



CIL FUNDING PROGRAMME 2020/21

CONSULTATION FEEDBACK SUMMARY REPORT

JANUARY 2020

Introduction

West Lancashire Borough Council invited comments on the CIL Funding Programme proposals between 10 October and 8 November 2019. The consultation sought comments on two aspects:

- which specific projects requiring up to £100,000 of CIL monies should be allocated CIL funding for spending in 2020-22 from the strategic portion of CIL collected by the Council in 2019/20; and
- which specific projects should be allocated funding for spending in 2020-22 from the neighbourhood CIL monies received within Ormskirk to-date.

Cabinet agreed in January 2018, that a total of £100,000 would be available each year from CIL monies to fund 'smaller' strategic projects across the Borough. The remainder of the monies collected would be used to build up a larger pot for future, strategic funding. It is considered that this strikes an appropriate balance between the delivery of short-term, local projects and much larger, strategic schemes in the long-term.

It should be noted that unallocated CIL monies collected between 2014 and 2019 have already been set aside to enable CIL funds to build up and thereby support the delivery of much larger, costlier and more strategic projects in the future.

Summary of Representations

Over 120 respondents made comments through the consultation; a summary of which are outlined through this feedback report. This report also sets out the Council recommendations stemming from the responses. The consultation responses received are contained within the appendix to this report.

Borough-wide strategic funding (projects up to £100k)

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects?

What do you think are the greatest priority to deliver? Why?

Which projects do you think should be selected?

Cheshire Lines

A number of the respondents supported the Cheshire Lines path, and considered that improvements to the path would encourage better, greater and safer use.

Hesketh Bank Community Centre

Support

The Council received a number of representations supporting a new community centre, on the basis that:

- the current building is in need of repair, but this is expensive and a new, greener building would be better and more cost-effective in the long-term
- without funding, the future of the community centre will be threatened
- there have been large amounts of development, within Hesketh Bank and surrounding areas, resulting in an increasing population which has increased demand for the community centre facilities
- a new community centre will enable everyone in the local area to have opportunities to access community facilities; supporting health and well-being and reducing social isolation

Objection

The Council also received representations objecting to a new community centre. It should be noted that these were largely from people affiliated with Hesketh Bank Silver Band, on the basis that:

- plans for the community centre have been developed in private with little consultation with local residents, and the band do not support the bid
- loss of current sports facilities and sale of the existing site for housing is not consistent with community purposes, and no more housing is required/wanted in Hesketh Bank
- the band are not being given exclusive use of a single room (as they are now) and this will force them to leave the premises, and will no longer be able to provide free instruments and tuition to local people

Are there any other projects on the IDS you think should be considered for CIL funding?

**Can you suggest any other infrastructure schemes that you think could be included on the IDS?
Why should they be included?**

Respondents made the following suggestions:

Existing schemes on the IDS

- railway station facility improvements across the Borough (Network Rail)

New schemes for inclusion on the IDS

- West Lancashire Light Railway - Station toilet replacement with disabled facilities

Council Response

The largest levels of support were received for Cheshire Lines and Hesketh Bank Community Centre. However, there were a significant number of objections to the Hesketh Bank Community Centre received from those affiliated with the Hesketh Bank Silver Band.

As with any consultation, it is not the quantity of comments received but the quality of the arguments presented within them, i.e. it is not a popularity contest nor a numbers contest between those 'for' and those 'against'. For that reason, the Council must only focus on those arguments presented.

With regard the community centre proposals, CIL monies must be used to support new development and there has been sufficient levels of development in Hesketh Bank to justify the need for new community facilities. Based on those objections received, there appears to be a private dispute between the Trustees of the Community Centre and the Hesketh Bank Silver Band, regarding the loss of existing facilities and the use of new facilities, which those two parties must resolve as this is not an issue for the Council to intervene in. Furthermore, how match funding is raised, for example, the sale of the existing site for housing development, is the decision of the trustees. The Trustees have confirmed that the proposal to purchase the adjacent bowling green for the relocation of the community centre is no longer to be pursued. Any new community centre, and/or alternative uses for the site, would be subject to obtaining planning permission, which mandates its own consultation processes and will give opportunity for residents to comment on the development proposals. The grant of any CIL funding would be subject to, and dependent upon, the relevant permissions being obtained.

Network Rail reiterated suggestions to use CIL on railway station facility improvements but the Council would expect Network Rail to either fund wholly, or partly, the improvements themselves as those works fall within their remit. No details have been provided with regard match funding. In addition, not all the railway stations requiring improvement are in locations where there has been significant new development, so CIL funding could not be spent on those stations as the improvements would not be needed to providing supporting infrastructure for new development.

West Lancashire Light Railway submitted a proposal for new toilets at their site, but, as this is a private enterprise and not freely publicly accessible, it is not considered appropriate to include this within the IDS as a community infrastructure scheme, and it is not required to support new development.

Recommendations

Both Hesketh Bank Community Centre and Cheshire Lines are suitable projects to receive CIL funding in 2020/21. Council's Cabinet will make the final decision on which scheme(s) to award funding to.

Ormskirk neighbourhood CIL funding

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects?

What do you think are the greatest priority to deliver? Why?

Which projects should be selected?

38 comments were received from Ormskirk residents, all in support.

Thompson Avenue play area improvements

Support was given for improvements at Thompson Avenue, which would enable local play facilities for young people – seen as important to encourage health and wellbeing. It was highlighted that there are few play facilities in this part of Ormskirk – the nearest being in Westhead or Ormskirk town centre – and so play facilities on this site would improve accessibility and reduce the need for private car to access children’s play facilities. Some considered that the current site is run down and encourages anti-social behaviour, including trail bikes, and so upgrading the park would increase use and reduce such issues. There were some concerns of older children ‘hanging round’ at night time and calls for CCTV monitoring which could also be used to address problems with trail bikes. Other respondents suggested byelaws and sanctions, restricting use of the facilities by anyone over a certain age, be introduced. Respondents requested that the location of play equipment should be carefully considered in consultation with local residents.

Are there any other projects on the IDS you think should be considered for CIL funding?

**Can you suggest any other infrastructure schemes that you think could be included on the IDS?
Why should they be included?**

Respondents made the following suggestions:

- Linear Parks (Burscough-Ormskirk and Ormskirk-Skelmersdale are already on the IDS, but are not yet at the stage where they are deliverable within the next two years)
- Pedestrian infrastructure in and around the town, e.g. pelican crossings etc. (such improvements as these will be identified through the Ormskirk town centre movement strategy)
- Cycle lanes
- Removal of large planters on Aughton Street and planting trees in the ground instead

Council Response

To acknowledge support for Thompson Avenue.

Linear parks are already listed within the IDS. Suggestions for pedestrian crossings and cycle links will be forwarded to Lancashire County Council, as highways authority, for their consideration within the Ormskirk Town Centre Movement Strategy. With regard planters, CIL must be spent on infrastructure required to support new development and cannot be used to remedy existing infrastructure deficiencies, unless they would be made worse by new development. Planters do not fall within the definition of infrastructure, and a need for replanting does not arise as a result of new development.

Recommendations

To recommend Thompson Avenue as suitable to receive CIL funding in 2020/21. Council's Cabinet will make the final decision on those schemes to award funding to.

Consultation Comments on Strategic Projects

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND

Comments

Thank you for inviting Highways England to comment in relation to the funding programme and shortlisted projects for CIL in West Lancashire.

We have no specific comments we wish to make beyond those we made last year concerning the approaches to and security of the underpasses beneath the M58 at Skelmersdale.

Council response

Noted

Representation

Comments

I see skelmersdale isn't getting anything as usual we're a forgotten town don't know why we pay concluded tax

Council response

CIL is paid for by developers, not residents of the Borough. Skelmersdale has already received significant amounts of CIL, in previous years, to help fund infrastructure projects, including £40,000 of CIL to provide new allotments and £20,000 to improve public open space at Stanley Park. In addition, £300,000 of CIL has been allocated to improvements in Tawd Valley Park, with a further £225,000 proposed through this consultation to create a new play area in the Tawd.

NATURAL ENGLAND

Comments

Natural England does not consider that this draft CIL Funding Programme for 2020/21 poses any likely risk or opportunity in relation to our statutory purpose, and so does not wish to comment on this consultation.

Council response

Noted

NETWORK RAIL

Comments

Network Rail submitted a revised bid for improvements to railway station facilities.

Council response

The project does not specify the amount of CIL required, but the IDS will be updated with the revised information supplied.

