1. Project 11 - Details

Project name:	Ormskirk – Burscough Linear Park
Proposed location : Where applicable, please provide a plan/map indicating the location of the proposed works	From Taylor Wimpey Site on High Lane Ormskirk to Lordsgate Lane, Burscough
Project description: Brief description of the proposal	Delivery of an Ormskirk to Burscough Linear Park pathway from existing footway/cycleway that has been created as part of the Grove Farm development to Abbey Lane, Burscough .
Project details: Purpose of the project and details of the works required	Creation of a linear park pathway to provide a route for sustainable travel between Ormskirk and Burscough for pedestrians/cyclists. Works for construction of a cycle/footway to include drainage, fencing, signposts and all associated surveys and land works.

Is the project already on the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule?	Yes - If Yes, please provide reference No
Has this project been started?	Yes Xo
Has this project been completed?	Yes - If completed, there is no need to continue with this form. No

2. Contact details

Organisation name	West Lancashire Borough Council
Project lead / contact name	Suzanne Hill, Senior Regeneration Development Project Manager

Email: Contact number:	Suzanne.hill@westlancs.gov.uk 01695 585111
Project partners (if applicable):	

Does the project meet a local	Ormskirk and Burscough has experienced significant housing development
need or demand that has	over the last ten years. This has caused a rise in local traffic and visitors to
arisen or been exacerbated as	the area along with the completion of Ringtail Retail Park and the expansion
a result of new development?	of Burscough Industrial Estate.
Please explain what need or demand has arisen as a result of new development.	
How would the project	Maintained and improved safe pedestrian and cycle routes to provide easier
support or enable growth or	access to education, employment and other key services, as well as
planned development in West	providing a leisure and tourism offer, and offering opportunity for exercise as
Lancashire?	part of a healthier lifestyle.
Details of why this project is required to support new development. Please provide details of any specific development proposals, sites or growth which would be supported, enabled or unlocked by the project.	

Is the project identified within	Yes
a relevant local strategy?	No
Please tick those that apply and provide any relevant strategy / policy details	 Local Plan 2012-2027, WLBC Please state policy/strategy Transport and Highways Masterplan, LCC Cycling and Green Infrastructure Strategy, WLBC Leisure Strategy / Playing Pitch Strategy WLBC Health and Wellbeing Strategy, WLBC Masterplan / Development Brief Other (please state) West Lancashire Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan, LCC

Does the project help meet at	Create empowered, engaged and inclusive communities
least one of the Council's	Including: Healthy, resilient and engaged communities, improved
Corporate Priorities?	places to live and work, equal opportunities
Please tick those that apply	Become a greener West Lancashire

LINK to Council Priorities	Including: To embed green infrastructure into our Borough's future development and regeneration, to safeguard the natural landscape and maintain our green environment, to become carbon neutral, encourage green space, energy efficiency, sustainable supply chains
	A clean, safe environment with affordable homes Including: Providing a cleaner physical environment to enhance the Borough, supporting quality growth and infrastructure
	Everyone to be healthy, happy, safe and resilient To invest in sports and leisure services and facilities, to protect, invest and continue to developer our green leisure spaces, to reduce health inequalities, to support our most deprived areas
	Support businesses to adapt and prosper
	Be a financially sustainable Council by 2023 Including: To provide value for money services

Does the project fall under the infrastructure listed in the Infrastructure Funding Statement?	Strategic transport and highways improvements or provision Including: Cycle network provision and improvements, footpaths, bus stops etc.
Please tick the infrastructure type(s)	Strategic green infrastructure Including: Parks, amenity open space, play areas, outdoor sports facilities and playing pitches, semi-natural open space.
<u>Link to the IFS</u>	Community facilities <i>Including: Libraries, health facilities, community centres, public realm, leisure centres etc.</i>
Does the project propose?	 Provision of new infrastructure Improvement of existing infrastructure Replacement of existing infrastructure Operation Maintenance

What benefits will the scheme deliver to the local area?	 Economic improvements Environmental improvements Social improvements
Please provide details.	Economic Improvements – to open up sustainable travel options between Ormskirk and Burscough improving accessibility to non- drivers and residents and visitors who prefer to choose a sustainable transport option. Environmental Improvements – Improvements to air quality due to less vehicle emissions by creation of a safe cycle route. Social Improvements - Ensure key green hubs, such as parks, play spaces and woodlands, are linked by means of safe and easily accessible green networks and cycle paths and footpaths that together form a high-quality Green Infrastructure grid across the whole of the Borough.

What geographic area will the project benefit?	 Neighbourhood / local Town / large village Borough wide / beyond
Please provide details	Neighbourhood/local – users travelling to existing facilities in the local area, eg retail park. nursery, football club, holiday park. Town/Large Village – users/visitors travelling between the local business districts of Ormskirk/Burscough/Skelmersdale and the parishes Borough Wide/Beyond – Linear Park will provide a connection between Ormskirk and Burscough and bring in visitors from the wider region
Does the proposal have a positive impact on equality?	Yes
positive impact on equality:	L No
This includes gender, race, age, religion, sexuality, disability	
Please provide details Please explain if and how any specific equalities groups would be affected by the project.	Would provide a safe environment and accessibility for users with mobility issues. Vulnerable groups such as elderly users and children Would benefit from a less dangerous route for walking/cycling
Has the project already benefitted from stakeholder	Yes
engagement / discussions	No
with the local community?	
Please provide details Is there public support? To what degree?	The scheme would be unlikely to attract objections. Failure to continue the connection between Ormskirk and Burscough would generate more negative comments/feedback. No impact for road users during construction as all development would take place away from the highway network.

