

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)
FUNDING PROGRAMME
APPLICATION FORM**



Complete this form to apply for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding. Guidance is attached. Feel free to attach supplementary information or evidence to this form. If there is any information you wish us to keep confidential, please identify this clearly. Once completed, please return to CIL@westlancs.gov.uk

PART 1 - PROJECT DETAILS

<p>Project Name/Title</p>	<p>Beacon Country Park path upgrades</p>
<p>Location Provide a plan/map showing the location of the proposed works or accurate description of the location.</p>	
<p>Description Provide a brief description of the project, outline main works to be carried out.</p>	<p>The majority of the path network was installed in 2012. This was to increase access to the site for users with limited mobility. The paths have been maintained, but with the increase in footfall to the site (especially since lockdown) and increasingly unpredictable weather they have suffered a gradual decline in their quality. They now need resurfacing and drainage upgrades. This project aims to resurface the current path network and to install a short length of new path to, once again, open up the site for as many users of varying abilities as possible. There will be no works carried out on the closed golf course half of the site at this stage, as its future use is still to be determined. £80k of UKSPF has been secured for the project and the work has been tendered for, with prices coming in at significantly more than current funds. Recent consultation has shown that the demand for improved access is one of the key desires of the public. The Rangers have acquired 2 new all-terrain mobility scooters and a changing places toilet has recently been installed. These, combined with the</p>

	upgraded path network, make the park much more appealing to disabled users, allowing them to have excellent access to nature. Greenspace access provides significant physical and mental health benefits and reduces health inequalities. The site is within a 5 minute walk of some of the most deprived areas of the country, where the average life expectancy for females is 12 years below the national average.
Detail Provide detail of the works proposed, including description of various elements of the project.	Scrape of encroaching vegetation and rough spots on the main access path/track and minor link paths around the site and resurface with 50mm of recycled 0-6mm aggregate, compressed and cambered to ensure no puddling and appropriate run off. Lay cross drains where necessary. Install 200m of new access track through the woods to the northern end of the network.
Infrastructure Delivery Schedule Is the project already an existing project listed in the IDS?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If NO please continue to "Part 2 - Your Details" to submit a new application.	
If YES please provide the reference number	#221
Has the project started? If YES , please provide a brief update on how the project is progressing, providing likely timescales for completion.	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Update: No physical works have begun, but a tendering exercise has been carried out
Has this project been completed? Please provide the completion date.	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completion Date:
Do you wish us to remove the project from the IDS or consider an application for this Annual CIL Funding Programme? There is no need to continue with this form. Please return form to CIL@westlincs.gov.uk	Remove from IDS <input type="checkbox"/> Make Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reasons: This is only one phase of a wider project of improvements to the site so it needs to remain on the IDS. Beacon Country Park is the councils flagship countryside site and is currently undergoing a masterplanning process for a suite of upgrades to improve it for visitors. These works compliment this and there implementation has no foreseeable negative impact on future developments.

Part 2 – YOUR DETAILS

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Address (if different from above)	
Telephone	
Email	
Project Manager/Lead Officer Details (if different from above)	Dan Massey/Laura Conolly
Project Partners Details (if applicable)	

PART 3 – PROJECT AIMS

Does the project propose:		
Provision of new infrastructure	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Improvement of existing infrastructure	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Replacement of existing infrastructure	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Operation	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Maintenance	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Geographical area that will benefit from the project:		
Neighbourhood / local	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Town / large village	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Borough wide / beyond	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

What benefits will the project deliver to the local area?		
Economic improvements	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental improvements	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Social improvements	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Explain the benefit(s) in more detail	See above re health benefits and access to nature. Improvements will also increase park uses and therefore footfall/income for the sites council run cafe	

Does the proposal have a positive impact on equality?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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This includes gender, race, age, religion, sexuality, disability. Please identify and explain if and how any specific equalities groups would be affected by the project.	As mentioned above, the project will improve access to greenspace for a range of users with mobility issues. As well as wheelchair users, pram pushers, people with impaired vision and walkers with a limited range will benefit from the work
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What is the overall aim of the project and what do you hope it will achieve?	Improved access to the flagship countryside site in the borough. The aim is to achieve access for all.
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PART 4 - CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

Criteria 1. Will the project deliver strategic infrastructure in the Councils Infrastructure Delivery Plan?	
Strategic transport and highways improvements or provision - Including: Cycle network provision and improvements, footpaths, bus stops etc.	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Strategic green infrastructure - Including: Parks, amenity open space, play areas, outdoor sports facilities and playing pitches, semi-natural open space.	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Community facilities - Including: Libraries, health facilities, community centres, public realm, leisure centres etc.	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Criteria 2. Link between the project and new development	
Does the project meet a local need or demand that has arisen or been exacerbated as a result of new development?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Identify the new development and provide the relating planning application reference number (if known).	Planning Application Reference:
Describe what demand or additional pressure the new development has put on existing infrastructure.	
Explain how the project will address this new demand or additional pressure.	
Would the project support or enable future growth or planned development in West Lancashire?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, explain how this project would support future development. Please provide details of any specific development proposals, sites or growth which would be	

supported, enabled or unlocked by the project.	
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Criteria 3. Timescale for delivery