Representation

Comments

I am writing in reply to your letter dated 9 October 2019 re CIL. I am unable to go to any of the centres to obtain a form but would appreciate it if you could consider my view / opinions from this letter. Not knowing an awful lot about any of these projects as I live on the border West Lancs / Wigan but I feel quite strongly about any community developments therefore my first choice should be

1. Hesketh Bank community centre
2. Cheshire Lines path

1. Possibly Thompson Ave play area

I realise these have been shortlisted, and there are other options but as I am unable to view these I trust your judgment on this matter.

Council response

Preferences noted.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Comments

Just to let you know that we are not submitting a response to the consultation or any amendments or additions to our existing submissions. Thanks for the opportunity.

Council response

Comments noted.

WEST LANCASHIRE LIGHT RAILWAY TRUST**Comments**

Please find attached our application for inclusion in the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule (IDS).

<< Bid submitted for Station Toilet Replacement with disabled facilities >>

Council response

Comments noted.

Respondent**Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?**

The shortlist seems reasonable from what I know

I would support the Cheshire lines improvements

Data from programmes such as Strava and Komoot will demonstrate the use it receives from a wide range of the public

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

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Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

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Council response

Support noted

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

From the perspective of the West Lancashire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, any improvements that can be carried out to the Borough's cycling network has to be viewed as a positive investment. With the plan currently in draft form, there are a number of schemes that need to be considered in the coming years, but some of the more ambitious plans may require starting a path from scratch.

The good thing about this Trans-Pennine Trail is that it is already present, and very well used by walkers, cyclists, joggers, dog walkers and horse-riders alike. People come from wide and afar to use this path, either as part of a long day out in the saddle, or perhaps park up and take their dogs for a walk. Thus the path has great social value and any improvements to the path will reflect positively on the Borough, especially as it is clear where the boundary between Sefton and West Lancs is currently located due to the changing quality of surface.

The scheme also nestles in nicely with the Borough's desire to see greater Green Infrastructure juxtaposed within its Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Strategy - the Linear Park proposals. So there is great environmental worth to these investments as well as the social/health/wellbeing value.

In terms of meeting the Council's Corporate Priorities, as discussed above, both the Environmental and Health/Wellbeing objectives are being met head on with this investment. As it is such a well-established path, there isn't even a question mark over usage (compared to that of say a brand new path, which may take time to establish). People who currently use it will continue to do so, but will appreciate the upgrade, and new users will no be pleased to be using a good, quality path, which they want to use again in the future.

Whilst economic needs aren't being met directly in the form of nearby cafes and bike shops etc (Formby Cycles, MeCycle Café for example - both in Sefton), there are of course wider, indirect economic benefits to people who travel by bike or on foot - namely in the form of improved physical and mental health/wellbeing, but also bike shops, cafes and even public transport services within the Borough can benefit too. The route may skirt the border of Sefton but that's not to say cyclists might not use the route as part of a wider loop taking in cafes, pubs and shops from within the Borough. This particular scheme may not have an immediate direct impact on these businesses, but cycling investment on the whole does, as numerous past studies have shown (The Value of Cycle Tourism - Zovko, 2013; Visitor Expenditure: The Case of Cycle Recreation and Tourism - Downward et al, 2009; to name but a few) have very positive impacts on the sub-regional visitor/tourism economy on the whole.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

The West Lancs LCWIP will help determine the answer to this question in due course (obviously in relation to the cycling/walking schemes).

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Any new cycling/walking projects that emerge from the LCWIP may be included in the future. One such example is an old branch of the Cheshire Lines railway between Shirdley Hill and Kew.

Council response

Support noted

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

I believe the Cheshire lines path should take priority as the roads are increasingly terrifying for cyclists. Encouraging more families to ride on traffic free routes must surely be a priority in an era of increasing obesity.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Council response

Support noted

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

I agree with cycling infrastructure spending as it helps all round

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Cycle paths ouround the area

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Council response

Support noted

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

The Cheshire lines needs serious improvements as it's been left to just over grow and has been neglected. It's part of a very popular cycle network and could be a right gem of the area.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Council response

Support noted

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

The Cheshire Lines Path should be given priority. It encourages people from all around the North West to take their leisure walks and rides in the delightful W Lancs Countryside. We should show some pride in this unique facility to make walks and rides along it a joy, not a muddy slog. Local hostelries and cafes would also benefit as newcomers attracted by a pleasant journey will explore the area more.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Council response

Support noted

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

I have no reason to disagree with the projects, but I absolutely believe the Cheshire Lines Path needs to take priority - and quite frankly, I believe £40k is nowhere near enough.

The West Lancs stretch of path is long and not in good condition despite its popularity.

I use it all the time for leisure rides, but will occasionally go jogging along there too.

It's a fantastic path and one which is cherished by those who use it regularly. It just goes to show how popular these paths can be if you build them in the first place. There aren't enough in Sefton and West Lancs like this where you can ride off-road for miles in peace and quiet.

To improve it I think the surface needs starting from scratch, with a 3m wide path, similar style to the Crosby Marina path, to Hightown. The material used there is great. Better signage, perhaps some more benches, maps, and better access points, making it easier to cyclists to flow. Some of the barriers are a nuisance.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

I think more paths like this need to be developed from scratch. For people in Maghull and Lydiate who wish to travel to Formby or Southport, this path is great, but I understand all of those areas are in Sefton which is no use to you. So I think there needs to be better links between Maghull and Ormskirk, and also from Ormskirk to Southport and Burscough. The canal towpath is good around Burscough and as you approach Wigan, but otherwise it's really not conducive for safe cycling, running or walking. Maybe also look at the Rufford Canal branch too.

Council response

Support noted

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

Cheshire Lines Path Downholland

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Council response

Support noted

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

I'm afraid I don't know anything about the Hesketh Bank Community Centre, so cannot say which of the two projects are more deserving.

However, I am very familiar with the Cheshire Lines Path. I belong to 4 cycling groups in the area and we often use the Cheshire Lines Path. It is a unique facility that provides a safe, enjoyable route for walkers and cyclists in all weathers. Unfortunately, in places it is very run-down and even dangerous. There are frequent pot-holes in some sections and in others, especially in the summer, the vegetation is so overgrown that it is very tricky to navigate. It is certainly a worthy project for your investment and I thank you for considering it.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Council response

Comments noted

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Comments

Thank you for consulting us on the above.

We have reviewed the information available and we have no comments to make at this time.

Council response

Comments noted

Council response

Support for the Cheshire Lines path is noted.

Hesketh Bank Community Centre

REPRESENTATIONS OF SUPPORT

Respondent
Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority? A community centre is a crucial part of the villages of both Hesketh Bank and Tarleton. The current building is just about usable and repairs and service expenses make it difficult to save funds for a replacement building. A new building would open up opportunities for more clients and better facilities for the existing clients.
Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?
Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent
Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority? I agree with the shortlist. I think Hesketh Bank Community Centre should receive funding. This a popular and well used community centre but is in desperate need of a new building. With a rapidly growing population, it will have an important role to play in bringing social cohesion and is already making a difference for the many lonely who live in Tarleton, Hesketh Bank and Banks. At a recent Community Consultation there was full support for the plans, proposed building and for the work being done by the Trustees.
Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?
Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent
Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority? Hesketh bank community centre
Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?
Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent
Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?
Hesketh Bank Community Centre should receive the funding as the current hall is used by a lot of the community and is the only space in Hesketh Bank and Tarleton for these groups. The old hall is in need of replacement a new hall would be a massive asset to the whole community of all ages.
Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?
Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent
Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?
I agree with the shortlist and urge the Borough Council to prioritise Hesketh Bank Community Centre. The Centre is 75 years old and in desperate need of rebuilding. It is greatly used by people of all ages across the Northern Parishes, and farther afield, and could do even more good work for health and well-being in the area with a purpose-built, modern, efficient and sustainable facility. Considerable redevelopment going on in the area will increase the demands on the Centre, the benefits the project can provide for residents and the economy will be invaluable and this means that the proposed CIL monies investment will reap much reward where it is very much needed.
Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?
Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent
Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?
Hesketh Bank Community Centre should be the priority. The village is growing very rapidly with on going new build estate. This will bring even more families to a village already short of activities for younger residents as well as potentially more older people in the apartments. . The new community centre would enable more to be organised within the village for all residents building on U3A for older and extending provision for younger residents.
Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?
Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent**Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?**

Yes I agree with the shortlist.

I think the Hesketh Bank Community Centre Rebuild should take priority. I use the venue to deliver Pre-School Gymnastics classes and feel that the rebuild will allow me to increase my classes and give them a more appropriate venue. The hall is in need of upgrading and I am sure my numbers participating can only increase with better surroundings.