When can the infrastructure be delivered?	 Within 1-2 years (short term) Within 3-5 years (medium term) Over 5 years (long term) Unknown
Please provide details	If known, in which financial year is the project expected to commence? 2023/24 If known, in which financial year is the project expected to complete? 2024/25
Are there any risks to the delivery? Is commencement of the project reliant on any planning, legal or other	Project is reliant on funding availability and landowner consents which have already been sought.

consents? Is the project reliant on the completion of any other projects first?	
Has any work been carried out to date to assess the feasibility of the project?	Previous feasibility work has been undertaken by officers in relation to this project
Please set out any key milestones and/or tasks for the project	Milestones and tasks for delivery of project are being developed as information needs to be updated.
Which organisation will be responsible for delivering the infrastructure?	West Lancashire Borough Council
Who will be responsible for the future management and maintenance of the infrastructure?	West Lancashire Borough Council
Are there specific implications, risks or negative impacts if this project does not come forward?	 Strategic risks / impacts Major risks / impacts Minor risks/impacts No risks/impacts
Please provide details	If funding is not secured through CIL there may be no opportunity to draw on any other funding streams this year which will delay the project further

What is the cost of the project?

Please complete the table below with as much detail as possible – including, where known, a breakdown of the different elements of the scheme. Please make clear if funding is being sought for revenue costs (eg on-going maintenance). Costs associated with preparing the CIL funding bid should not be included.

Source	Estimate cost (£)
The estimated Design, construction and supervision costs	£245,000.00
Preliminaries	£18,500.00
contingencies	£40,000.00
20% Uplift	£60,700.00
Total cost	£364,200.00

Do you wish to (bid for the) use CIL monies to help deliver	Yes
the project?	

Are CIL monies needed to deliver the project? What match funding is available or secured?

Please give details of all identified sources of funding for the project, including the amount of CIL funding being sought and any match funding and its status (eg proposed, bid submitted, approved in principle, secured).

Source	Amount (£)	Status of funding	% of total cost
Section 106	£165,000.00	Secured	45%
CIL	£200,200.00	Bid submitted	55%

Please also set out the risks to the project if any other funding applications were not successful.

There is a risk of delays to deliver the project if CIL bid is not successful which could result in potential loss of S106 monies

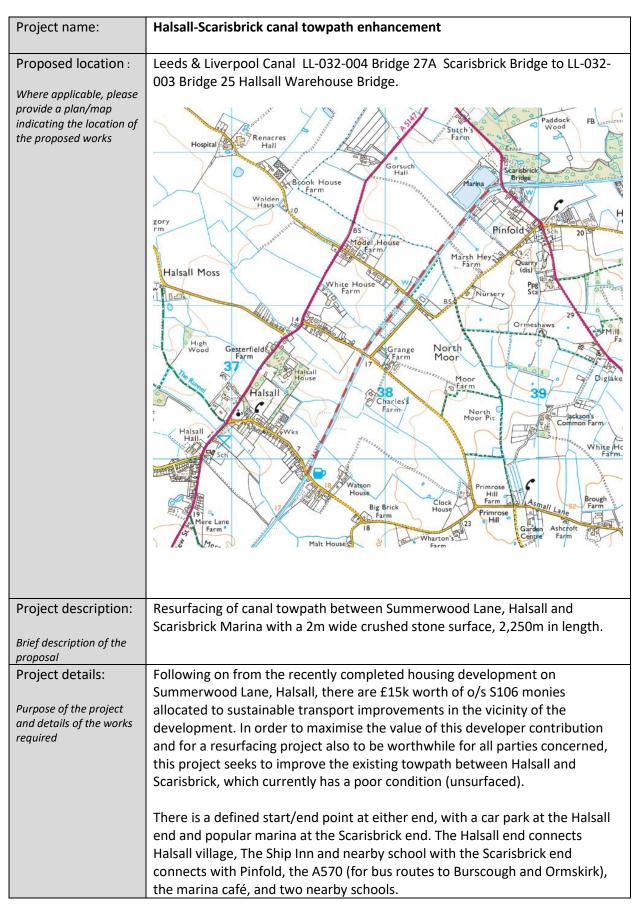
Please detail why CIL funding is needed and/or how it will add value to the project?

Will CIL help secure the overall delivery of the project (i.e. the project would not proceed without CIL), the timing of delivery (i.e. would CIL enable the project to be brought forward earlier) or the longevity of the project (i.e. CIL would enhance the quality of the project, increase the benefit to residents or enable the benefit to be sustained for longer).

CIL funding will help to deliver this project within the projected timescales and will ensure that no existing funds will be lost due to further delays with the project

LCC have ambitions to upgrade the crossing on the A59 from a puffin crossing to a toucan crossing and these two projects would work hand in hand to strengthen strategic links between Ormskirk and Burscough.

1. Project 200 - Details



Is the project already on the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule?	Yes - If Yes, please provide reference No
Has this project been started?	Yes Xo
Has this project been completed?	Yes - If completed, there is no need to continue with this form.

2. Contact details

Organisation name	Canals & Rivers Trust
Project lead / contact name	Joe Hildred
Email: Contact number:	joe.hildred@canalrivertrust.org.uk
Project partners (if applicable):	The CRT will lead on this project.