If your project was successful in gaining CIL funding, when would it be able to start?	Winter 2024
How long would it take for the project to complete?	6 weeks
Do you confirm that the project can be delivered within 2 financial years of receiving funding?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Criteria 4. Project Costs

Please complete the table below providing a breakdown of the different elements of your project. 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.

TABLE A

PROJECT ITEM	AMOUNT (£)
Concept and Design Costs (If applicable)	
Capital Costs (Please itemise e.g materials/equipment)	
Costs are part of tenders so officers do not have access to the breakdown of prices included in the tender. See attached schedule of rates built into the tender	100,000
Revenue Costs (Please itemise e.g. Project management/labour/on-going maintenance)	
Contingency Costs (If applicable)	9000
Other - please provide description UKSPF funding	
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	109000

Criteria 5. Match funding opportunities, secured or realised

Please complete the table below indicating other sources of funding that you intend to put towards the project. This includes your own capital funding/resources. If match-funding has been secured, please provide the date it was secured and deadline (if any) for expenditure. If not secured, please provide likely date of confirmation of outcome.

TABLE B

SOURCE OF FUNDING (DESCRIPTION)	STATUS (Secured/Not Secured)	AMOUNT (£)
ukspf	secured	80000
TOTAL MATCH FUNDING AVAILABLE		80000

FINAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY BID AMOUNT

Please use the figures you have provided in the tables above to calculate and confirm the full amount of CIL Funding the project requires.

TABLE C

Total Project Costs (Table A)	80000
Total Match Funding Awarded (Table B)	189000
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY BID AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED (Table A - Table B)	109000

Criteria 6. Other funding sources available

Are you aware of any other available sources of funding that the Council may hold, such as S106 funding, that may be suitable for the project? Please provide details.

Criteria 7. Corporate Priorities and Local Strategy Documents

What Corporate Priority will the project help the Council achieve? Please tick all that apply.

Create a clean and environmentally sustainable borough	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Generate prosperity in our borough	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Foster inclusive and healthy communities	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Manage a resilient, financially strong Council	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Is the project identified within a relevant local strategy document? Please tick all that apply.

West Lancashire Borough Local Plan 2017 – 2027	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
	Policy Reference (if known): <input type="checkbox"/>	
Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018 - 2021	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure Strategy 2015 – 2025	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Housing Strategy Action Plan 2024 – 2029	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Financial Inclusion Strategy 2021-2024	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Burscough Town Council Adopted Neighbourhood Plan (where applicable)	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Other – Please State		

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Criteria 8. Potential Barriers and Minimising Risk	
Please note, you may be requested to provide evidence of your answers at a later date.	
Do you/your organisation own or lease the land/property where the project is to be delivered?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If NO, do you have permission of the land/property owner?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
What enquiries have you made into possible regulatory requirements the project may trigger. What was the outcome of your enquiries? (e.g. Planning, building, environmental controls, procurement requirements)	No further regulatory requirements
If you have identified match funding as part of the project but it has not yet been secured, please provide what back-up/contingencies you have in place to ensure successful project delivery should match-funding be unsuccessful.	
What ongoing or future liabilities in relation to management or maintenance are associated with the project. Who will be responsible for these?	WLBC Rangers manage the site and will continue to do so with current resources. The old paths have lasted for over ten years, the upgrades incorporate 'tweeks' to minimise future maintenance
Provide details of any community engagement that has been carried out in relation to the project. Please provide the feedback that resulted. Specifically, to what degree the project is supported and if any objections were received.	When the golf course closed in 2022 a consultation was carried out about the whole site – one of the key highlights of this was a desire from the public for improved and upgraded path network across the whole site (not just the golf course).

Criteria 9. Implications of Non-delivery
If CIL funding cannot be achieved and the project could no longer be delivered, please describe the impact that this may have on your community in failing to address the identified need or demand that has arisen from the new development.
potential lack of compliance with DDA regs, negative impact on health and wellbeing and access to nature. Future potential injury claims if current paths continue to deteriorate

Criteria 10 - Why is CIL Funding specifically required for this project?
We have a £110000 funding shortfall following tendering

Thank you for completing this application form.
Please send completed applications to CIL@westlancs.gov.uk no later than *****