I also, plan to offer beginner classes for school age children when the venue becomes more appealing. There is a lot of new houses in the process of being built and there are further plans for more to follow so I feel confident a new Community Centre will become a very well used venue for people of all ages in the community. I live in Banks and know several people who make use of the current amenities in Hesketh Bank as there is not a venue so easy to access in either of the neighbouring villages.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?**Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?****Respondent****Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?**

Although it is the larger sum, I believe that the £100,000 for the rebuild of Hesketh Bank Community Centre should take priority. This is because the present facility has been in place for very many years and is not up to modern standards. The basic structure is tired, to put it very mildly. There is much housing development taking place in Hesketh Bank and sister village, Tarleton, which will bring additional people to the area. I believe that the present facility will be inadequate to satisfy all the needs of these new residents.

The Community Centre trustees have put much effort into raising money for this project and I believe that they deserve maximum support from all funding streams.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

I do not know the state of the other projects on the CIL, but I do know that the Hesketh Bank Community Centre is in urgent need of replacement. Therefore I would be strongly in favour of not considering, at this time, the other projects on the list.

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

No other suggestions.

Respondent
Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?
<p>Yes.</p> <p>I feel that priority should be given to the Hesketh Bank project. The halls which collectively make up the Hesketh Bank community centre are well used but are ageing and need to be replaced with a purpose built centre which will encompass the needs of all the community.</p> <p>The village of Hesketh Bank is growing rapidly due to new building - the area needs a new centre for use by all.</p>
Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?
Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent
Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?
<p>I agree with the projects and would like to see the Hesketh Bank Community Centre prioritised. It provides a vital service to the local community and already operates at capacity at times - showing a clear demand. I have been invited to several fundraising events here and the building is no longer fit for purpose. The community is trying to thrive (and is growing) and a lack of appropriate space would be detrimental to this.</p>
Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?
Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent
Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?
<p>Rebuild of Hesketh Bank Community Centre - a much needed facility in the village.</p>
Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?
Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent
Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?
<p>I AGREE WITH THE CHOICE BUT WOULD LIKE PREFERENCE TO BE GIVEN TO HESKETH BANK</p>

COMMUNITY CENTRE. AS A RESIDENT OF HESKETH BANK AND HAVING LIVEN IN THE AREA FOR OVER 40 YEARS, I FULLY REALISE THE DESPERATE NEED FOR AN IMPROVED COMMUNITY HALL, GIVEN THE CONSIDERABLE HOUSE BUILDING HAVING TAKEN PLACE AND CONTINUING TO BEING BUILT. I AM A MEMBER OF U3A AND UNDERSTAND THE POOR FACILITIES IN WHICH WE MMET ON A VERY REGULAR BASIS.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

The Centre consists of 3 barely adequate buildings which are heavily used by local people of all ages from children to pensioners. A wide range of activities, social, cultural and sporting take place in the halls. The buildings, which are little more than huts, are such that even with on going maintenance and piecemeal refurbishment, they are no longer fit for purpose and will become unsafe to use. In the long term, the halls need replacing with a larger purpose built Community Centre with modern facilities which can serve all members of the growing community of Hesketh Bank and area for many years.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

Hesketh Bank Community Centre

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

Yes I agree and I feel that Hesketh Bank Community Centre should take priority as this is the only provision in the area and is well used

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

I think that the project that should take priority is the rebuilding of Hesketh Bank community centre. The Center is widely used in the community but is in need of refurbishment and new facilities. This would bring so many benefits to a wide community. Our village is growing all the time and we need to keep up with all of the changes happening.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

Having moved to Hesketh Bank in April this year I feel an attachment to the area and I believe that spending money rebuilding the community centre will enable everyone in the village to have a safe and welcoming place to come together and take part in whatever activities may be offered.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

Hesketh Bank village hall is in need of improvement. It is such a growing village that I feel it is important to offer facilities for the village people to meet at for clubs and organisations.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

I think the Hesketh Bank Community centre rebuild should take priority!!!!

I think the need for a new community centre is paramount for this village. The present venue is used to capacity but the facilities are out dated and out worn. We need a centre fit for our wonderful community and to build on for the future!! To invest in the building is to invest in our community and to provide a hub for future generations!!

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

The Hesketh Bank community centre is a much valued and integral part of the local community. With funding they could greatly enhance their reach and serve even more members of the community with a modern, eco-friendly environment.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

We think the rebuilding of Hesketh Bank Community Centre should take priority.

a) To facilitate a modern environment for the community to meet in a safe and welcoming place.

b) The population of Hesketh Bank has expanded and it is vital to promote the integration of all ages in the village, by providing leisure and sports facilities, as well as a local meeting point.

c) It is a heavily used facility, and it deserves an upgrade. An upgrade is long overdue.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

I agree with the shortlist. Hesketh Bank Community Centre should be supported. The local community is growing and we need somewhere to meet and socialise. As a member of Becconsall U3A, I see the difference that this centre makes - we have a lot of lonely people in Tarleton, Hesketh Bank and Banks and this is the only place that we can meet. Yes, there are other church centres nearby (we have looked) but they have limited availability and we meet every week so there is no where else. What is clear is that a new building is needed especially as we have many new residents and will have more as building continues. The Trustees are doing their best to keep the buildings going but change is needed and I hope that you will support the project.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

The Hesketh Bank Community Centre is one of the main hubs of the villages of Hesketh Bank and Tarleton. It is used by a wide variety of groups, one of which is the Becconsall U3A. Becconsall U3A is a charitable organisation aimed at the mature members of the villages, giving them the opportunity to learn and participate in a wide variety of activities. The scouts and Hesketh Bank Silver Band also use the hall, thus making the hall a meeting place for all ages. The hall is very old and needs updating especially as there are a lot more houses being built on the old Altys site in the village. A new hall would be of great benefit to the community.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

The Funding for Hesketh Bank Community Centre should take priority.

The rebuild of Hesketh Bank Community Centre will provide the residents of both Hesketh Bank and Tarleton with a multifunctional facility which can accommodate a wide range of groups and their activities as well as social and community events.

There can be no doubt that such facilities are essential in building communities, bringing people together and, as a consequence, helping to end loneliness and isolation, issues that are particularly relevant with regard to the older population. At the same time, a purpose built, functional centre will encourage and enable young people to take part in physical and community

activities thus preventing boredom and feelings of dissatisfaction.

The provision of changing rooms and areas suitable for physical activity will also promote healthy lifestyles thus reducing the problems of obesity, depression and numerous other problems in the population as a whole.

One of the most positive and important aspects of this bid for funding is that it not only provides benefit at the present time but also ensures that the Community Centre will be able to evolve and develop to meet the needs of future generations.

For the reasons given above the rebuild of the Community Centre can only be viewed as a real benefit to Hesketh Bank, Tarleton and all the surrounding villages and therefore should be given priority.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

I agree with the rationale for the shortlisted projects. As a resident of Hesketh Bank I believe the project to rebuild our local community centre should take priority. The project will have a positive impact on the whole community as it will increase the availability of quality facilities for a variety of groups. It will improve the experience for existing users and draw more people to the centre if new groups can be accommodated. The population of the village is growing rapidly and the centre is a vital facility to bring the community together. Without the funding for a rebuild it's future could be threatened and this would be a huge loss.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

To enable all residents including disabled and minority groups in Hesketh Bank and Tarleton to have a fit for purpose Community Centre that will serve all generations regardless of religion or politics

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent**Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?**

I agree with your shortlisted projects. I think that the Rebuild of Hesketh Bank Community Centre should take priority as there is a clearly identified need for this project which has been demonstrated in the bid submission which is detailed as part of the justification documentation elsewhere within this consultation.

Hesketh Bank, Tarleton and Banks have all grown significantly in recent years and further significant development is currently underway with much more planned. As the only non denominational community centre in the local area, it is essential that the existing problematic buildings are replaced by a single fit for purpose building which can meet the needs of this growing community

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?**Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?****Respondent****Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?**

I agree with the shortlist of projects however I think that the rebuild of Hesketh Bank Community Centre should take priority. It is 75 years since the Trustees of the Community Centre started a project to meet the social, recreational, educational and well being needs of the Community unfortunately it is only now that an opportunity has arisen to turn those dreams into reality. We must seize this chance to enhance the lives of all the people of Hesketh Bank and the surrounding area, young and old.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?**Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?****Respondent****Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?**

I do agree with your shortlisted projects but think that the Hesketh Bank Community Centre should be given priority.

The Hesketh Bank Community Centre currently provides a vital community asset which is invaluable to the people of the district. Unless the community centre is rebuilt this facility will be lost to the people of the area.

The community centre provides a facility which helps to combat loneliness which is particularly

relevant for the older generation and provides inclusive activities for the younger generation thus preventing boredom and disaffection.

I encourage the council to provide the funds to rebuild this essential and invaluable asset

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Council response

Support for Hesketh Bank Community Centre is noted.