Does the project meet a local need or demand that has arisen or been exacerbated as a result of new development? Please explain what need or demand has arisen as a result of new development.	The recent 14-home development at Summerwood Lane, Halsall was approved with a S106 agreement that £15k worth of sustainable travel improvements would be carried out. It has been suggested that as the development is so close to the canal, and as the towpath serves as a key active travel corridor in the area away from the busy A5147, that the monies could go towards towpath improvements. As £15k doesn't allow for significant improvements to the towpath surface, which is currently in a poor, unsurfaced condition, it makes sense for money to combine with another source in order to carry out a more substantial and worthwhile project. Scarisbrick Marina's recent expansion, including its caravan park should also be considered with regards to new development and increased demand.
How would the project support or enable growth or planned development in West Lancashire? Details of why this project is required to support new development. Please provide details of any specific development proposals, sites or growth which would be supported, enabled or unlocked by the project.	The recent development at Summerwood Lane, whilst small in size and scale, has limited sustainable travel options, which is why the S106 agreement was drawn up in the first place. These monies still haven't been spent, hence the residents who've moved in will be reliant on private car use as there are no essential amenities or facilities nearby – certainly not journeys that can be comfortably made by foot or on bike. However, if the towpath was improved up to Scarisbrick, this would facilitate a much safer and attractive walking route to Scarisbrick (compared with the A5147), where a frequent bus service to Burscough and Ormskirk is served. This section may then pave the way for the section between Scarisbrick and Burscough to be completed, which would then ensure a complete and fully surfaced cycle route from Halsall to Wigan along the canal.

Is the project identified within	Yes
a relevant local strategy?	No No
Please tick those that apply	Local Plan 2012-2027, WLBC
and provide any relevant	Please state policy/strategy
strategy / policy details	Transport and Highways Masterplan, LCC
	Cycling and Green Infrastructure Strategy, WLBC
	Leisure Strategy / Playing Pitch Strategy WLBC
	Health and Wellbeing Strategy, WLBC
	Masterplan / Development Brief
	Other (please state)

Does the project help meet at	Create empowered, engaged and inclusive communities
least one of the Council's	Including: Healthy, resilient and engaged communities, improved
Corporate Priorities?	places to live and work, equal opportunities
Please tick those that apply LINK to Council Priorities	Become a greener West Lancashire Including: To embed green infrastructure into our Borough's future development and regeneration, to safeguard the natural landscape and maintain our green environment, to become carbon neutral, encourage green space, energy efficiency, sustainable supply chains
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	Support businesses to adapt and prosper
	Be a financially sustainable Council by 2023 Including: To provide value for money services

Does the project fall under the infrastructure listed in the Infrastructure Funding Statement?	Strategic transport and highways improvements or provision Including: Cycle network provision and improvements, footpaths, bus stops etc.
Please tick the infrastructure type(s)	Strategic green infrastructure Including: Parks, amenity open space, play areas, outdoor sports facilities and playing pitches, semi-natural open space.

Link to the IFS	Community facilities Including: Libraries, health facilities, community centres, public realm, leisure centres etc.
Does the project propose?	 Provision of new infrastructure Improvement of existing infrastructure Replacement of existing infrastructure Operation Maintenance

What benefits will the scheme	Economic improvements
deliver to the local area?	Environmental improvements
	Social improvements
Please provide details.	Economic Improvements - Increased number of people using canal towpath supporting canal side businesses (Ship Inn, Marina café, caravan parks, Heaton's Bridge pub). Builds on heritage of the area making it a more attractive place to live supporting proposed development in the area.
	Environmental improvements – fully accessible cycling and walking routes enable trips to be made which may previously have been made by car, or not at all. Current towpath surface is a barrier to those on wheels, and during periods of heavy rainfall, also a barrier to those travelling on foot. There are limited alternatives in the area to actively travel off-highway. Main road (A5147) unattractive due to traffic volume while surrounding lanes all have national speed limit or 40mph limit, hence unattractive due to high traffic speeds.
	Social improvements – travelling by bicycle or on foot creates good habits for new and existing residents and improvements to existing routes only enable more trips to be made by these modes. The most vulnerable users in the local communities stand to benefit the most, as the towpath will be more accessible, and is already an attractive route, so has the added benefit of boosting mental health as well as physical. Potential benefits for local school children in the area too with three schools within close proximity of the route extents.
What geographic area will the project benefit?	Neighbourhood / local Town / large village Borough wide / beyond
Please provide details	Neighbourhood / local – Benefits to the surrounding residential areas of Halsall and Pinfold, with close proximity to two primary schools, a high school, a popular marina with café and two large caravan parks, which attract many visitors per year.
	Borough wide / beyond – The towpath east of Scarisbrick Marina leads to NCN562 – cycle route between Southport and Wigan via

