21,337.68
Community Bid – Funding percentage of Total Eligible project costs	75% will be funded with CIL
Supports housing and employment growth	Yes – The Memorial Hall provides a range of different events and activities, which keep residents mentally and physically active, provide opportunities to socialise and hold community events, which brings people together. Without the Memorial Hall, residents would have to travel to access similar activities/services.
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 – Operationally the Memorial Hall is financially sustainable for the foreseeable future based on current management accounts and reserves held.
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 improvement would be a significant betterment of the existing source of energy supply.
How does the project address green/sustainability principles/infrastructure?	Through the purchase of the solar photovoltaic system including onsite battery storage the Memorial Hall will be able to generate its own electrical power, further reducing the carbon footprint of the facility.
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?	This project will ensure that Walsham Le Willows Memorial Hall can operate as a fully functioning Emergency Rest Centre in the event of an emergency. This benefits not only the residents but the emergency services responding to any emergency.
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CONCLUSIONS

- This project will enable Walsham Le Willows Memorial Hall Charity to update the hall roof with a solar photovoltaic system including onsite battery storage. These improvements will reduce the building's own energy efficiency, enable the building to maintain a comfortable environment for Hall users and the Hall will be able to generate its own electrical power and reduce its running costs. This project will make the Hall a more attractive venue for community groups and organisations, which will generate more income for the Memorial Hall, but also reducing running costs, the Memorial Hall Charity will be able to keep hire costs as low as possible and available to as many residents as possible. This project will contribute towards Mid Suffolk Council's Climate Change goals and objectives.
- The installation of solar photovoltaic system including onsite battery storage will ensure that when a major incident occurs, the Hall can fully operate as an Emergency and Rest Centre hub and provide all the necessary facilities (light, heat and hot food) to residents of Walsham Le Willows and the surrounding communities who might be evacuated to the Hall following any significant incident.
- The amount of CIL funding is regarded as acceptable under the terms of the CIL Expenditure Framework as the CIL Bid of £21,377.68 represents 75% of the total eligible project costs. It lies within the community infrastructure thresholds 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 to Cabinet to approve CIL Bid for £21,337.68 from the Ringfenced Infrastructure Fund (Walsham Le Willows).

Technical Assessment of Bid – Project M23-25 Crowfield Village Hall Multi Use Sports Area (from Local Infrastructure Fund)

ASSESSMENT

Validation

VALIDATION	ASSESSMENT
Need /Justification	<p>Crowfield Parish Council is proposing to provide a Multi-Use Sports Area, in place of their current under-used Basketball Court. The current Basketball court is in poor condition and no longer fit for purpose and the installation of a multi-use sports area would provide a more useable space to promote sport/leisure and wellbeing provisions in the local community.</p> <p>The Parish Council, after feedback from the community in general conversations, decided to conduct an online survey to gain the local residents views on what they would like. The consensus was that there was a lack of community all weather sports/fitness facilities within the local area and that having a facility would encourage fitness, improve mental health and provide a facility that could be used by all the community.</p> <p>The project would enable a wide range of sports to be played on the area including football, tennis, basketball, netball, cricket amongst other team games. A sound damping rebound fence would be erected with high recessed goals and basketball hoops which would be adjustable to suit different age ranges.</p> <p>This project would provide a facility that would be available to all to use (adults and children) and would focus on multiple sporting activities rather than just one (as the under-used Basketball Court currently does). The health and wellbeing of the local community (and surrounding areas) would be improved by this facility and it would utilise an area that currently has little usage because of its poor state of repair and ability to only be used for one type of game. The introduction of this multi-use sports area would support the development of children’s social and team skills.</p>
Delivery /timescales	March 2024 (once CIL funding is approved)
Necessary other approvals	The remaining funding is being provided by the Parish Council and s106 funds. The District Councils planning department has confirmed that no planning permission is required.
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	Crowfield Parish Council, through the Village Hall Management Committee, will maintain the area and the annual safety inspection will be added to those that are currently carried out. The area has been designed to be very low maintenance and requiring minimal care.
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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	Partially - s106 funds have been secured to the sum of £19,461.70
Is Bid complete	Yes
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 the Mid Suffolk Plan (setting out a vision approach and strategic priorities) and/or the Councils 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 – Health facilities, leisure and Community Provision. The aim is to provide an area that can be used for multiple sports that benefit both children and adults alike. The current under-used facility does not meet the requirements of the local community and by providing a more diverse multi use area, it will help development of the children’s social and physical skills (including team building) and will be able to be used all year round. The new facility will help in supporting the health and wellbeing of children and adults alike.

