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## **Neighbourhood Portion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath**

### **PROJECT EXPRESION OF INTEREST AND APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FORM**

#### **SECTION 1: FOR COMPLETION BY THE PROJECT APPLICANT**

##### **1) Contact Details:**

Name:	Michael Wrigley
Organisation:	Widcombe Association
Phone number:	
E-mail address:	

##### **2) Project Details:**

#### **2.1 Have you or your organisation previously applied for funding from Neighbourhood Portion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath**

CIL money was applied for but has not been allocated to the project to enhance the subway crossing of A36 by the Churchill Roundabout which is in Widcombe, but the benefits of the project are shared with Wellsway and Bear Flat. The Widcombe Association was not the applicant for that project.

#### **2.2 Description of your project – including your outcomes and objectives (maximum 300 words)**

The project for which CIL funding is being requested is to provide a handrail around land at the western end of Widcombe Parade. The land is adjacent to No.8 Claverton Buildings and is in the Council's ownership. The land was left over from the recent Rossiter Road scheme that removed through traffic from Widcombe Parade. It was grassed and is cut infrequently. An ad hoc footpath has been made across it by people taking a short cut from the Parade to the crossing of Rossiter Road. The Council has agreed to carry out basic ground preparation (rotavation) to plant the area with bulbs and

wildflower seeds. In addition to plant at least three trees.

The role of the Widcombe Association will be to provide a handrail around the outside of the land. The purpose of the handrail is to prevent people from walking across the area, and to provide an aid for pedestrians walking on the designated footpath that slopes significantly from the Parade to the crossing of Rossiter Road.

It is hoped to involve the local school in the planting of bulbs and the sewing of wild flower seeds.

The design of the handrail will be the same as the one provided and installed by the Widcombe Association and the local community at the foot of Lyncombe Hill, designed by the late Prof. Mike Barnes.

### **2.3 Reasons for supporting this project (maximum 300 words)**

This project is part of the Rossiter Road scheme, a regeneration project that removed through traffic from Widcombe Parade, one of the local Georgian shopping streets within the city, in order to improve the quality of the environment. The current project relates to a piece of land at the western end of Widcombe Parade, adjacent to Rossiter Road which is part of the principal east-west route through Bath. The area of land was left over as a consequence of the highways scheme.

This piece of land is crossed by a muddy tack, a short cut between the crossing of Rossiter Road and the Parade. This informal track is hazardous in wet weather. The remainder of the site has been left as grass which is cut occasionally by the Council. Two trees were planted on the site, both of which have died, one of them having been vandalised.

The formal footpath around the edge of the site falls steeply to the crossing of Rossiter Road. In icy weather it is treacherous underfoot, with no supporting handrail.

The purpose of the project is to properly landscape the site in order to enhance the approach to Widcombe Parade, and to improve a piece of land on a principal route through the city.

The proposal includes a handrail around the site that will provide support for pedestrians on the footpath and prevent people from walking across the site, thus making access to and from the crossing to Widcombe Parade much safer.

### **2.4 Is this a new project or does this project link into an existing project? (include a breakdown of how you plan to allocate the funding)**

This project is part of the Rossiter Road scheme that was implemented in 2015. The funding is allocated for the soft landscaping of the site and for a handrail including a section of rail that can be opened to allow maintenance machinery onto the land, and a gate at the top of the private steps adjacent to No.8 Claverton Buildings.

**2.5 Target Start Date**

**2019**

**2.6 Target Completion Date**

**Autumn 2019**

### **2.7 What milestones and targets have you included in the delivery of this project?**

Once the project is committed:

- a. to meet with the fabricator and agree the details of the scheme,
- b. commission a specialist firm to check on the precise location and depth of underground public utilities and to contact the relevant utility companies (if necessary) – we have an indicative plan of the utilities under the site,
- c. commission fabrication of the handrail,
- d. install the handrail.

**2.8 If planning permission is required for this project has it been granted?  
If Yes - please include the dates and reference numbers for these permissions.**

Planning permission is not required. The handrail can be installed as highway infrastructure with the Council's agreement as highway and transport authority. This was the case with the handrail on Lyncombe Hill.

### 3) Criteria

- **3.1 How does the project address the specific impacts of the new developments from which the funding has been generated? (You may consider this on a ward basis, a locality basis or a city wide basis.)**

There are a number of major development projects in hand or recently completed along A36 that impact on the levels of traffic passing through Widcombe, and the Rossiter Road scheme was implemented to remove the east to west through traffic from Widcombe Parade. The principal justification for the Rossiter Road scheme was the regeneration of Widcombe Parade. The landscaping of this prominent site will help to complete the regeneration of the Parade, and enhance the site that is alongside the principal east-west route through the city.

The crossing of Rossiter Road, with all the east-west traffic, is a principal access for pedestrians from Widcombe to and from the city centre, and is on the route to local schools. It is heavily used. The removal of the ad hoc track across the site and the provision of a handrail will greatly enhance the safety for pedestrians as they approach and cross this road which carries increasing numbers of vehicles.