	Burscough. Many leisure cyclists and walkers use the canal towpath as part of a larger leisure journey, and will often draw in users from more urban areas wishing to escape traffic and enjoy more pleasant routes. Improved surfaces almost invariably lead to an increase in usage – across all active modes.
Does the proposal have a	Yes
positive impact on equality?	No
This includes gender, race, age, religion, sexuality, disability	
Please provide details Please explain if and how any specific equalities groups would be affected by the project.	Women generally travel by foot or bicycle a lot less than men. Same is true of children, as various empirical studies have shown over time. Safe active travel routes remove severances which would otherwise prevent women and children from travelling by their own steam, particularly when alone.
	Elderly users are almost always disadvantaged by dangerous roads and severances, as well as poorly surfaced footpaths. If such users are unable to drive, dangerous road conditions and inaccessible footpaths can be a barrier to travelling independently and runs the risk of increased social isolation.
	Disabled users will benefit from improved surfacing and as a result of the crushed stone surface. Similarly, to female and elderly users, hostile roads are a major barrier to disabled users travelling on their own accord and the canal towpath here offers a much more pleasant route between the two settlements.
	In short, an improved towpath surface at this location allows a wider reach of society to access the nearby schools, marina, bus stops and canal towpath in general (for journeys onwards to Burscough and Wigan) within the immediate area, increasing social equality and removing barriers to active travel.
Has the project already benefitted from stakeholder engagement / discussions with the local community?	☐ Yes ⊠ No
Please provide details Is there public support? To what degree?	Public objections would be unlikely – no impact on highway network, no impact on local businesses or households, limited impact on heritage, ecology, and local character.

When can the infrastructure be Within 1-2 years (short term)
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delivered?	Within 3-5 years (medium term)
delivered.	Over 5 years (long term)
Please provide details	If known, in which financial year is the project expected to commence? 2024/25
	If known, in which financial year is the project expected to complete? 2024/25
	A Project Manager would be drawn from CRT's existing staff to lead the delivery of this project. A full design would need to be undertaken and this work would be led by the project manager co- ordinating internal colleagues from relevant teams – environment, engineering, heritage, community engagement.
Are there any risks to the delivery? Is commencement of the project reliant on any planning, legal or other consents? Is the project reliant on the completion of any other projects first?	This project is low risk from a deliverability point of view. It does not affect the highway or PRoW network, no washwall repairs or access improvements are proposed, there is no intention to install lighting (no ecological risk), and the path is entirely owned and maintained by the CRT, who will be managing this project. The project is not reliant on any other project's completion. As always, there will be a level of risk/contingency in there for some level of unforeseen/rising costs.
Has any work been carried out to date to assess the feasibility of the project?	High-level feasibility work by the CRT has established the low-risk nature of this project. A cost estimate has been provided. As an additional note to this – the work that has already been done to produce this estimate is the bulk of the work prior to formal design. Everything after this is included in the estimates above.
Please set out any key milestones and/or tasks for the project	The CRT will project manage this scheme and can provide this information on request if necessary.
Which organisation will be responsible for delivering the infrastructure?	Canal & Rivers Trust.
Who will be responsible for the future management and maintenance of the infrastructure?	Canal & Rivers Trust.
Are there specific implications, risks or negative impacts if this project does not come forward?	 Strategic risks / impacts Major risks / impacts Minor risks/impacts No risks/impacts
Please provide details	The main risk for WLBC is the outstanding S106 monies from the Summerwood Gardens development, which need to be committed by Sep 2024, or else the money is at risk of being recouped by the developer. If that's the case a suitable alternative scheme will need to be found.

What is the cost of the project?

Please complete the table below with as much detail as possible – including, where known, a breakdown of the different elements of the scheme. Please make clear if funding is being sought for revenue costs (eg on-going maintenance). Costs associated with preparing the CIL funding bid should not be included.

Source	Estimate cost (£)
2,250m long and 2m wide Crushed stone surface	£175,095.14
+8.5% contingency costs	£15,000.00
Total Cost	£190,095.14

Are CIL monies needed to deliver the project? What match funding is available or secured?

Please give details of all identified sources of funding for the project, including the amount of CIL funding being sought and any match funding and its status (eg proposed, bid submitted, approved in principle, secured).

Source	Amount (£)	Status of funding	% of total cost
S106	£15,000	Secured, but needs to be committed by Sep 2024	7.9%
CIL	£175,095.14	Proposed – to be secured	92.1%

Please also set out the risks to the project if any other funding applications were not successful.

N.B. The CRT have some bank repair work planned next to the length in question (on a section with heritage setts so it wouldn't be resurfaced) and could use that to demonstrate an increased match amount. For further info please contact Joe Hildred.

Please detail why CIL funding is needed and/or how it will add value to the project?

Will CIL help secure the overall delivery of the project (i.e. the project would not proceed without CIL), the timing of delivery (i.e. would CIL enable the project to be brought forward earlier) or the longevity of the project (i.e. CIL would enhance the quality of the project, increase the benefit to residents or enable the benefit to be sustained for longer).

Without CIL funding, the project cannot happen and the S106 monies would need allocating to a different or much stripped down project. There may still be improvements the CRT can make with the £15k of S106, but in order to maximise its potential, the CIL top-up ensures the money can be pooled and committed to by its expiry date of Sep 2024. There are no other funding sources available that

would be able to fund this project in the immediate future as Active Travel Fund generally does not support canal towpath interventions. It must also be noted that the WLBC Green Infrastructure and Cycling Strategy (p38) identifies Improvement works to the towpath on the Leeds-Liverpool Canal between Burscough and Lydiate to provide an off-road cycle path at a cost of £2.6m, so this section would help go towards fulfilling that proposal.

Additionally, the recent towpath upgrade works between Parbold and Wigan and Appley Bridge (still in construction) show the CRT are capable and willing partners to help carry out these socially and environmentally important projects for the borough. The canal is a key green and blue asset and the more towpath sections that can be upgraded take the borough one step closer to having a fully accessible towpath from its border with Sefton to its border with Wigan.

