

# **WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **CIL FUNDING PROGRAMME 2020/21**

### **APPENDIX B: ALL SHORTLISTED PROJECTS**

ID 70

Project name Cheshire Lines Path

Location: Great Altcar/Downholland

Project description: Improvements to access, signage, surfacing and interpretation.

Status: Not started

Lead agency: WLBC

Project partners:

Does the project meet a local need? Yes

Is it identified in strategy / policy? Yes

Does it meet a corporate priority? Yes

Is it an item on the R123? Yes

Can it be delivered short-term?: Yes

Are CIL monies requested/required?: Yes

Are costs known?: Yes

Remove from CIL assessment?: No

**Does the project meet a local need or demand that has arisen or been exacerbated by new development?**

Yes

How would the project support or enable growth or planned development in West Lancashire?

Whilst Great Altcar and Downholland have not seen sufficient levels of development, the Cheshire Lines form part of a strategic route which accommodates tourism and use from residents from a wider outlying area. This project would therefore meet a local need or demand arising from new development.

**Is it a project listed on the R123 list?**

Yes

Type of infrastructure:

Cycle network

Provision of new infrastructure? Yes

Improvement of existing? Yes

Replacement of existing? No

Operation? No

Maintenance? No

**Is the project identified in strategy / policy**

Yes

Local Plan 2012-2027? Yes

Transport and Highways? No

Leisure Strategy? Yes

Green Infrastructure? No

Policy Links

Health and Wellbeing? No

Other?

**Does it meet a corporate priority?**

Yes

Ambitious for our economy? Yes

Ambitious for our environment? Yes

Ambitious for health and wellbeing? Yes

Comments: Healthy outdoor cycling / walking provision. Promotes tourism.

**What level will improvements be delivered at?**

Local level Yes

Town level Yes

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Borough level

Yes

Comments:

Facility will be available to all Borough and further afield through links of TransPennine Trail.

Does the proposal have a positive impact on equality

Yes

Comments:

Access for all

Has the project already benefitted from engagement

Yes

Comments:

Extensive local consultation at start of project

**Can it be delivered short-term**

Yes

Delivery within 1-2 years?

Yes

Delivery within 3-5 years?

No

Delivery over 5 years?

No

Delivery unknown?

No

Comments:

Project can start in short term but will take medium term to complete

Are there any risks if this project does not come forward?

Minor risks / impacts

Comments:

If project does not come forward, quality of provision may be reduced.

Has any work been undertaken to assess the feasibility of the project?

Are there any risks to delivery? Is it reliant on other projects or consents?

Provide key milestones/tasks for the project:

Who will be responsible for future management and maintenance of the infrastructure?

WLBC has responsibility to maintain and manage the facility

**Are project costs known?**

Yes

Project cost

£40,000

**Are CIL monies requested/required**

Yes

CIL / Match funding

Total cost: £40,000  
CIL funding requested: £40,000 (100%)  
Other funding: none

Has the parish council received Local CIL?

Total CIL awarded to parish council to date

£0

**2019 Assessment Comments**

Total cost: £40,000  
CIL funding requested: £40,000 (100%)  
Match funding: none

This project seeks to provide improvements to the existing strategic cycle / footpath route known as the Cheshire Lines which cuts across the south-west corner of West Lancashire providing links to Formby and Southport and to Maghull and beyond as

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Cheshire Lines Path

part of a national cycle route. The Council's Leisure service has confirmed that this project could be delivered by 31 March 2021 if it were to receive CIL funding. Given its location, the project is not in the vicinity of new development, but it is a strategic route that serves a much wider area being part of a national cycle route, and is part a strategic network of cycle routes, and so CIL funding could be invested in the project.

**Shortlisted for potential funding in 2020/21?**

Yes

ID 113

Project name Thompson Avenue play area improvements

Location: Thompson Ave, Ormskirk

Project description: Upgrade play area at Thompson Avenue public open space

Status: Not started

Lead agency: WLBC

Project partners:

Does the project meet a local need? Yes

Is it identified in strategy / policy? Yes

Does it meet a corporate priority? Yes

Is it an item on the R123? Yes

Can it be delivered short-term?: Yes

Are CIL monies requested/required?: Yes

Are costs known?: Yes

Remove from CIL assessment?: No

**Does the project meet a local need or demand that has arisen or been exacerbated by new development?**

Yes

How would the project support or enable growth or planned development in West Lancashire?