It represents key infrastructure (essential)	No
Value for money	Yes – the Village Hall Management Committee obtained multi quotes and undertook comparisons with other installations which show that the project is value for money. The most cost-effective quote has been used to meet the aims of the local community
Clear community benefits	Yes – this project will provide a multi-use games area on a location that currently only has a basketball court. It will provide wellbeing, leisure and physical activities benefits for both children and adults and the site can be used all year round.
Community support (including results of Consultation exercise.)	Yes – fully supported by the local residents (through a survey, face-to-face consultation, social media and on the Parish Notice board). The survey resulted in over 100 responses with 80% agreeing with the proposed project and 70% stating that they would use the facility. This is a Parish Council 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 and s106 secured funding.
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), Parish Council using their Neighbourhood CIL funds and s106 funds.</p> <p>Total cost of the project is £50,006.55 (net cost as VAT reclaimable)</p> <p>S106 Funding: £19,461.70</p> <p>The rest of the funding package is from Neighbourhood CIL that the Parish has held for this project. £3,262.70</p> <p>The CIL Bid Fund application is for £27,282.15.</p>
Community Bid – Funding percentage of project	54.6% will be funded with CIL
Supports housing and employment growth	Yes – the installation of a multi-use games area will support those moving into the area making it more attractive
Have a package of measures been proposed and submitted which allow for	Yes – The Parish Council will maintain and ensure that the annual safety inspection is

ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure such that its longevity can be assured	carried out in accordance with 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 Babergh.
How does the proposal affect green infrastructure principles?	Most of the materials used in the construction of this multi-used games area are recycled, have a long life span and is going to replace a sports area that is under-used because of its poor state and will provide additionality.
How does the project address green/sustainability principles/infrastructure?	With the addition of all-weather sports/fitness facility it will encourage the local community to use it without the need to travel further afield.
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 provide health, leisure and community facilities that the local residents have indicated that they wish to have. It will be a facility that will encourage fitness, improve mental health whilst providing a safe environment for all generations.

CONCLUSIONS

- Crowfield Parish Council after consultation with local residents are proposing to install a new multi-use games area where the current basketball court is located and the back of the Village Hall. The current basketball court is under-used due to its limited usage and poor state of repair. With the installation of the multi-use games area that can be used all year round, the Parish Council are addressing a need that has been identified through consultation with local residents (via social media, face to face and through an online survey). The facility will cater for all generations and provide health and wellbeing benefits. Most of the material used in the construction will be recycled and have a long lifespan and will be low maintenance and on a location that is already set out as a sports area.
- Parish Council, via its consultation with local residents, have identified that this project is needed and wanted. It will provide an all year round facility and provide a focal point to support the development of children's social and team skills It will provide a space that adults can use as well and also a facility that has many different uses from football, volleyball, basketball and tennis for example (the suggestion is that up to 10 different team games can be played on this area). It will also benefit communities in the surrounding area as is located behind the local Village Hall that already has sufficient car parking space and is easily accessible.

- The amount of CIL funding is regarded as acceptable under the terms of the CIL Expenditure Framework as the CIL Bid is for £27,282.15 and represents 54.6% 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 Babergh.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to Cabinet to approve the CIL Bid for £27,282.15 which is 54.6% of the total eligible project costs from the Local Infrastructure Fund.

Technical Assessment of Bid – New Pioneering Paths at Thornham Walks (from the Local Infrastructure Fund).