1. Project 206 - Details

Project name:	UK Shared Prosperity Fund Community Grant Scheme Match
	Funding
Proposed location :	Borough-wide
Where applicable, please provide a plan/map indicating the location of the proposed works	
Project description:	To use CIL as match-funding for eligible projects seeking to access
Brief description of the proposal	the Council's UK Shared Prosperity Fund Community Grant Scheme ('UKSPF CGS'). Up to £355,000 of CIL funding is sought to match-fund with UKSPF CGS on eligible projects.
Project details:	
Purpose of the project and details of the works required	The Council has been awarded approximately £4.2 million of Government funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) based on a bid across three priorities: Community and Place, Supporting Local Business, and People and Skills.
	One such Project that the Council is seeking to deliver using the UKSPF funding is a Community Grant Scheme (CGS). This has provisionally been allocated £710,000 and it is requested to allocate up to £355,000 of Strategic CIL funding to contribute towards the Grant Scheme.
	The CGS is anticipated to run between 2023 and 2025 to comply with the UKSPF grant funding criteria.
	Once the CGS consultation has commenced and closed, should eligible projects be shortlisted for UKSPF Community Grant Scheme funding that are also eligible for CIL, the amount of grant awarded to such projects shall be split 50:50 between the UKSPF CGS and CIL. This 'frees up' UKSPF CGS money to fund more projects across the Borough.
	For example, if a project applies for £50,000 of CGS funding and that project also meets the criteria for CIL funding, it is proposed that CIL will make a 50% contribution so that £25,000 of CGS is awarded and £25,000 of CIL is awarded. This allows the Council to allocate UKSPF funding to more projects.
	It is anticipated that there will be a number of projects that wish to access the CGS that are also eligible for CIL. The supporting documentation submitted alongside the Council's bid to the Government for the UKSPF identified the following Interventions:

 Improvements to town centres and high streets; Community and neighbourhood infrastructure projects; Creation of and improvements to local green spaces; Enhancing existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions offer; Built and landscaped environment to 'design out crime'; Support for active travel enhancements; Local sports facilities, tournaments, teams and leagues; Capacity building and infrastructure support local groups; Community engagement schemes, local regeneration.
The CGS will enable community infrastructure, both people and facilities, to be invested in building upon the resilience and assets that already exist and creating sustainable outcomes. Applications and support for projects within all areas of the borough will be made by our residents within their communities as they have the in-depth understanding of what will engender their specific communities and micro economic areas to create a pride in their homes and environs. The Community Grants fund will enable WLBC to support local Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Enterprises to have autonomy over the ideas, concepts and interventions they believe will create safer, stronger happier and healthier communities.
This is a 'blind bid' so the actual detail behind each project is not known. This will be remedied through the nomination of a Planning Officer (anticipated to be the Senior Planning Officer CIL and S106) to sit on the Council's UKSPF Programme Team and Programme Board to determine whether shortlisted projects are eligible for CIL. A decision about whether a project shall receive CIL funding will not be made without the approval of the Planning Officer. The UKSPF Programme Board membership consists of members of the Cabinet Working Group, the UKSPF Project Team and representatives from the Council's support services.
Should the total amount of CIL sought not be drawn down during the period of the UKSPF funding it will return to the Strategic CIL pot.
A maximum amount of £355,000 is sought, but subject to agreement this can be negotiated depending on the amount of CIL available at the time of project shortlisting.

Is the project already on the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule?	Yes - If Yes, please provide reference No
Has this project been started?	Yes Xo
Has this project been completed?	Yes - If completed, there is no need to continue with this form. No

2. Contact details

Organisation name	West Lancashire Borough Council
Project lead / contact name	Gilly Hodgkinson
Email: Contact number:	Gillian.Hodgkinson@westlancs.gov.uk
Project partners (if applicable):	n/a

Does the project meet a local	Yes. Whilst this is a 'blind bid' for funding, bids received through the
need or demand that has	Community Grant Scheme will be assessed against the IDS Pro
arisen or been exacerbated as	Formas to assess whether individual projects are eligible for CIL
a result of new development?	Funding. This includes assessing whether a project meets a local
Please explain what need or	need or demand that has arisen or been exacerbated as a result of
demand has arisen as a result	new development. CIL Funding will not be released until this
of new development.	assessment is undertaken and the project meets this criteria.
How would the project support or enable growth or planned development in West Lancashire? Details of why this project is required to support new development. Please provide details of any specific development proposals, sites or growth which would be supported, enabled or unlocked by the project.	 Housing and commercial development is occurring across the Borough, placing additional strain on existing infrastructure. The UKSPF has been awarded in the first instance to help the Borough Council address the Interventions that are identified in the bid to the UKSPF, including but not limited to: Improvements to town centres and high streets; Community and neighbourhood infrastructure projects; Creation of and improvements to local green spaces; Enhancing existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions offer; Built and landscaped environment to 'design out crime'; Support for active travel enhancements; Local sports facilities, tournaments, teams and leagues; Capacity building and infrastructure support local groups; Community engagement schemes, local regeneration. The award of CIL Funding to match-fund the UKSPF CGS will boost the amount of funding available to enable community infrastructure, both people and places, to be invested in, building upon the resilience and assets that already exist.

understanding of what is needed in their community and how to deliver these interventions.
Details of specific projects will come forward as the CGS consultation and shortlisting process takes place. Whilst this is a 'blind bid' for funding, bids received through the Community Grant Scheme will be assessed against the IDS Pro Formas to assess whether individual projects are eligible for CIL Funding. This includes assessing whether a project supports or enables growth or planned development in the Borough. CIL Funding will not be released until this assessment is undertaken and the project meets this criteria.