Sufficient development levels have occurred in Ormskirk - including Ormskirk Hospital and Atkinson and Kirkby developments which are both within walking distance of Thompson Ave. Further development is underway at Grove Farm.

**Is it a project listed on the R123 list?**

Yes

Type of infrastructure:

Play areas

Provision of new infrastructure? No

Improvement of existing? Yes

Replacement of existing? No

Operation? No

Maintenance? No

**Is the project identified in strategy / policy**

Yes

Local Plan 2012-2027? Yes

Transport and Highways? No

Leisure Strategy? Yes

Green Infrastructure? No

Policy Links

Health and Wellbeing? Yes

Other?

**Does it meet a corporate priority?**

Yes

Ambitious for our economy? No

Ambitious for our environment? Yes

Ambitious for health and wellbeing? Yes

Comments:

**What level will improvements be delivered at?**

Local level Yes

Town level Yes

Borough level

No

Comments:

Derby ward

**Does the proposal have a positive impact on equality**

Yes

Comments:

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**Has the project already benefitted from engagement**

No

Comments:

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**Can it be delivered short-term**

Yes

Delivery within 1-2 years?

Yes

Delivery within 3-5 years?

No

Delivery over 5 years?

No

Delivery unknown?

No

Comments:

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Are there any risks if this project does not come forward?

Minor risks / impacts

Comments:

Will be unable to deliver improvements.

Has any work been undertaken to assess the feasibility of the project?

Are there any risks to delivery? Is it reliant on other projects or consents?

Insufficient local support, agreed access and use of site.

Provide key milestones/tasks for the project:

Who will be responsible for future management and maintenance of the infrastructure?

Will be added to WLBC maintenance schedule at approx. cost of £4000 per annum.

**Are project costs known?**

Yes

Project cost

£40,000

**Are CIL monies requested/required**

Yes

CIL / Match funding

Total cost: £40,000  
CIL funding requested: £40,000  
Other funding: none

Has the parish council received Local CIL?

Total CIL awarded to parish council to date

£314111

**2019 Assessment Comments**

Total cost: £40,000

CIL funding requested: £40,000 (100%)

Match funding: none

The project has been proposed by the Council's Leisure Service and is deliverable by 31 March 2021. The proposal is in keeping with the Council's Play Strategy, as it would bring the existing play area from low to high quality to create a 'high quality, high value' site. Whilst there are other strategic play sites nearby (at Coronation Park and Westhead playing fields), this would require people walking along main roads which may be unsuitable for younger children. Therefore, this scheme at Thompson

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**Project name** Thompson Avenue play area improvements

Avenue would be justified for enhancement catering more for younger children. However, it may be more appropriate to consider this project in the future (together with the Ormskirk allotments project) once further consideration has been given to an improved access to this site.

**Shortlisted for potential funding in 2020/21?**

Yes

ID 133

Project name Hesketh Bank Community Centre Re-build

Location Station Road, Hesketh Bank

Project description Replacement of three halls with one single, multi-use, building on the existing site

Status Not started

Lead agency Hesketh Bank Community Centre

Project partners WLBC / HWB Parish Council

Does the project meet a local need? Yes

Is it identified in strategy / policy? Yes

Does it meet a corporate priority? Yes

Is it an item on the R123? Yes

Can it be delivered short-term?: Yes

Are CIL monies requested/required?: Yes

Are costs known?: Yes

Remove from CIL assessment?: No

Does the project meet a local need or demand that has arisen or been exacerbated by new development?

Yes

How would the project support or enable growth or planned development in West Lancashire?

Simply building houses does not create a community and if Hesketh Bank is to flourish in the future as a community, and not simply be a dormitory town, then we need to have modern and appropriate facilities where that community can come together. A redeveloped community centre will provide this, support growth and make the village a more pleasant and welcoming place to live.

As the only one non denominational community meeting facility, we have already seen demand from users for the community centre expand considerably as a result of new developments and a widening range of potential users gives us confidence that there is sustainable demand for the centre and that we have an important role to play in helping to integrate new residents.

We have consulted and listened to the local community and are working closely with Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council to make the centre much more relevant to the changing needs of a larger community.