ASSESSMENT

Validation

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Need /Justification	<p>This project is being proposed by Friends of Thornham Walks and seeks to modernise an existing worn-out, pot-holed, and fissured tarmac surfaced footpath pavement, using this as a sub-base/foundation, and covering it with the next generation of improved walking surface which is improved in width safer and conducive to increased levels of walking for visitors, whilst boasting many green credentials. The new surface will also benefit visitors with disabilities who use wheelchairs and similar transport, as well as families with prams and buggies, and for whom a high-quality surfaced footpath is essential.</p> <p>There are few surfaced footpaths, accessible-for-all, across Babergh and Mid Suffolk districts.</p> <p>Thornham Walks was created forty years ago as a network of pathways on the Thornham Estate, whose premise was making countryside and nature accessible to all. All projects have focused on working in harmony with nature, with principles of sustainability, environmental awareness,</p>

	<p>and access to all.</p> <p>Visitor numbers have exceeded expectations, with visits in 2023 at approximately 60K, creating increased burden on both the surfaced footpath (tarmac). The introduction of a 'parkrun' in June 2023 attracts 150+ visitors every Saturday morning. It is expected increased numbers as the site becomes more publicised.</p> <p>A new pavement surface will add 'additionality' by creating a safer surface for walking on, which is less taxing on the joints, more suited to those living with dementia, whilst encouraging increased numbers of people to walk, and to walk further and for longer, using a surface that minimises environmental impact.</p> <p>The project will build a new pavement over the existing surfaced path, 1.5km long and varies in width from 1.5m to 2.2m. The minimum calculated size of the surfaced footpath is 2,250sq m.</p> <p>Other factors affecting the current tarmac surfaced footpath are the natural growth of trees. They have caused structural issues making sections of the footpath potentially unsafe for certain sectors the population. Climate change effects such as the increasingly hot temperatures and flooding have helped decrease the 'shelf life' of the tarmac pavement. Webbing covered in the new flexible walking surface will allow trees and their roots to be accommodated as they grow.</p>
Delivery /timescales	Deliverability aims within the specified 8 months, subject to weather conditions being appropriate.
Necessary other approvals	Planning Permission and Building Regulation Approval is not required.
Public or private land	Private land (permission given by the landowner for the project). Legal agreement allowing for the use of the land (and footpath) has been drafted and is nearing completion committing Thornham Estate to the use of the site by all including this footpath for Thornham Walks for the next 25 years.
State aid details if any	None relevant
Details of future funding maintenance	The Thornham Settled Estate will take on the ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure permanently. It is expected the ongoing maintenance costs will be reduced because of implementing a more robust walking surface that suffers less damage due to weathering.

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 community infrastructure section of the CIL Expenditure Framework and the Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List) and complies with all criteria.
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 the Mid Suffolk Plan (setting out a vision approach and strategic priorities) and/or the Councils 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. This project falls under the community infrastructure section of the CIL Infrastructure Framework and the Councils Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure List). The project complies with all criteria. 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".
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 – Friends of Thornham Walks have undertaken a competitive tender process.

	<p>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. The amount of CIL funding is £100,000.00 and represents the maximum amount of CIL funding allowed for a community project. It lies within the community infrastructure thresholds of not exceeding £100,000 or 75% of the total eligible project costs</p>
<p>Clear community benefits</p>	<p>The purpose of this project is to improve the Thornham Walks visitor community walking experience, by making it safer, less taxing on the joints, more suited to disabled walkers and those living with dementia, whilst encouraging more people to walk, and to walk further and for longer, using an innovative pavement surface that minimises environmental impact.</p> <p><u>Community Benefits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The flexipave surfaced footpath will facilitate a wider profile of walker, or those being 'wheeled' <input type="checkbox"/> More people will be able to use the flexipave path <input type="checkbox"/> A flexipave path will help less confident people to walk, or who are afraid of falling, as the surface will be softer and less slippery <input type="checkbox"/> A flexipave path will improve walking conditions for those living with dementia (specifically chosen colour that is dementia-friendly, its black surfaced speckled with gold gives increased visibility). <input type="checkbox"/> A flexipave path gives a safer and less impactful surface to a person's joints <input type="checkbox"/> A permeable path will mean surface water no longer sits there when it is raining, creating a safety hazard for some
<p>Community support (including results of Consultation exercise.)</p>	<p>Yes – The need for this project has been identified by a diverse set of stakeholders, i.e. the landowner, the Thornham Settled Estate, a wide profile of visitors to Thornham Walks, volunteers etc; the local micro businesses on site who are directly impacted by the actions taken at Thornham Walks. Mid Suffolk District Council was the other stakeholder in the set-up of this site 40 years ago, to deliver a freely accessible site to a predominantly north Suffolk population who have fewer opportunities and access to such sites to maintain their physical and mental wellbeing, whilst reducing social isolation and loneliness.</p> <p>Anecdotal verbal feedback has been received from visitors that walk this route regularly that it needs upgrading, particularly some of the dog walkers.</p> <p>A written survey from a cross-section of visitors to the site was carried out, most people surveyed believed the surface needed renovation and welcomed a new surface which would allow them to walk further and for longer.</p>