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Is the project identified within	Yes	
a relevant local strategy?	No	
Please tick those that apply	Local Plan 2012-2027, WLBC	
and provide any relevant	Please state policy/strategy	
strategy / policy details	Transport and Highways Masterplan, LCC	
	Cycling and Green Infrastructure Strategy, WLBC	
	Leisure Strategy / Playing Pitch Strategy WLBC	
	Health and Wellbeing Strategy, WLBC	
	Masterplan / Development Brief	
	Other (please state)	
	Health and Wellbeing Strategy, WLBC:	
	Priority – ensure across-the-board action to improve health and wellbeing across the Borough. To identify, explore and apply for	
	wellbeing across the Borough. To identify, explore and apply for	
	relevant external funding opportunities, as appropriate.	
	Priority – create and sustain an environment that helps people make	
	healthy choices.	
	Other	
	Other:	
	West Lancashire Borough Council, Economic Development Strategy	
	2015-2025. Themes of Revitalised Town Centres and A Better	
	Connected West Lancashire,	
	Council Vision and Priorities	
	Create empowered, engaged and inclusive communities.	
	Become a Greener West Lancashire.	
	Be a financially sustainable Council by 2023 (maximise the value	
	from existing assets and <u>focus on value for money</u>).	
	Everyone to be healthy, happy, safe and resilient (Develop a quality	
	range of health, wellbeing and leisure facilities and services; bring in	
	additional money / services to support our most deprived areas).	
	The award of CIL funding to this Project would lever-in match-	
	funding to a Government grant, allowing the grant to reach more	
	prospective partners and communities should received bids be	
	compliant with both the CIL and UKSPF requirements. This conforms	
	with the Council's corporate vision and priorities of creating	

	empowered, engaged and inclusive communities whilst ensuring value for money in the use of government grants.

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Does the project fall under the infrastructure listed in the Infrastructure Funding Statement?	Strategic transport and highways improvements or provision Including: Cycle network provision and improvements, footpaths, bus stops etc.	
Please tick the infrastructure type(s) <u>Link to the IFS</u>	 Strategic green infrastructure Including: Parks, amenity open space, play areas, outdoor sports facilities and playing pitches, semi-natural open space. Community facilities Including: Libraries, health facilities, community centres, public realm, leisure centres etc. 	
Does the project propose?	 Provision of new infrastructure Improvement of existing infrastructure Replacement of existing infrastructure Operation Maintenance 	

What benefits will the scheme	Economic improvements	
deliver to the local area?	Environmental improvements	
	Social improvements	
Please provide details.	The Community Grant Scheme funding is set up to achieve Interventions in: community and neighbourhood infrastructure projects; support for active travel enhancements; local sports facilities, tournaments, teams and leagues; capacity building and infrastructure support local groups; and improvements to town centres and high streets. Individual, specific projects are not known given the nature of this CIL bid, however individual projects shortlisted for funding will be assessed accordingly to ensure that they meet the criteria for being awarded CIL funding, as per this Pro Forma.	
What geographic area will the	Neighbourhood / local	
project benefit?	Town / large village	
	Borough wide / beyond	
Please provide details	The CGS is Borough-wide.	
Does the proposal have a	Yes	
positive impact on equality?	L_ No	
This includes gender, race, age, religion, sexuality, disability		
Please provide details Please explain if and how any specific equalities groups would be affected by the project.	It is anticipated that the proposal will have a positive impact on equality. The CGS applies across the Borough and the bid to Government to access the UKSPF has been subject to an Equalities Assessment as part of the application for funding. Whilst specific details are not known about the projects that could receive CIL funding, the UKSPF Programme Board will monitor progress, spends, outputs and impact, including impact on equalities, as per the Council's Equality Statement.	
Has the project already benefitted from stakeholder engagement / discussions with the local community?	Yes No	
Please provide details		
<i>Is there public support? To what degree?</i>	The Council's UKSPF Investment Plan (which contains details about the proposed Community Grant Scheme) has been co-designed with the Borough's communities, public and third sector partners, politicians and private sector partners.	
	There have been a number of workshops delivered by the West Lancashire Partnership over the last 12-24 months to gather insight and feedback from partners, residents, and the VCFSE to understand what the current priorities challenges and opportunities are.	

The Interventions that are identified in the Investment Plan are aligned to the feedback and outcomes from the last workshop which considered the views of 120 participants.
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When can the infrastructure be delivered?	 Within 1-2 years (short term) Within 3-5 years (medium term) Over 5 years (long term) Unknown 	
Please provide details	If known, in which financial year is the project expected to commence? 2023/2024 If known, in which financial year is the project expected to complete? 2024/25	
Are there any risks to the delivery?	No. A Programme Team will oversee day-to-day progress of the UKSPF funding and Governance arrangements are in place to effectively monitor and manage project delivery. This Governance arrangement was approved by WLBC Cabinet in March 2023.	
Is commencement of the project reliant on any planning, legal or other consents? Is the project reliant on the completion of any other projects first?	It is not known at this stage if any projects are reliant on any planning, legal or other consents. Individual projects will be required to obtain their own consents. Legal constraints have been considered and incorporated into the design of the CGS. The project is not reliant on the completion of any other projects first.	
Has any work been carried out to date to assess the feasibility of the project?	Stakeholder engagement has taken place which indicates that there will be high interest in the CGS and therefore the 'project' – the Community Grant Scheme match-funding proposal – is considered to be feasible.	
Please set out any key milestones and/or tasks for the project	Terms of the UKSPF require the awarded funding to be spent by	
Which organisation will be responsible for delivering the infrastructure?	Not known at this stage. WLBC will administer the grant to successful bidders following the commencement and closure of a consultation process.	
Who will be responsible for the future management and	Successful bidders of the UKSPF CGS.	