REPRESENTATIONS OF OBJECTION

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

No I don't agree with the project

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

I do not agree with spending £100,000 on the rebuild of Hesketh Bank Community Centre as the village already has 3 excellent buildings available for the community to hire.

The 3 buildings are The Christian Centre Moss Lane, All Saints Church Hall Station Road and The Methodist Chapel Chapel Road. All 3 buildings vary in size and can be used by the community for various events.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Representation

Comments

I'm unable to find where I can comment about the CIL funding, Any way to make my point across, please spend it anywhere but on the Hesketh Bank community centre new building a new building, as they are intending on building their new building elsewhere ruining what people already use as a bowling green and cricket site and many local people use all year round for these activities, To then sell the current land where the buildings are this will ruin a brass band building where the band practice several times a week, and have done for many years, a purpose built basketball courts that was built for the youths of the community and also a building where local scout, slimming world, nursery /playgroups meet and have used for many a year and other groups of the community also to a developer to build houses on to find extra monies for themselves, I myself grew up in Hesketh Bank and my family live there now, and I feel after the site at Altys being built on there surely can't be much need for any more new development sites and feel the community centre are certainly not thinking of their community to be planning this. As they are not telling the people the truth also, as this is the first most local have heard about their intentions. There are plenty more community/church buildings they could use if theirs is in such bad repair, or why can't they just simply rebuild where they are and what they have.

A concerned person that the community is going to be ruined even more by the community centre plans.

Representation

Comments

I live in Hesketh Bank and whilst not opposed to a new community centre in principle I am concerned about the lack of transparency and consultation about the actual plans for this new centre. To have the band forced out because they won't have full use of a building as they do now is upsetting especially with their heritage in the village and what they do for the community. I also don't want land gifted to the community sold even in part for housing when we already have considerable infill and big builds going on.

My view is also that there are also more pressing needs for CIL funds such as infrastructure improvements etc. At least this needs a pause and proper community consultation on plans developed in private which have only now been made clear. The response on social media shows how unaware the community has been

Representation

Comments

I'm deeply upset about the treatment and threat to the band hall.

This is an important part of the village moral, their concerts are tremendous!

I truly hope that you will be able to help and support the band with this huge problem.

Representation

Comments

Can I please protest to you about the possibility of losing our village brass band due to the current plans around the band practice premises.

We have very little here in the village and this band is a credit to us and is a great asset especially for the youngsters just starting out on their music careers.

There really is no need to have them driven out over this.

Can you please do all you can to assist.

Representation

Comments

I am contacting you to raise an objection to the above project being included in the shortlist for CIL funding on a number of grounds.

1. The bid gives the impression that Hesketh Bank Silver Band supports the proposal. This is not the case. The band has confirmed this in a statement they recently published on their Facebook page.
2. The bid fails to mention the band will be forced to leave it's home of over 50 years to allow the site to be sold for houses.
3. If the band losses its home it will be unable to provide free instruments and tuition to children (and adults that wish to learn to play). This will diminish the cultural diversity of the village and put barriers in place between different generations. Surely this is contrary to the very objectives of this proposal?
4. The loss of a home and players of the future will threaten the very existence of the band, one of only 3 in West Lancashire.
5. There has been a lack of consultation on the project in the village. The land is community land and must be used for the benefit of the community. The bidders have not widely consulted, they have only discussed the project with those that agree.
6. There is a conflict of interest in that at least 2 of the committee members are parish councillors. This is the same parish Council that has supported this bid by awarding £50k to the project.
7. The new hall will be built on parish land and changing rooms for the football club will be upgraded as part of the proposal. A third parish Councillor is part of the football club Committee.
8. There is a groundswell of people opposed to the sale of the land. Many have stated they were unaware of the the proposal which further demonstrates the lack of adequate consultation.
9. The bidders have been very secretive in their actions. The band only became aware of the plans to sell the land at the last minute. The band were under the impression the new community centre would be built on the same site as the existing building, leaving the band hut intact.
10. The bidders have attempted to drive out the band by unilaterally increasing the ground rent by 500% without any discussions, stating it is on the instructions of the Charity Commission. No such instruction has be issued.

For the reasons above, I believe both the project and those behind it are unsuitable to be considered for CIL funding.

Representation

Comments

I have just seen the post from Hesketh Bank Silver Band. They have raised something I was not aware of. The trustees of the village hall want to sell the village land to build houses and destroy the band. They say they are doing it for us but they have never asked. Sounds like a money making racket for somebody.

Please stop this by not awarding then any money from your fund.

Representation**Comments**

The plans for the new village hall in Hesketh Bank do not have the support of the villagers. They have not asked me or any of my neighbours what I think and i live across the road from the hall. If it wasn't for the brass band I would not have known about this until the land was sold. That land belongs to the village not those [REDACTED] trustees . It is not for them to sell. It will also destroy the band which is much loved and a huge part of the community. Please stop this now and do not give them any money. They just wasted £10000 putting new toilets into a building they now want to know down- what a waste

Representation**Comments**

I believe the VHC at Hesketh Bank have been shortlisted as recipients of a grant from WLDC to part fund the building of a new community centre in Hesketh Bank.

It is with sadness that I would like to object to the current plans as they do not meet the needs of the community and consultation with the wider community to this stage has not been very open.

Community consultation has been poorly advertised resulting in poor turnout decisions undertaken by a group of 6 people.

The current plans include sale of land that includes a self contained building built, owned and used by HB silver band and a well used all weather basketball/football court.

Once weekly use of a room at the new community centre has been offered to the band which is wholly unsuitable given the space, time, storage and freedom the band currently have and need.

The band was established over 100 years ago and has been at its current site for 50 years. Not only does the band practise themselves at this site they also offer free lessons and free instrument hire to local children/adults to develop the junior band and continue the tradition as well as supporting local events.

There is a need for new village facilities and I would like to see HB benefit from this grant but sadly the current plans sacrifice a valuable village asset and plans need to go back to the drawing board to avoid this.

Representation**Comments**

Having been a resident of Hesketh Bank for over 40 years, I am sorry that I cannot support the claim for CIL Funding made by the Trustees of the Hesketh Bank Community Centre.

Part of their proposed plan would include a further housing development in Hesketh Bank, on land set aside as a village amenity. This proposal is meeting strong opposition from the local community amid concerns that a proper consultation process has not been adhered to.

Also the village brass band, established in 1895, would be forced to leave their Bandroom, which has been their home for over 50 years.

Overall I feel that their proposed development, in it's present form, would be detrimental to the village and fail to fulfil the purposes of a true Community Centre.

I hope that these comments have been helpful

Representation

Comments

I would like to raise the point that the consultation process for the New Hesketh Bank Community Centre project has been non-existent. You only have to look at the comments on the local social media to prove this is the case.

The local community haven't been allowed a real say in the plans, but opinions on the huge changes affecting other groups are now being ignored by the trustees, because the deadline for funding decisions is almost here.

Please take the time to see the negative feelings that are being expressed - particularly in relation to the potential loss of Hesketh Bank Silver Band to the village. The band is a huge asset to the community and is being treated with contempt by the trustees of community centre project.

I strongly object to any money being given to something so contravercial.

Representation

Comments

It seems the community centre have busses for funding , yet they haven't been honest in regards to their intentions of the plans they have for the rebuild , removal of the band room , removal of the children's basket ball court, and the selling of the land for houses to get further funds to move the building to a site already used by a bowling green.

The community is absolutely taken back by their plans and their lack of informing the said community .

We are against them receiving any funding until they inform the community and listen to the community.

We don't need further houses their is currently a building site building over 250 houses within the area .

Representation

Comments

I feel that I want to object to the Hesketh Bank Community Centre project being included in the shortlist for CIL funding.

The bid gives the impression that Hesketh Bank Silver Band supports the proposal, which isn't the case. The bid doesn't mention that the band will have to leave its home of over 50 years, to allow the land to be sold for houses. If the band has to leave its home, local children will miss out on free tuition and free instruments. What better safe environment can children and adults learn and enjoy themselves alongside each other, being part of a team.

Losing the band hut, will jeopardise the players of the future, which in turn threatens the band itself, which is one of only 3 in West Lancashire.

I feel that there has been a complete lack of consultation on the project in the village. The land is community land and the bidders do not appear to have widely consulted the local people, they have only discussed the project with those that agree.

Is there a conflict of interest re 2 committee members who are also members of the Parish Council, who in turn have supported the bid by awarding £50k to the project.?

There seems to be numerous people who are opposed to the sale of the land, many of whom were unaware of the proposed sale. Should the obvious lack of consultation be investigated further?