	Feedback was sought from the Chair (Fiona Palmer) of Stowmarket's Dementia Alliance, who put Friends of Thornham Walks in contact with a representative from the Alzheimer's Society who has communicated on how to make the pathways safer for people living with dementia.
Deliverability ("oven ready" schemes)	Yes
Affordability (from CIL Funds)	Yes
Timeliness	The project is ready to begin in September 2024 and end in November 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)	Total cost of the project is £ 141,146.70 (including VAT) Secured Funding: Friends of Thornham Walks £20,146.70 Community Development Grant £20,000.00 Tesco Bags of help £1,000.00 The CIL Bid application is for £100,000.00
Community Bid – Funding percentage of Total Eligible project costs	71% will be funded with CIL
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 – Thornham Estate pays for all expenditure relating to the running and maintenance of Thornham Walks, and they will continue to do so when the pathways are renovated. There is no expected increase to the cost of running the pathways as a result of the project. It is understood that the product is resistant to freeze/thaw and therefore the maintenance cost of repairing potholes will likely be reduced. It is also expected that the huge and regular footfall will mean weeds are unlikely to grow into the path.
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). However, the project would be of benefit to existing and new residents, as well as visitors, and ensure the increased usage of existing facilities and services for the community of Thornham and Gislingham especially. It supports some of the strategic outcomes listed in the Councils Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy and Wellbeing Strategy.
How does the proposal affect green infrastructure principles?	This project is all about maintaining the natural character of the site, and working to improve existing biodiversity through various initiatives, egs tree planting, development of a mini-beast

	area, maintenance of on-site ponds to maintain diversity, woodland management etc. The project will minimise impact on the surrounding environment. By improvements to this space, its adaption contributes towards green infrastructure principles.
How does the project address green/sustainability principles/infrastructure?	As above
How does the project affect state aid implications?	State aid implications do not apply.
How does the project affect security and safety in the community?	Project does not adversely impact upon security in the community. The project would be likely to minimise slip and fall accidents with the additionality of benefit that this pavement surface will provide.

CONCLUSIONS

- This project is being proposed by Friends of Thornham Walks and seeks to modernise an existing tarmac surfaced footpath pavement, by its significant upgrade including covering it with the next generation of walking surface which is safer and conducive to increased levels of walking for visitors, whilst boasting many green credentials.
- The new surface will also benefit visitors with disabilities who use wheelchairs and similar transport, as well as families with prams and buggies, for whom a high-quality surfaced footpath is essential. With principles of sustainability and environmental awareness, making countryside and nature accessible to all. There are few surfaced footpaths, accessible-for-all, within the locality.
- This project will support the Councils Mid Suffolk Plan (setting out a vision approach and strategic priorities) together with other aims towards achieving outcomes listed within the Councils, 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.
- In view of the above the amount of CIL funding is regarded as an acceptable under the community infrastructure section of the current CIL Expenditure Framework. It lies within the community infrastructure thresholds of not exceeding £100,000 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 to Cabinet to approve this CIL Bid for £100,000.00 which is 71% of the total eligible project costs from the Local Infrastructure Fund (subject to receipt of a completed signed lease agreement for at least 25 years)