maintenance of the infrastructure?	
Are there specific implications, risks or negative impacts if this project does not come forward?	 Strategic risks / impacts Major risks / impacts Minor risks/impacts No risks/impacts
Please provide details	Risk assessments have been undertaken alongside preparation of the UKSPF bid that consider there to be no associated risk for the Council. The authority is required by law to protect the public funds it administers. A robust governance arrangement as set out above has been established to monitor and manage the UKSPF.

What is the cost of the project?

Please complete the table below with as much detail as possible – including, where known, a breakdown of the different elements of the scheme. Please make clear if funding is being sought for revenue costs (eg on-going maintenance). Costs associated with preparing the CIL funding bid should not be included.

Source	Estimate cost (£)
UK Shared Prosperity Funding Community Grant Scheme	£1,065,000.00*

* With maximum CIL funding awarded

Do you wish to (bid for the) use CIL monies to help deliver	Yes
the project?	

Are CIL monies needed to deliver the project? What match funding is available or secured?

Please give details of all identified sources of funding for the project, including the amount of CIL funding being sought and any match funding and its status (eg proposed, bid submitted, approved in principle, secured).

Source	Amount (£)	Status of funding	% of total cost
Grant	£710,000.00	Secured	66.6%

Please also set out the risks to the project if any other funding applications were not successful.

£710,000 of Government grant funding is secured. It is proposed that up to £355,000 of CIL is allocated to this project to 'top up' the amount of funding available for eligible projects.

The UK Shared Prosperity Funding must be spent by the end of the 2024 / 2025 financial year and WLBC Cabinet approved the establishment of a Programme Board – this Board will assess submitted bids.

It is proposed that the Council's Senior Planning Officer CIL and S106 (or an Officer nominated in their place from Planning) sits on the Board and assists in determining which projects are eligible for CIL through assessing these projects against this pro forma. Projects would not be granted CIL funding without the recommendation of the Senior Planning Officer CIL and S106 (or an Officer nominated in their place from Planning).

The risk of project non-delivery is therefore low as the projects will be required to go through a rigorous shortlisting process in order to be provided with the requested funding.

Please detail why CIL funding is needed and/or how it will add value to the project?

Will CIL help secure the overall delivery of the project (i.e. the project would not proceed without CIL), the timing of delivery (i.e. would CIL enable the project to be brought forward earlier) or the longevity of the project (i.e. CIL would enhance the quality of the project, increase the benefit to residents or enable the benefit to be sustained for longer).

The provision of up to £355,000 of CIL funding to a Community Grant Scheme would 'free up' the Community Grant Scheme to stretch further to helping more projects across the Borough. A £710,000 grant would increase to up to £1,065,000.

1. Project 207 - Details

Project name:	Beacon Country Park Play improvements
Proposed location :	Beacon Country Park
Where applicable, please provide a plan/map indicating the location of the proposed works	<section-header></section-header>
Project description:	Upgrades and increase of provision of play facilities at Beacon Country Park.
Brief description of the proposal	
Project details: Purpose of the project and details of the works required	The adjoining golf course has recently closed and the café, bar and function rooms within the visitor centre have reverted to in-house operation. This is the first phase of a wider scheme to make the councils flagship countryside facility into a regional visitor attraction. A masterplan of the whole site is currently being developed ready for consultation and this will include the play facilities within it. The current play facilities were developed when the site still had the golf course next to it and therefore is no longer suited to the new larger site. It needs relocating and provision of new equipment, as appropriate to create a cohesive, inclusive, high quality facility adjacent to the café and visitor centre. Currently the play areas are on either side of the main carpark, with the bulk of provision on the 'wrong' side of the car park, away from the café/visitor centre. Designs will be submitted by play companies through a tendering
	Designs will be submitted by play companies through a tendering process.

Is the project already on the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule?	If Yes, please provide reference
Has this project been started?	Yes Xo
Has this project been completed?	Yes - If completed, there is no need to continue with this form.

2. Contact details

Organisation name	WLBC
Project lead / contact name	Dan Massey
Email: Contact number:	Daniel.massey@westlancs.gov.uk
Project partners (if applicable):	

Does the project meet a local need or demand that has arisen or been exacerbated as a result of new development?	There has been significant recent development within the immediate catchment area of Beacon Country Park, the Council's flagship countryside site. This includes larger residential developments at Whalleys Road/Cobbs Clough and Digmoor Road.
Please explain what need or demand has arisen as a result of new development.	 Beacon Country Park also attracts local residents from within the wider Borough, due to it's facilities (including events), extensive footpath network and attractive location. It is an important green space for our communities. With additional visits each year, comes the additional pressures to maintain and improve existing facilities.
How would the project support or enable growth or planned development in West Lancashire? Details of why this project is required to support new development. Please	It is vital that the right infrastructure is in place to support future growth in the Borough and this includes green infrastructure.