Since the present trustees took control of the community centre sixteen months ago, we have looked at users, their needs and been successful in extending the usage of the centre. The trustees have, between them, all the skills necessary to deliver this project and ensure its successful ongoing management in the future.

We now have many active groups and a diverse range of users from toddlers through to the retired. They include: a growing U3A group, a gym school for toddlers, martial arts, table tennis, dog training, chair based exercises, Hesketh Bank Silver Band, ballroom dancing and more. There are wellsupported monthly talks from visiting speakers organised by the U3A and we arrange a number of evening events that includes bingo, comedy nights and performances from visiting theatre groups throughout the year.

We have plans to introduce more education based classes for individuals and groups such as English as a Second Language courses for horticultural workers as well as making facilities available for arts and performance groups. We have been



approached about the formation of an after school service which, due to the present demand and bookings, could only be delivered in a new building. Opportunities are there - we need your support to help make them happen.

We also provide facilities for meetings and presentations for many local and national government organisations such as the Environment Agency, NHS and Victim Support. As such, the halls are intensively used by a broad spectrum of the local and wider community. Hesketh Bank Community Centre is providing meeting, leisure and social facilities in a village that will, in the next few years, become a small town and we need to have a modern community hub that will have available an even wider range of facilities.

How we already make a difference: Users have already seen a significant growth in numbers as a result of recent housing developments. For example, in three years, Becconsall U3A (Becconsall University of the Third Age), an existing centre user, has shown a 300% increase in membership having grown from 50 to 153 members, many of whom being new residents. Their membership includes, 71 members from Hesketh Bank, 44 from Tarleton and 13 from Banks as well as members from other villages in the area.

Since November 2017, they have averaged three new members per week, demonstrating a 35% increase in 5 months. More importantly, by using the community centre, the U3A has brought 153 retired people together, many of whom would have otherwise led a near solitary existence in the village. Not only are we providing vital social cohesion at a time of change, we are contributing to the better health and wellbeing of our residents and with a new community centre we will be able to do much more.

With the centre open from eight in the morning until ten in the evening, usage of the community centre has grown to an average 63% utilisation over the last fifteen months. New users are now finding it difficult to rent hall space due to usage being maximised at key times - an issue affecting the large back hall in particular. Many community groups are being turned away as we cannot accommodate their requirements. The increase in population over the next few years will place great pressure on the community centre so we need to have modern facilities to meet current and future needs that will support the new developments and growth in Hesketh Bank.

The available spaces in the existing community centre that we have do not meet the needs of our users and those spaces are not conducive to more than one group using a hall at any one time which is a functionality that we need to support increasing demand.

**Is it a project listed on the R123 list?**

Yes

Type of infrastructure:

Community facilities

Provision of new infrastructure?

No

Improvement of existing?

No

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Replacement of existing? Yes  
Operation? No  
Maintenance? No

**Is the project identified in strategy / policy** Yes  
Local Plan 2012-2027? Yes  
Transport and Highways? No  
Leisure Strategy? No  
Green Infrastructure? No  
Policy Links SP1, IF1, IF3  
Health and Wellbeing? Yes  
Other? NPPG, Ambition Lancashire,

**Does it meet a corporate priority?** Yes  
Ambitious for our economy? Yes  
Ambitious for our environment? Yes  
Ambitious for health and wellbeing? Yes

Comments:  
A Vision for West Lancashire – Objective 3: To improve the general health and well being of residents and promote social well being through high quality green infrastructure and cultural activities. Social and cultural facilities will be provided to a high standard and be accessible to all....  
Diversity and Inclusion: One of the few places to meet within the community offering vital and diverse support to improve the quality of life.  
Ambition Lancashire – Sustainable Community Strategy (2005 – 2025):.....active and involved citizens and communities making it easier for people to achieve their ambitions, enrich their lives and meet their needs more closely.  
National Planning Policy Framework: paragraph 70.  
To deliver the social, recreational and cultural facilities and services the community needs, planning policies and decisions should: ● plan positively for the provision and use of shared space, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments; ● guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community’s ability to meet its day-to-day needs.  
Hesketh Bank Parish Plan 2008: to increase the number and range of activities available to all ages.....To have a new community facility offering a wide range of activities for everyone.