- **3.2 How does the project provide links to the locality in the area where development has taken place? (if your project has city wide impact you will need to demonstrate how the broader community in the city will benefit)**

The footpath from Widcombe Parade to the crossing of Rossiter Road towards the city centre is heavily used by pedestrians. The improvement of the area of open space will enhance the site which lies on the principal east - west route through the city.

- **3.3 Please provide evidence which shows how the community has been listened to and what support exists for your project?**

This project is being promoted by the Widcombe Association, the largest residents' association in Bath. The Association has received many comments about the poor state of this area, in particular the ad hoc muddy track that crosses it. Several falls have been witnessed on this track. People using the designated footpath around the outside of the site have commented too on the steepness of the path down to the Rossiter Road crossing, and the need for a handrail.

**3.4 The project must show that it either:**

- **Supports the development of the relevant area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure or**
- **Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on the area.**

**Please explain how the project fits with these requirements**

This project seeks to support a local community initiative to improve the area both visually and in terms of health and safety. The site is on the principal approach to the Parade for both vehicles and pedestrians including school children, and its condition is dangerous and unattractive and detracts from the aim of improving the quality of the Georgian street with its independent shops. The project aims to improve the quality of the landscaping and provide a handrail around the site to help people on the steep footpath that leads down to a principal crossing of the A36.

**4) Project Contact Details:**

<b>Contact details for the project (if different to person completing the form)</b>	
<b>Project Name</b>	Landscaping of land adjacent to No.8, Claverton Buildings, Widcombe
<b>Project Location</b>	At the western end of Widcombe Parade at the junction of Widcombe Parade and Rossiter Road (A36).
<b>Locality or Ward which will benefit from this project</b>	Widcombe

**5) Funding:**

<b>5.1 Total Cost of Project:</b>	£9000 (incl.VAT)
<b>5.2 Amount of funding sought from Neighbourhood Portion of CIL Fund:</b>	£5000

<b>5.3 Does this project benefit from any source of matched funding? (include below the sources, dates funds agreed/expected and the amounts)</b>	Yes, approximately £2000 from Bath and North East Somerset Council, and £2000 from the Widcombe Association.
<b>5.3.1 Volunteering Hours:</b>	50
<b>5.3.2 Additional Funds which have already been agreed:</b>	£0
<b>5.3.3 Funds which have been applied for but are awaiting a decision:</b>	N/A

<b>5.4 Please provide and breakdown of the costs for the delivery of this project</b>	
Handrail and gate	£7000
Landscaping including survey fee	£2000

**6) Bank Details (for successful projects)**

<b>6.1 Details of the Bank Account into which the funds from the Neighbourhood Portion of CiL should be paid:</b>			
<b>Bank name:</b>		<b>Sort code:</b>	
<b>Account name:</b>		<b>Account number:</b>	

<b>6.2 If the project is being delivered internally, internal code is required below:</b>												

**SECTION 2: FOR COMPLETION BY STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE**

<b>Project Form Validation Decision (Officer decision)</b>
<p>This project would deliver improvements to the road safety at a busy section of highway.</p> <p>Developments in the local area bring increased levels of shoppers into Widcombe.</p> <p>The creation of a safer crossing place will enable residents to cross the western end of Widcombe Parade at the junction of Widcombe Parade and Rossiter Road with a greater level of confidence.</p>

### SECTION 3: FOR COMPLETION BY BATH CITY FORUM WORKING GROUP

#### Project Expression of Interest Recommendations (Working Group decision)

The proposal for the panel to consider is for funds of £5,000 to be recommended as a contribution for the provision of a handrail on the edge of the green space close to Widcombe Parade and Claverton Street in Bath.

- This scheme was recommended by the panel members for the contribution of £5,000 to be provided.
- It was felt that this project will provide the community with the completion of the Rossiter Road scheme
- The railings will provide a safer pathway and create a better protected green space.
- This project supports the infrastructure for developments that has taken place locally.
- The delivery for this project will need to be aligned with the B&NES Highways Team.

### SECTION 4: FOR COMPLETION BY BATH CITY COMMITTEE

#### Recommendations received (Bath City Committee decision)

### SECTION 5: FOR COMPLETION BY SUPPORTING COUNCIL SERVICE AREAS

#### Recommendations received on project delivery (Officer decision)

### SECTION 6: OUTCOME OF THE COUNCIL CABINET DECISION

#### Recommendation (Cabinet decision)

### SECTION 7: PROCESS LOG

	Process start date	Date agreement reached
Expression of interest and Officer Validation		
Bath City Forum Working Group recommendations		
Bath City Forum recommendations		

<b>Service Area recommendations</b>		
<b>Submission to Council Cabinet for agreement</b>		
<b>Grant Funding Agreement Signed</b>		
<b>Payment of Funds</b>		

## **SECTION 8: COMPLETION STATUS**

<b>Confirmation from the monitoring officer that the project has been completed satisfactory</b>

<b>Publication through @bath_forum and the B&amp;NES Council website once the project is completed</b>