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growth which would be supported,
growth which would be supported,
enabled or unlocked by the project.
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Is the project identified within	Yes
a relevant local strategy?	No
Please tick those that apply and provide any relevant strategy / policy details	 Local Plan 2012-2027, WLBC Please state policy/strategyEN3 Transport and Highways Masterplan, LCC Cycling and Green Infrastructure Strategy, WLBC Leisure Strategy / Playing Pitch Strategy WLBC Health and Wellbeing Strategy, WLBC Masterplan / Development Brief Other (please state)

Does the project help meet at	Create empowered, engaged and inclusive communities
least one of the Council's	Including: Healthy, resilient and engaged communities, improved
Corporate Priorities?	places to live and work, equal opportunities
	places to live and work, equal opportunities
	Become a greener West Lancashire
Please tick those that apply	Including: To embed green infrastructure into our Borough's future
	development and regeneration, to safeguard the natural landscape
LINK to Council Priorition	and maintain our green environment, to become carbon neutral,
LINK to Council Priorities	encourage green space, energy efficiency, sustainable supply chains
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	A clean, safe environment with affordable homes
	Including: Providing a cleaner physical environment to enhance the
	Borough, supporting quality growth and infrastructure
	Everyone to be healthy, happy, safe and resilient
	To invest in sports and leisure services and facilities, to protect,
	invest and continue to developer our green leisure spaces, to reduce
	health inequalities, to support our most deprived areas
	Support businesses to adapt and prosper
	De e financially systemathle Council by 2022
	Be a financially sustainable Council by 2023
	Including: To provide value for money services

Does the project fall under	Strategic transport and highways improvements or provision
the infrastructure listed in the	Including: Cycle network provision and improvements, footpaths, bus
Infrastructure Funding	stops etc.
Statement?	
Statement?	

Please tick the infrastructure type(s)	Strategic green infrastructure Including: Parks, amenity open space, play areas, outdoor sports facilities and playing pitches, semi-natural open space.
<u>Link to the IFS</u>	Community facilities <i>Including: Libraries, health facilities, community centres, public realm, leisure centres etc.</i>
Does the project propose?	 Provision of new infrastructure Improvement of existing infrastructure Replacement of existing infrastructure Operation Maintenance

What benefits will the scheme deliver to the local area?	Economic improvements Environmental improvements Social improvements
Please provide details.	Improved, inclusive play will provide a range of opportunities at zero cost, accessible to residents from not only the local area, but also on a regional scale. The location will help promote the café and thus generate income for the council, as well as the local suppliers that they use
What geographic area will the project benefit?	 Neighbourhood / local Town / large village Borough wide / beyond
Please provide details	Creating a regional quality park, which also benefits local residents
Does the proposal have a positive impact on equality? This includes gender, race, age, religion, sexuality, disability	Yes No
Please provide details Please explain if and how any specific equalities groups would be affected by the project.	New play facilities will be made as inclusive as possible, with a range of equipment to suit all ages and abiities
Has the project already benefitted from stakeholder engagement / discussions with the local community?	☐ Yes ⊠ No
Please provide details Is there public support? To what degree?	Not yet, but it will be. Anecdotal evidence shows how well the current facilities are used and there is much demand for more

When can the infrastructure be	Within 1-2 years (short term)
delivered?	Within 3-5 years (medium term)
	Over 5 years (long term)
Please provide details	If known, in which financial year is the project expected to commence?
	2024
	If known, in which financial year is the project expected to complete?
	2024
Are there any risks to the delivery? Is commencement of	If designs for equipment are over a certain height, planning permission will be required. As the desire is for high-impact and
the project reliant on any	exciting play it is predicted that planning permission will be
planning, legal or other	required
consents? Is the project reliant	
on the completion of any other	
projects first?	
Has any work been carried out	No, masterplan being developed
to date to assess the feasibility	
of the project?	
Please set out any key milestones and/or tasks for the	
project	
Which organisation will be responsible for delivering the	Wlbc wellbeing and place
infrastructure?	
Who will be responsible for the	
future management and	Wlbc play inspection team
maintenance of the infrastructure?	
Are there specific implications,	Strategic risks / impacts
risks or negative impacts if this	Major risks / impacts
project does not come	Minor risks/impacts
forward?	No risks/impacts
Please provide details	The development of play at the site is seen as key to its
Please provide details	The development of play at the site is seen as key to its enhancement.

What is the cost of the project?

Please complete the table below with as much detail as possible – including, where known, a breakdown of the different elements of the scheme. Please make clear if funding is being sought for revenue costs (eg on-going maintenance). Costs associated with preparing the CIL funding bid should not be included.

Source	Estimate cost (£)
Relocation/removal of current equipment	£45,000
Reinstatement of land of existing play area	£10,000
Groundworks/drainage	£15,000
New play facilities	£200,000
Total	£315,000
Project management	31,500
Total cil required	346,500

Do you wish to (bid for the) use CIL monies to help deliver	yes
the project?	

Are CIL monies needed to deliver the project? What match funding is available or secured?

Please give details of all identified sources of funding for the project, including the amount of CIL funding being sought and any match funding and its status (eg proposed, bid submitted, approved in principle, secured).

As yet it is unknown – there is UK shared prosperity funding available for use on the site, but it has not yet been apportioned.				

Please detail why CIL funding is needed and/or how it will add value to the project?

Will CIL help secure the overall delivery of the project (i.e. the project would not proceed without CIL), the timing of delivery (i.e. would CIL enable the project to be brought forward earlier) or the longevity of the project (i.e. CIL would enhance the quality of the project, increase the benefit to residents or enable the benefit to be sustained for longer).

To make the project achievable