The band were under the impression that the new community centre would be built on the same site, thus leaving the band hut intact. The project committee are attempting to drive the band out by increasing the ground rent by 500%, without a discussion on the matter. They stated that it is on the instruction of the Charity Commission. No such instruction has been issued.

I really feel that the project is unsuitable to be shortlisted for CIL funding.

Representation**Comments**

I am writing to register my objections regarding the existing "plans" to develop the site which currently partly occupied by the Hesketh Bank Silver Band. The proposals made together with current treatment by the Village Hall people should be made subject to further review and public discussion.

Representation**Comments**

As a concerned resident of Hesketh Bank, I would like to express my concern about the plans to sell some of the land the centre stands on for housing, in order to fund a new centre building plan. We are told that we were consulted about this decision by the charity trustees, but in reality, the consultation questionnaire makes no reference to this sale as a potential course of action, and the public meeting was given very short notice, and little publicity, so I was unable to attend.

We currently have a multi use games area, which is very popular with local teens, a concrete band

hall, which the band themselves built and use actively, and a pair of wooden halls which need repair/replacement. The plan appears to be to lose the games area, and the band hall, in order to sell their land for housing, to fund the replacement for the rear hall, further back, presumably behind the housing.

This means the games area would need to be found another space somewhere, which is dubious as to practicality, and as the current facility is in great condition, seems to be throwing the baby out with the bathwater. The band hall is old, but the band are happy with it as it stands, and so that should not be lost, surely?

As the land was gifted to the whole community, it seems that we are being rushed towards a result which actually would leave us with one, comparatively flash hall, at the back of housing, rather than the more accessible and practical situation we have currently.

This has caused a lot of consternation among the community here, and we would ask that the council do not support the current plans, and put any pressure they can on the trustees to consult the community they serve more thoroughly, before they remove something useful and popular, which they are responsible for on our behalf only.

We understand and appreciate that the trustees are not gaining anything from the sale, and have committed a lot of time and hard work to the care of this facility, but think they have got themselves into a place where they can see no alternative, when the rest of us would not agree.

Representation

Comments

As a Resident of Hesketh Bank I should like to show my support to Hesketh Bank Band, who have been a mainstay of our village for over 100 years.
On reading both statements it seems that a few people stand to benefit from the new Community Center, whereas the existing community stand for nothing.
Our village host a number of places for the use of the village, one being the Church Hall that's not too far away that can be used for all kinds of events.
This would then leave the bandroom for the progress of the community to be able to carry on its tradition as it has in the past.
Finally to fund the new project I understand the existing land will have to be sold for more houses to be built, this being as we have more than enough houses for sale to meet people's needs. This will add to an already stretched infrastructure.

I rest my case

Representation

Comments

I am emailing you to raise an objection to the Hesketh Bank project being included in the shortlist for CIL funding for a number of reasons. The bid does not mention the band will be forced to leave its home of over 50 years to allow the site to be sold for houses. This is simply unfair and the band should not be treated in this way.

If the band loses its home it will be unable to provide free instruments and tuition to all those who wish to learn a brass instrument. Storage is needed for music, stands, percussion etc and the band simply cannot just hire out a hall. Extra rehearsals are needed in the run up to concerts. There is no way the band can be expected to pay rent every week when they currently have not pay nothing except a small ground rent currently- it is simply not fair!

The loss of a practice room and players of the future will threaten the very existence of the band which has been going nearly 125 years and also one of only 3 in West Lancashire. Surely the council cannot desire this action or support using funds "for the community" knowing this information.

There has been a lack of consultation on the project in the village. Many are still unaware or confused about the plans and only this last week did the committee issue drawings in a leaflet. The band were told by the trustees that there would be no space for the band in any of the proposed plans. So... the band are expected to vacate the hut they own and there is nowhere for them to go. What kind of trustees act in this way?

The band only became aware of the plans to sell the land at the last minute they were under the impression the new community centre would be built on the same place as the existing building which would leave the band hut intact.

The band was issued a bill for ground rent with an increase of 500% without any discussions, this is simply not acceptable and even if the band were to be given the option of using the new space they would not be able to pay the kind of money expected. Considering everything the band does for community including walking day, Christmas services, remembrance to name but a few- it is simply unjust.

Please think carefully about the distribution of valuable CIL funding. Thank you for taking the time to read my email it is appreciated.

Representation

Comments

I am writing to raise an objection to the above project which is in the shortlist for CIL funding.

The reasons for my objection are:

1. I don't believe a full consultation of the residents has taken place and that their views are represented accurately. The trustees plan to sell land for building houses that was donated originally for community use. There have been several new house builds throughout the village without the infrastructure such as doctors, dentists to support the extra housing.
2. After following several posts on the Hesketh Bank and Tarleton Community Facebook page it is quite clear that residents are opposed to the building of new houses and some residents who live directly opposite have never been consulted.
3. If the trustees sell the land, this will mean the eviction of the local brass band, Hesketh Bank Silver Band which was established in 1895 and has been serving the community since then. The band provides free tuition and instruments to anyone who wants to go (child or adult) and learn an instrument and is present at all the local community events such as walking days, Plough Sunday,

Old church Sunday and Remembrance Sunday. The application gives the impression that the band support the application but the statement from the band on their Facebook page is contrary to this: https://www.facebook.com/www.heskethbanksilverband.co.uk/posts/2421714171290191?comment_id=2421862731275335&reply_comment_id=2423693334425608¬if_id=1572902876221151¬if_t=feed_comment. They have also increased the band's rent without any notice on the instructions of the Charity Commission. It is clear from the statement from the band that they were unaware of the plans to build on the current site and that this would leave them homeless, as far as they were aware the new community centre would be built on the same land leaving the band room in place. I know this as I was present at the meeting when the trustees met with the band as I am their conductor. During this meeting we were told to look into obtaining crowd funding to obtain further premises, which indicates that the trustees have already decided which plan they will be putting into action if they obtain the CIL funding.

4. The chairman of the Trustees [REDACTED] is also on the Parish Council, but on the Parish Council website on his declaration of interest form he has not declared that he is a trustee of the Hesketh Bank Community Centre as well. There are two other trustees who are also on the parish council which surely represents a conflict of interest. 4 of the trustees are married to each other also. One of the parish councillors is on the football committee whose club will directly benefit from a new build, which also represents a conflict of interest. The parish council have supported the bid by awarding £50,000 to the project so in effect they have awarded themselves money to support the bid. I believe this is a potential misuse of public money.

5. The committee have met with several other organisations about this project and these parties have been asked not to discuss the matter with other groups on the site, which is the exact opposite of consultation.

For these reasons above I ask you to reconsider the application made by the Hesketh Bank Community Centre as I do not believe they have the best interests of the community land they are in trust of and therefore unsuitable to be considered for CIL funding.

6. The land adjacent to the site in front of the nursing home is currently for sale with planning permission for 3 large detached houses, another development next door to this would mean development all down this side of the road but none of this is mentioned in their plans.

Thank you for taking the time to read my objection.

Representation

Comments

I would like to raise concerns and strong objection to the eviction of hesketh bank silver band from their band room. The band is a huge asset to not only hesketh bank but neighbouring villages, a place where children can learn instruments free of charge! This is an outrage!!

Representation

Comments

I'm writing to share with you my concerns about you shortlisting HBCC to rebuild the centre.

I appreciate that a new hall would be great for some but at what cost to the community???

The suggestion at selling community land which houses a social hall, MUGA basket ball court and a band room concerns me. This land was given to the community for use by the community. Once houses are built on this land where would the teenagers play and where would Hesketh Banks Silver Band go? I'm sure that the teenagers can't afford to hire out a new hall and a definite rebuild of the MUGA has not been promised. As to Hesketh Bank Silver Band they own the building and have been on the current site for more than 50 years now. They are part of the community providing free musical instruments and tuition to both children and adults. Some of the former members of the band now play in prestigious brass bands and orchestras around the world. Also the band performs at numerous venues in and around the village from the remembrance parade to church concerts. These events unite people of the village together in one spirit as well as raising much needed funds for good courses.

I would like the Committee to reconsider the rebuild of the new hall to take in the needs of the effected parties. Maybe to change the location of the hall, change the design, or simply renerivate the current buildings. After all they have just been given £10,000 which they say will be spent on revamping the toilets and on some tables. This will be all wasted if they're to knock down the building!

Representation

Comments

I'm writing with regards to the proposed funding for a new Community Centre in Hesketh Bank.

The Village Hall committee who have applied for this have gone about trying to secure the money for the project in a very underhand manner, at no point has there been a consultation with the residents of Hesketh Bank, the first i heard about this was when i received a parentmail from my childrens school asking for us to add supportive comments to help secure the funding, this was sent out on the 4th November 2019 !!