**What level will improvements be delivered at?**  
Local level Yes  
Town level Yes  
Borough level Yes  
Comments: The hall already has regular users from Hesketh Bank, Tarleton,

Mere

Brow, Rufford, Burscough and Banks and occasional users from Preston, Longton, Hoole, Penwortham and Southport so we draw our existing users from at least a ten mile radius of the Centre. Local and national government organisations use the community centre for meetings and presentations which draws users from further afield.

**Does the proposal have a positive impact on equality**

Yes

Comments:

As a charity, we have no barriers, and never have had any barriers to users based on gender, race, age religion, sexuality and disability. A new hall will enhance their experience and those with disabilities will have full access to all of the facilities in the hall. An induction loop will assist the hard of hearing. The additional capacity will also allow us to provide new educational opportunities such as IT and English as a Second Language which we will, through their employers, offer to the large group of migrant workers who work in horticulture in and around our community and who are largely unsupported. The new facility will work closely with migrant workers to support them in their integration into the wider community.

**Has the project already benefitted from engagement**

Yes

Comments:

There is strong public support for redeveloping our facilities and we have the full support of Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council with whom the trustees work closely. The Parish Council have advised us that they will make available all CIL monies with the exception of those generated by the Henry Alty development to support the new community centre. There will be ongoing community consultation throughout the process. A major visual presentation with concept plans and rationale was made at the 2016/17 AGM meeting which was well received by the many members of the public who attended and updates were given at the recent 2017/18 AGM. We also communicate through a regular newsletter which is distributed to homes in the village and have carried out surveys with both the users and public. Meetings have been held with all major users to ensure that the new hall will meet and exceed their needs. Through these discussions, we have developed a strategy to allow for continuity of use during the build period and all users have been made aware of this and support the development. Further public consultation events were to be advertised and held during the spring and early summer of 2018. We have a structured programme of outreach to further refine our communications and we have begun a campaign using large posters for notice boards in the halls to systematically explain our plans in detail as they evolve. We also plan to carry out presentations at the local supermarket, who have been very supportive, and put up posters in many locations across Hesketh Bank, Tarleton and Banks to explain progress. This approach will continue as the project progresses.

**Can it be delivered short-term**

Yes

Delivery within 1-2 years?

Yes

Delivery within 3-5 years?

No

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Delivery over 5 years?

No

Delivery unknown?

No

Comments:

Provided funds are secured, we can begin building in early 2020 and have a building available in six weeks from commencement. The project would be completed and fully operational in 2020.

Are there any risks if this project does not come forward?

Major risks / impacts

Comments:

The current buildings on the site are old - the Front Hall was built in 1964 and the Back Hall comprises two ex army huts which were brought to the site in 1984. The band hut is a concrete structure of similar age which has asbestos issues. All of these buildings do not meet current standards, are in a poor state of repair due to the lack of a long-term structured maintenance plan and are very expensive to operate.

Were the existing facilities that we have to be fully refurbished, they will still not meet the needs of our users so a new building is required.

If we cannot fully fund the project, there is a major risk in the short/medium term for the community centre though our inability to provide what users want and there are serious financial implications for the Charity of a major structural problem occurring with the buildings. Given the popularity of the community centre, a project on a smaller scale will not provide an appropriate solution so CIL support from West Lancs Borough Council is very important for us. With your support, we will be able to significantly assist in the growth of the Borough and provide a key community asset.

The Charity does not currently have the funds available or access to funds from other sources to refurbish the halls and we have been advised that we will struggle to get grants for refurbishment given the age of the buildings. The community centre could risk closure should there be a major building issue as the Trustees would be unable to find the funds to pay for it. A new hall will allow the Trustees to plan for the future with confidence. With a new community centre, maintenance costs will be minimal and manageable for the life of the building, operating costs will be greatly reduced by using green technologies and solar power generation. A long term savings programme will be put in place to cover ongoing maintenance in the future. We envisage that investment in a new build will secure the future of the community centre.

Has any work been undertaken to assess the feasibility of the project?

A full Options Appraisal has been carried out which has been checked and approved by our advisers. It has been carried out to Charity Commission standards and requirements.

A widening range of potential users gives us confidence that there is sustainable demand for the centre and that we have an important role to play in helping to integrate new residents.