There is an Agenda on the parish council Newsletter for NOVEMBER 2019 with all the details that the committee are proposing, there is no previous mention in past newsletters and considering they inform us that they have been in consultation for 2yrs is astonishing that the details only appear in the month of the proposal, so giving little to time to look at and get all the facts required to see if this is as needed as the committee are making out to be.

In this newsletter they stated that the Local Band who have been part of our village since 1895 had not responded to there request to move premises, this has been strongly denied by the Band and in response to such allegation have issued there own statement regarding the current situation they have been placed in.

After reading through all the information available to me, i am personally not in agreement of money being spent to provide a new Community centre, when the village has got good facilities

already that i'm sure could be utilised for the events that the current community centre provides.

The worrying prospect is losing a much loved band facility, a village hall that is also part of the village just to bulldoze down to make way for more houses that an all ready over stretched infrastructure cannot take just to provide a community centre for mainly the benefit of some single minded people.

Please consider this when looking to grant the money, we lose more to gain less.

Representation

Comments

I would like to raise concerns regarding the levy given to Hesketh Bank Community Centre trustees towards a new hall.

At a recent under publicised meeting I learnt that the trustees were close to getting lottery funding for their new hall. They then told us (the 6 tables of people who attended) that there was a shortfall. An option to get this shortfall was to sell the current land the hall sits on. They had been in contact with developers but wouldn't say who but said the site would hold 8-10 houses.

They want a factory built hall which will arrive delivered and be placed on the 2nd bowling green. This affects the bowling club as they will no longer have a 2nd team green to use. It affects the silver band who have had awful times with the trustees recently. It also means the lottery funded MUGA multi use games area will be lost. More houses goes against the communities already uproar at the persimmon development and the lack of doctors surgeries plus victorian drains which cannot cope and flood in heavy rainfall.

At the meeting when I mentioned the MUGA they told me to speak with the Parish council but said it would be sold to developers with the land.

I have been pro active in passing all this information on through community pages to ensure our community is aware.

No where have the trustees been open and honest about their plans. I know they have worked hard to get the lottery funding but what they have not done is be transparent.

Not one single person on the Hesketh Bank and Tarleton community page has been aware. There is disgust and many many questions which the trustees have not answered.

We have asked for updates, meetings to understand their plans but have had no response. The main trustee who comments (quite rudely) on behalf of the community centre is Diane Earles who is a parish councillor as well as a trustee. Nothing seems clear. They have been advertising on their pages FAME AT LAST! (Their words) as they have been on ch7 Lancashire tv news this week talking about their plans..its outrageous how they are steaming ahead with no respect at all

The brass band released a statement to further back up the awful situation. I will share this below.

I have contacted the charity commission who say as a community centre they need to involve the community. The centre serves Hesketh bank, tarleton and banks. No one has been made aware of the proposed sale.

Please rethink supporting them and this awful awful mess we as a community find ourselves in. We need help to stop this not people giving them more money.

Please read: Statement regarding the sale of community land to fund a proposed new community centre.

This is a long post but please read to the end as it is important information for residents of the village

We are aware of recent discussions on social media regarding the development of a new village hall for Hesketh Bank. The Village Hall Committee (VHC) has recently issued a statement which portrayed Hesketh Bank Silver Band in a negative manner. The band would therefore like to respond to that statement as follows.

In 2018, the VHC approached the Hesketh Bank Silver Band, seeking support for its proposed development of a new community centre. The development would occupy the site of the current band room, multi-use sports area and the front hall. The offer made to the band was for the use of a room on a Thursday evening so that the band could rehearse together with some storage space for equipment. If extra rehearsal time was required, for example in the run up to an important performance, then extra time could be booked if available. It was made clear the band would not have exclusive use of this room and it would be made available to other groups, unlike the current band room on the community centre site.

Whilst some may feel the band is being selfish in its request to have exclusive use of a room, the proposed alternative simply does not meet the needs of the band. The band room is used more frequently than Thursday evenings. One-to-one tuition takes place at varying times during the week; and additional rehearsals are undertaken at short notice throughout the year when necessary to ensure public performances are proficient. The music library is also stored in the band room; access is often required at short notice to ensure all band members have complete sets of music for rehearsals and performances. Access to stored equipment and instruments is also required on a regular basis. The band takes the safeguarding of our younger members very seriously; toilets external to the rehearsal area would necessitate additional DBS checked chaperones to be available, increasing costs and administrative burden to the band.

The current band room was erected in the 1960s following sustained fundraising efforts of the members at the time, some of whom are still in the band today. The community of Hesketh Bank was supportive of the band and as a consequence of their joint efforts sufficient funds were raised to enable the current band room to be built. There is a strong emotional attachment to the band room which should not be dismissed.

The offer tabled by the VHC was carefully considered by the band and it was made clear to the VHC that we could not agree to the proposed conditions. If it could be amended to facilitate exclusive use of a room then the band would have been happy to join the proposed development. An alternative layout of the new hall was proposed by the band to better meet its needs, to which no response was received from the VHC.

The VHC subsequently informed the band that they had amended their plans; the new proposals would leave the band room in its current location and would occupy the site of the current multi use games area and the front hall. Until very recently this was how the band understood the development would proceed. As this did not affect the operation of the band, no objections to this proposal were raised by the band.

In September 2019 the band received notification from the VHC that they would be increasing the ground rent for the band room site by 500%. The rental agreement, which dates back to the 1960s, states that a "pepper corn rent" shall be charged. This rent has been increased a number of times over the years with the agreement of the band in recognition of increasing costs. However on this occasion the VHC have unilaterally determined that a market rent should now be charged. There is no provision for a unilateral amendment of the agreement and the band has so far declined to pay the elevated fee. A cheque for the previously agreed rent was forwarded to the VHC but was returned to the band. An increase in rental charges of this magnitude, for no apparent reason, could seriously undermine the ongoing viability of the band which relies on charitable donations, concert ticket sales and performance fees to cover its ongoing expenses. The band was astonished by the approach being taken by the VHC in relation to the rental charges, especially since there had been no prior indication that such a change was to be sought.

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The need for new facilities for the village is an important consideration, but these must not be developed by sacrificing existing organisations such as the band and by the sale of community land to finance the project. Once such a sale has been made, the village will have lost a valuable asset forever.

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Representation

Comments

I have been reading with absolute dismay about the treatment of Hesketh Bank Silver Band due to the proposals involved in the development of a new community centre. The band, over a great many

years has provided musical education to the young people of this ever growing village. World class musicians first picked up an instrument here including [REDACTED] who is now a principle of The London Symphony Orchestra. Many young people went on to make lifelong friends and to develop skills that would be of benefit in future careers, not just in music. To fail to support the band is shortsighted to say the least. It provides a sense of well-being to a great many members of the community which is tremendously important when so much discussion about mental health is now apparent. Also, as a [REDACTED], I have for many years witnessed financial cuts to music education and a lack of focus on creative subjects. I believe very strongly that the needs of the band should be given priority in the future development of the site. Once their facilities are undermined the band will be lost forever taking with it the chance for other young people to take their place on the stage, be it a village fair or the Royal Opera House.

I hope that you will take these views into account as I know they are shared by a great many others.

Respondent
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Respondent

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Please read: Statement regarding the sale of community land to fund a proposed new community centre

This is a long post but please read to the end as it is important information for residents of the village

We are aware of recent discussions on social media regarding the development of a new village hall for Hesketh Bank. The Village Hall Committee (VHC) has recently issued a statement which portrayed Hesketh Bank Silver Band in a negative manner. The band would therefore like to respond to that statement as follows.

In 2018, the VHC approached the Hesketh Bank Silver Band, seeking support for its proposed development of a new community centre. The development would occupy the site of the current band room, multi-use sports area and the front hall. The offer made to the band was for the use of a room on a Thursday evening so that the band could rehearse together with some storage space for equipment. If extra rehearsal time was required, for example in the run up to an important performance, then extra time could be booked if available. It was made clear the band would not have exclusive use of this room and it would be made available to other groups, unlike the current band room on the community centre site.

Whilst some may feel the band is being selfish in its request to have exclusive use of a room, the proposed alternative simply does not meet the needs of the band. The band room is used more frequently than Thursday evenings. One-to-one tuition takes place at varying times during the week; and additional rehearsals are undertaken at short notice throughout the year when necessary to ensure public performances are proficient. The music library is also stored in the band room; access is often required at short notice to ensure all band members have complete sets of music for rehearsals and performances. Access to stored equipment and instruments is also required on a regular basis. The band takes the safeguarding of our younger members very seriously; toilets external to the rehearsal area would necessitate additional DBS checked chaperones to be available, increasing costs and administrative burden to the band.

The current band room was erected in the 1960s following sustained fundraising efforts of the members at the time, some of whom are still in the band today. The community of Hesketh Bank was supportive of the band and as a consequence of their joint efforts sufficient funds were raised to enable the current band room to be built. There is a strong emotional attachment to the band room which should not be dismissed.

The offer tabled by the VHC was carefully considered by the band and it was made clear to the VHC that we could not agree to the proposed conditions. If it could be amended to facilitate exclusive use of a room then the band would have been happy to join the proposed development.

An alternative layout of the new hall was proposed by the band to better meet its needs, to which no response was received from the VHC.

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Hesketh Bank Silver Band

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

I dont agree with giving the money to hesketh Bank community centre. The VHC are planning on selling their land to build yet more new houses in an already fit to burst community which is struggling to cope with traffic, drainage and over subscribed school places etc but they are bullying Hesketh Bank silver band in to leaving the band room which they have been in since the

60's. They have increased their ground rent by 500% already. Hesketh Bank silver band is an important part of the community providing free tuition to kids, many of whom have become professional musicians playing in such orchestras as The London Symphony orchestra, Royal Opera House, Welsh National Opera, BBC Philharmonic, Bbc Scottish, Halle and Royal Liverpool Philharmonic orchestras. If the band were to have to disband due to the selling of the land the band room is on with no viable option of relocation the community would be far worse off because of it.

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Respondent

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I express concerns over the rebuild of the Hesketh Bank Community Centre and support the views of the brass band.

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Respondent

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The Hesketh Bank silver band has been miss represented on the Hesketh Bank community claim

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Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

I do not agree with the Hesketh Bank proposal. The bid states they have the backing of the community, yet they do not. Their consultation was a tick box exercise and appeared to be by invitation only. People living adjacent to the site they propose to sell in order to build houses are unaware of the proposed development. That demonstrates the level of community involvement.

The bid states that building houses does not build communities, yet they propose to sell the land to build houses.

The bid lists organisations that use the facilities of the current village hall. This includes Hesketh Bank Silver Band . However the band faces eviction from the site which it has occupied for over 50 years. This will put the band in jeopardy- the oldest coimmunity organisation in Hesketh Bank and Tarleton.

Hesketh bank has a number of alternative venues which are currently under utilised. Community groups using the current hall which is in need of some repair could easily use one of the existing 3 venues in Hesketh bank or other venues in tarleton. There is no need to sell land to build hosues to fund a village hall that is not required.

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Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

No i do not agree. The Hesketh Bank Village Hall plans have not been consulted with residents. I live within 300m of the site and knew nothing until Hesketh Bank Brass Band posted it on facebook. They wantr to sell land to build houses and evict the band. that is an absolute disgrace. They should be doing things to help the community not destroy the oldest club/society in the area. They have only consulted with people that will agree with their decisions. if you look at their facebook page they actually openly argue with residents and treat them with utter contempt.

Advertising consisted of a couple of posts on their facebook page but advertising for the artisan markets was splashed all over other community groups, constanly posted on their facebook page and posters put up around the village. It is obvious they had no intention in publicising the fact they wanted to sell land to bulils houses and evict the band.

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Respondent

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No - Hesketh Bank Community Centre should not be shortlisted.

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I would like to raise the point that the consultation process for the New Hesketh Bank Community Centre project has been non-existant. You only have to look at the comments on the local social

media to prove this is the case.

The local community haven't been allowed a real say in the plans, but opinions on the huge changes affecting other groups are now being ignored by the trustees, because the deadline for funding decisions is almost here.

Please take the time to see the negative feelings that are being expressed - particularly in relation to the potential loss of Hesketh Bank Silver Band to the village. The band is a huge asset to the community and is being treated with contempt by the trustees of community centre project.

I strongly object to any money being given to something so contravercial.

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Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

Rebuild the Hesketh Bank community centre by all means, it does need renovating or replacing. But the village hall committees plans to sell land in order to finance redevelopment of the entire site is ludicrous!! The village already has a plot of land that is having an extra 200+ houses built upon it with no plans for an extra doctors surgery, dentists or even a public house. So ergo the redevelopment of the community centre will only bring us more homes that we don't need or want!!

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Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

As a resident of hesketh bank and someone who filled out a questionnaire about the usage of hesketh bank community centre, i am deeply saddened to hear that the plans are to sell community land to build houses. I'm more so saddened about the loss of the brass band premises that the project wants to knock down. I think this project needs a full scale review with the community being consulted properly and premises for the band to be sought prior to this project being considered.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Local sports facilities in hesketh bank desperately need funding

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

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The Hesketh Bank application should be revisited as it will result in the displacement and possible demise of Hesketh Bank Silver Band- a community group benefiting the whole village and beyond, and who provide FREE instrumental tuition AND instruments to anyone who requires it. I know of at least TWO people of over pension age who have been taught to read and play music after retiring, illustrating that the band involves people of ALL ages, creeds, colours and gender. This invaluable asset should be preserved and protected for the current and future residents of the village and surrounding areas.

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Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

I agree with the concerns raised by Hesketh Bank Silver Brass Band.

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

Are there any other projects we should consider including on the IDS?

Respondent

Do you agree with our shortlist of projects? Which should take priority?

I feel the full plans the community centre in Hesketh Bank have for the knocking down of the original current buildings , and selling the land they have were the buildings currently reside is not in the best interest of the community and locals area , their is currently a building site in the area of 250 plus new houses , the Hesketh Bank community Centre are not involving or informing the full community of their plans they have so I disagree that they should have funds to persue this

They are not thinking about the community they are being selfish and greedy .

Are there any other projects on the IDS we should consider?

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Council response

A number of comments were received from people affiliated with the Hesketh Bank Silver Brass Band. CIL monies must be used to support new development, and there has been sufficient levels of development in Hesketh Bank to justify the need for a new community centre/facilities. Hesketh Bank Community Centre have submitted a proposal seeking CIL funding, with the majority of funding required for the project being met from other sources including the national lottery. How that other match funding is raised, for example, the sale of the premises for housing development, is up to the site owners and the Council do not have any input or influence into this process. The trustees have confirmed that the proposal to use the adjacent bowling green for the relocation of the community centre is no longer to be pursued. Any new community centre, and/or alternative uses for the site, would be subject to obtaining planning permission, which mandates its own consultation processes and will give opportunity for residents to comment on the development proposals. The grant of any CIL funding would be subject to, and dependent upon, the relevant permissions being obtained. Whilst the Council have sympathy for the loss of facilities for the brass band, a new community centre would provide improved facilities for the interests of a wider community. It is for the brass band and the trustees of the community centre

to come to an agreement with regard use of the facility, or explore local alternatives.

Consultation Comments on Ormskirk projects

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I am a citizen of Ormskirk and I wish to express my opinion that the Thompson Avenue play area improvement scheme should go ahead.

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I am a citizen of Ormskirk and I would like to see the Thompson Avenue play area improvement plan go ahead.

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I am emailing to register my support for the money being spent on the Thompson Avenue play area improvements. I have two young children and our family, as well as many others, would benefit from this community resource.

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Play areas become evermore important as housing in the area increases

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

I have no doubt this investment will have a positive impact on this park and the children that use it. I'm all for investment in parks and recreation areas.

From the LCWIP perspective, could the money have been spent in a different way? Possibly, yes.

But perhaps these can be considered in next year's round, for 2021/22.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

There are a number of Linear Parks which CIL may be able to contribute to, and would almost certainly be deliverable in the timeframe if all agencies/stakeholders work in close collaboration to ensure any initial hurdles, such as land ownership, or ecological issues can be dealt with swiftly and seamlessly. Some of these will be more affordable and deliverable than others. There is plenty of time to determine their feasibility before the next consultation round is confirmed.

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Some of the proposals to emerge from the Ormskirk TCMS will hopefully help determine this answer. But I would say pedestrian infrastructure in and around the town could be prioritised in the coming years. There are numerous busy junctions (with or without traffic lights) without pelican crossings, or indeed a crossing of any sort, so if we're going to begin by prioritising the most vulnerable transport user, we must begin by investing in good pedestrian redox. The LCWIP will also help identify some of these key walking routes and what measures could/should take place to aid pedestrian flow and improve safety / perception of safety / comfort. Also disabled accessibility and other such vulnerable road users. The cross-roads of the A570 and the A577 springs to mind.

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

I think this project would benefit families living in the area as they have missed having a suitable play area since the previous play equipment was removed and never replaced. Their only option for safe play is to go all the way to Coronation Park at the other end of town. My own grandchildren live on Thompson Avenue and would be delighted to be able to take advantage of this facility, as would their friends living in the area. Please make this happen .