We have consulted and listened to the local community extensively and are working closely with Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council to make the centre much more relevant to the changing needs of a larger community.

Since the present trustees took control of the community centre

sixteen months ago, we have looked at users, their needs and have been successful in extending the usage of the centre. We now have over 1,200 users per month.

Are there any risks to delivery? Is it reliant on other projects or consents?

The project has been discussed with West Lancs Borough Council Planning Department and Pre-Application Advice was formally sought and provided - PRE/2017/0466/MIN - the advice was favourable. We will need to apply for full planning permission and building.

All other legal consents etc. are in place. The charity is currently being restructured and a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is being created to make it more appropriate for modern needs. The project is not reliant on the completion of any other projects.

Provide key milestones/tasks for the project:

2019 - Source funding - Final approval of design, costs and contractor - Obtain planning and survey approvals etc. - Maintain a public communications/consultation programme.  
2020 - With funding in place, sign agreements with contractor - Site preparation

Who will be responsible for future management and maintenance of the infrastructure?

The Trustees of Hesketh Bank Community Centre and the centre manager.

### Are project costs known?

Yes

Project cost

Planning application & building control - £5750  
Surveys - £3024  
Demolition, electrics, drainage and site works - £67,690  
Supply of modular building - £315,000  
Haulage to site - £5,200  
Crane and installation - £15,600  
Solar panels - £42,000  
Rainwater harvesting - £5,500  
TOTAL = £459,764

### Are CIL monies requested/required

Yes

CIL / Match funding

Yes. Hesketh Bank Community Centre requires CIL monies to redevelop the centre. Bidding for £100,000 of CIL monies.

Parish Council grant - £36,000 (secured) / update: (£50K granted October 2019 by HwBPC)  
Centre fund raising - £4,500 (secured)  
Awards for all - £9850 (secured)  
Awards for All - £10,000 (bid submitted)  
Co-op communities award - £626 to date - £3,500 predicted by the Co-op by October 2019  
Persimmon award - £1000 (bid secured)  
LEF Grant - £47,500 (bid to be submitted)  
CIL - £100,000 (bid submitted)  
In negotiation with the National Lottery Communities Fund for £100,000 match funding if CIL monies.  
Sale of land - £200,000

If all other funding applications were not successful, the project would be a risk as we currently would be unable to fully deliver it from our own funds. Strategic support from CIL would be

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significant and allow for the project to be delivered should there be a shortfall with other funding sources. We are actively pursuing support from other organisations and considering other funding options to minimise this risk.

Has the parish council received Local CIL?



Total CIL awarded to parish council to date

£44352

### 2019 Assessment Comments

Total cost: c£460,000  
CIL funding requested: £100,000  
Other funding required: c.£360,000

CIL Funding requested stands at £100k and is suitable for annual consideration through CIL Funding Programme. CIL monies are required to support the funding of this project, it meets a local need generated from new development in the local area, it meets corporate priorities, is listed on the R123 list under community infrastructure, and can be delivered in the short term subject to planning and building permissions.

**Shortlisted for potential funding in 2020/21?**

Yes

ID 157

Project name Tawd Valley Park Play Area

Location Tawd Valley Park (adjacent to the town centre), Skelmersdale

Project description High quality play facilities for all ages and abilities to complement the development of Skelmersdale Town Centre

Status Not started

Lead agency WLBC Leisure

Project partners Groundwork Trust; Friends of Tawd Valley Park

Does the project meet a local need? Yes

Is it identified in strategy / policy? Yes

Does it meet a corporate priority? Yes

Is it an item on the R123? Yes

Can it be delivered short-term?: Yes

Are CIL monies requested/required?: Yes

Are costs known?: Yes

Remove from CIL assessment?: No

Does the project meet a local need or demand that has arisen or been exacerbated by new development?

Yes

How would the project support or enable growth or planned development in West Lancashire?

This project is an integral part of the plans to re-develop Skelmersdale Town Centre. The location falls within the Town Centre Development boundary and the facility will provide an important element of the recreational and green open space requirements of the Town Centre development. In addition, the project will support development across Skelmersdale, and surrounding areas, by providing central play facilities. Significant levels of new development are being delivered within the town, and so this project would meet a local need arising from new development.
The Town Centre development will attract a large number of visitors to the centre of the town and this provision will add an important element of the provision for children and families in the area.
The Councils Leisure Strategy encompasses a Play Provision Assessment which supports the need for additional play provision in Skelmersdale. Providing this facility in a central location, with the improved public transport provision which will develop alongside the Town Centre improvements, will allow access to much of the local community.