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Any improvement to play facilities for young children should be supported.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

I originally put forward the issue of the Thompson avenue play equipment having been removed and I'm thrilled that the project has got this far! The impact a new playground in this area will have is immense. We have so many families around here as well as a primary school and several new build developments, with so few activities available to children currently. This really will rejuvenate this end of town!!!

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

My children and 2 and 3, and love being outdoors. The park on Thompson Ave is really run down. It encourages youths on trial bikes to use it as a play space, as nobody goes to this park. The equipment is dated and the only people who use it are the high school kids wanting to hang around. It is covered in cigarette burns and is generally an eyesore! Upgrading the park and using more of the land that it sits on would reduce the number of youths hanging around there as the number of children increase. We rarely walk here now, there are much better play facilities in Aughton and Coronation Park. It would be a great addition to our community to have a proper childrens play area on the Thompson Ave grounds. Getting kids out of the house should be a priority. My only concern is the older kids hanging around it at night time. This could be monitored with the implementation of a security camera. Which will also help to address the trial bike problem we also have

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Yes, it is a well used facility by children in the surrounding area that is due some maintenance.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

I agree with this proposal as this is vital open space for residents with both families and dogs. There is not enough open space and facilities up the Greetby Hill end of Ormskirk as it is, so developing the childs playground and improving it would benefit local families and keep vital open / green space for them.

There's no point having lots of houses and families in the area if you don't also provide facilities and infrastructure for them!

Keeping this open space as is and developing it and not allowing potential housing development down the line (should anything happen with the water tower) would benefit local families and residents.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Ref: Planned play area Thompson Avenue field. If the council can't think of any better use for this money, can we at least have the site moved to an area of the Thompson Avenue field which will cause less annoyance to the residents situated alongside the existing play area - Charlesbye Avenue and Field Walk.

Prior to the play area being installed many years ago, a council worker delivered a note to a few houses in Charlesbye Avenue informing them that a play area was to be installed on the field and invited a few residents to a meeting that day to decide on the position of the equipment. These

notes were delivered after the affected residents had left for work, so those mostly affected did not have a say in the matter.

Surprisingly, the residents of Delph Top knew all about this meeting and turned out in force to make sure the play area was not installed anywhere near their properties.

Instead of positioning the play area in the centre of the field where it would cause the least amount of problems for residents (screaming children, under age youths drinking through the night, loud transistor radios, Litter, Yobs setting fire to some of the equipment, etc, etc. all this and more is well documented and will be on police files.) the council in their wisdom chose to position the play area as close as possible to properties in Charlesbye Avenue and Field Walk. I wonder if any council staff residing in the affected area would have put up with this decision.

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Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Throughout the time I have lived in Charlesbye Avenue, the existing equipment in the play area has been used more frequently by youths in the late evening than by young children during the day. The youths are commonly disruptive and constant complaints have been made to the police over the years. Accordingly, on the assumption that the equipment will not be removed and not replaced (my preferred option) it is most important that byelaws, with severe sanctions, are in force banning anyone over the age of 10 (unless supervising persons under 10), those byelaws are clearly referred to adjacent to the play area and the community police are charged with checking the area for breaches.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Yes, I strongly agree with the planned improvements at Thomson Avenue play area.

When we moved to Ormskirk in 2012, the play area was of poor quality but since then, the only slide has been removed leaving just a couple of swings. Currently, it is NOT FIT FOR PURPOSE. Children need more variety than just a swing to play happily for more than just a very short

period. There are only two swings available for each age group (two for babies and two for school-age), so children cannot meet their friends here for important social interactions because only two children from the group can play at any one time - there is no other play equipment available for use by any more than two children.

It is a significant walk to other play areas so families will probably drive to Coronation Park if they want their children to play in the park, otherwise the children are too tired on arrival, or it has taken so long that it is time to go home again. Play facilities are badly needed at this end of Ormskirk. Driving is obviously to be discouraged for many reasons including decreased physical activity, increased pollution and increased congestion.

Thompson Avenue play area is within easy walking distance of many residential properties and several schools. If it was appropriately resourced, it would be widely used by a great many families and have significant benefits to their health and wellbeing, as well as developing a sense of community.

It is also in close proximity to the headquarters of the local Scout group on Wigan Road, which due to the lack of availability of outside space there, would be able to make great use of the facility in their work with young people.

In summary, development of this play area is badly needed and very much wanted by the local community and will result in a great deal of benefit, particularly to local children and families.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Definitely agree with this project as there are hardly any play areas thus side of Ormskirk and I think encouraging physical activity is more important than ever for our children and having something within walking distance is invaluable to our community.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Since moving to this area the play equipment that was previously in place has been removed and there is now nothing that my 2 children can play with. We have to travel to coronation park to play outdoors and this is inconvenient especially with a 2 year old who loves to play at the park

and loves to be outdoors. A secure play area is a brilliant idea and would help to bring families and the community together whilst encouraging children to enjoy playing outdoors.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Yes I agree, this play area is in separate need of updating. It would be used so much more if it was updated. Many families with young children live nearby and it would be a huge asset to the local area

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Yes. This play area needs improvement. There are a lot of children in the surrounding area that would use this area if it had proper equipment. The playground/park at West Head is great and my children enjoy going there. Not everyone has a car to get there. Building something like this at Thomson Ave would be ideal. They only have swings & a funny wooden chain thing now. My children loved playing on the slide/climbing frame that used to be there.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Definitely - it has been in a run down condition for many years and would benefit from a huge improvement which in turn will benefit the outcomes of the young people who live or visit the vicinity.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Yes. This park is currently quite poor and it would be great for local children to have improved facilities.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

I would like to see funding for some pedestrian crossings near to the town centre - if you walk from Greetby Hill straight down into Ormskirk (which lots of people do after school) there isn't really anywhere safe to cross.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Yes.

Please improve the play provision at Thompson Ave.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Yes I agree as my children use this area

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Yes, there is nothing to do this end of ormskirk and it's a highly populated area. It's turned into a dog fouling area as it's not used often and people think they can get away with it. If there was a lovely park then people would also use the playing fields and we could keep the dogs away.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

I strongly agree that the money should be spent on improvements to the Thompson Avenue play area. This area has not been updated for a very long time and the equipment that is there now is very basic and not in good condition.

The field in general is very under used by children and sporting clubs and groups and these should be encouraged to use it more and not just have dog walkers use it.

Hopefully it can have the same level of equipment as Westhead play area, which is excellent.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

This used to be a great little play area. But over the years it's fallen victim to vandalism and disrepair. This part of Ormskirk is not well served by play facilities for youngsters and the refurbishment of the play area should promote health and wellbeing by attracting youngsters to go outdoors and play.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Yes, spend hours with kids at playgrounds in Ormskirk. Great way to get kids out and moving and socialising with other kids.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

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Representation
Do you agree with this shortlisted project? Yes, we live on thompson Avenue and my children keep asking when the slides are coming back. It's such a shame it was allowed to end up the sorry state it has become. It is nice to have a play space on your door step, as the one in town is to busy most days to get any enjoyment from.
Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?
Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation
Do you agree with this shortlisted project? Yes. Close to Ormskirk School so the children can use it. Lots of space available so not encroaching on anything.
Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?
Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation
Do you agree with this shortlisted project? Sounds like a feasible project
Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?
Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Definitely. This would be a great place to be able to get out with our 2 year old. We love our location on tower hill as most amenities are within walking distance except for a good park. I would imagine we would be there most days. So excited for this.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

In full agreement with the proposal. The current equipment is old and causes potential for injury. It is also vital that we provide for the young families and young people in the town. This proposal will create a safe child friendly environment and a place for young people and families to meet, exercise and have FUN

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

Having a good play area is long overdue the current one has been there since I was a child and it's not very good all the children locally will benefit from it

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

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Representation
Do you agree with this shortlisted project? Yes. This is much needed and an investment in the young in our town.
Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?
Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation
Do you agree with this shortlisted project? Yes. We live very near the park and improving the park would be fantastic for my own family, local families and the two local Schools in this area. The area has so much potential for improvement.
Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?
Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation
Do you agree with this shortlisted project? The area will benefit from a play area improvement, encouraging families to get out and enjoy the areas open spaces and parks. This area of ormskirk is need of a improved play area as coronation park is situated on the outer side of town.
Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

I agree with this project. Spend the money on Thomson Avenue.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Representation

Do you agree with this shortlisted project?

It is a worthwhile project , but a town centre one would benefit more people.

Are there any other projects in Ormskirk, on the IDS, that we should consider?

Any of the proposed cycle lanes.

Can you suggest any other infrastructure projects?

Removal of large planters on Aughton Street, planting trees into the ground instead , a continuation of the design on Moor Street. The present planters are very large, and tall , it is difficult to see the floral displays. They give the street a very cluttered appearance. The planters do not allow trees to mature .