Is it a project listed on the R123 list?

Yes

Type of infrastructure:

Strategic Green Infrastructure :- Play Areas; Parks; Amenity Open Space

Provision of new infrastructure? Yes

Improvement of existing? No

Replacement of existing? No

Operation? No

Maintenance? No

Is the project identified in strategy / policy

Yes

Local Plan 2012-2027? Yes

Transport and Highways? No

Leisure Strategy?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Green Infrastructure?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Policy Links	<input type="text" value="SP2, EN3"/>
Health and Wellbeing?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Other?	<input type="text" value="Skelmersdale Dev Plan; Tawd"/>

**Does it meet a corporate priority?**

Ambitious for our economy?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Ambitious for our environment?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Ambitious for health and wellbeing?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>

Comments:

**What level will improvements be delivered at?**

Local level	<input type="text" value="No"/>
Town level	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Borough level	<input type="text" value="No"/>

Comments:

**Does the proposal have a positive impact on equality**

Comments:

**Has the project already benefitted from engagement**

Comments:

**Can it be delivered short-term**

Delivery within 1-2 years?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Delivery within 3-5 years?	<input type="text" value="No"/>
Delivery over 5 years?	<input type="text" value="No"/>
Delivery unknown?	<input type="text" value="No"/>

Comments:

Are there any risks if this project does not come forward?

Comments:



would create a significant reputational risk to the Council. Failure to deliver this integral part of the Town Centre development would detract greatly from its ability to provide a vibrant and high quality facility for Skelmersdale.

Has any work been undertaken to assess the feasibility of the project?

Basic plans for the area to be used have been produced to assess feasibility.

Are there any risks to delivery? Is it reliant on other projects or consents?

Some elements of the scheme may be reliant upon attaining planning consent, depending on the size and scale of the designs. There will also be a need to consider ground/weather conditions to implement works without causing too much damage to the area. The scheme will have to be carefully integrated into the Town centre Development timescales and good liaison with St Modwens will be required. Initial discussions with St Modwens have been undertaken.

Provide key milestones/tasks for the project:

Key milestones will include :-  
 Drainage/ground condition survey  
 Brief for Play Companies  
 Design Procurement  
 Public Consultation Exercise  
 Decision on preferred design  
 Engagement of Contractors  
 Implementation  
 Completion  
 Publicity/opening ceremony

Who will be responsible for future management and maintenance of the infrastructure?

West Lancashire Borough Council – facility will be included within the WLBC play maintenance contract, and monitored by play maintenance team, ranger service, and local volunteers

### Are project costs known?

Yes

Project cost

Total £225,000  
 - Play equipment & installation £180,000  
 - Access infrastructure £25,000  
 - Land drainage £20,000

### Are CIL monies requested/required

Yes

CIL / Match funding

Total cost: c.£225,000  
 CIL funding requested: c.£225,000  
 Other funding: St Modwen Developments have agreed to provide infrastructure works (drainage, paths etc.) (up to a value of £60,000). CIL monies will therefore be used solely on the play area, as well as to fund any necessary contingencies should the infrastructure costs for the play area be greater than anticipated.

Has the parish council received Local CIL?

Total CIL awarded to parish council to date

£0

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**Project name**

**Tawd Valley Park Play Area**

Total cost: c.£225,000

CIL funding requested: c.£225,000

Other funding: St Modwen Developments have agreed to provide infrastructure works (drainage, paths etc.) (up to a value of £60,000). CIL monies will therefore be used solely on the play area, as well as to fund any necessary contingencies should the infrastructure costs for the play area be greater than anticipated.

Project would respond to a need arising from new development across Skelmersdale and the surrounding areas, by providing high quality play facilities. The project ties in to Council strategies and existing plans for improving the Tawd Valley and Skelmersdale town centre. The amount of CIL requested exceeds the £100,000 annually allocated for CIL funding and so would require separate consideration by the Council through the annual funding programme.

**Shortlisted for potential funding in 2020/21?**

**Yes**