



COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY FUNDING REQUEST

Applications are invited for strategic infrastructure projects to be considered for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding.

To bid for CIL funding, you will need to fill out the following application form and submit relevant supporting material, as necessary. Please ensure the information you provide is correct and complete to the best of your knowledge.

Deadline for applications

The deadline for submission of applications to the Strategic Spending Board is **midnight on XXXXXXXX**. Please send your completed application to:

Email: cil@threerivers.gov.uk

Address: Community Infrastructure Levy Officer, Three Rivers District Council, Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth, Herts. WD3 1RL

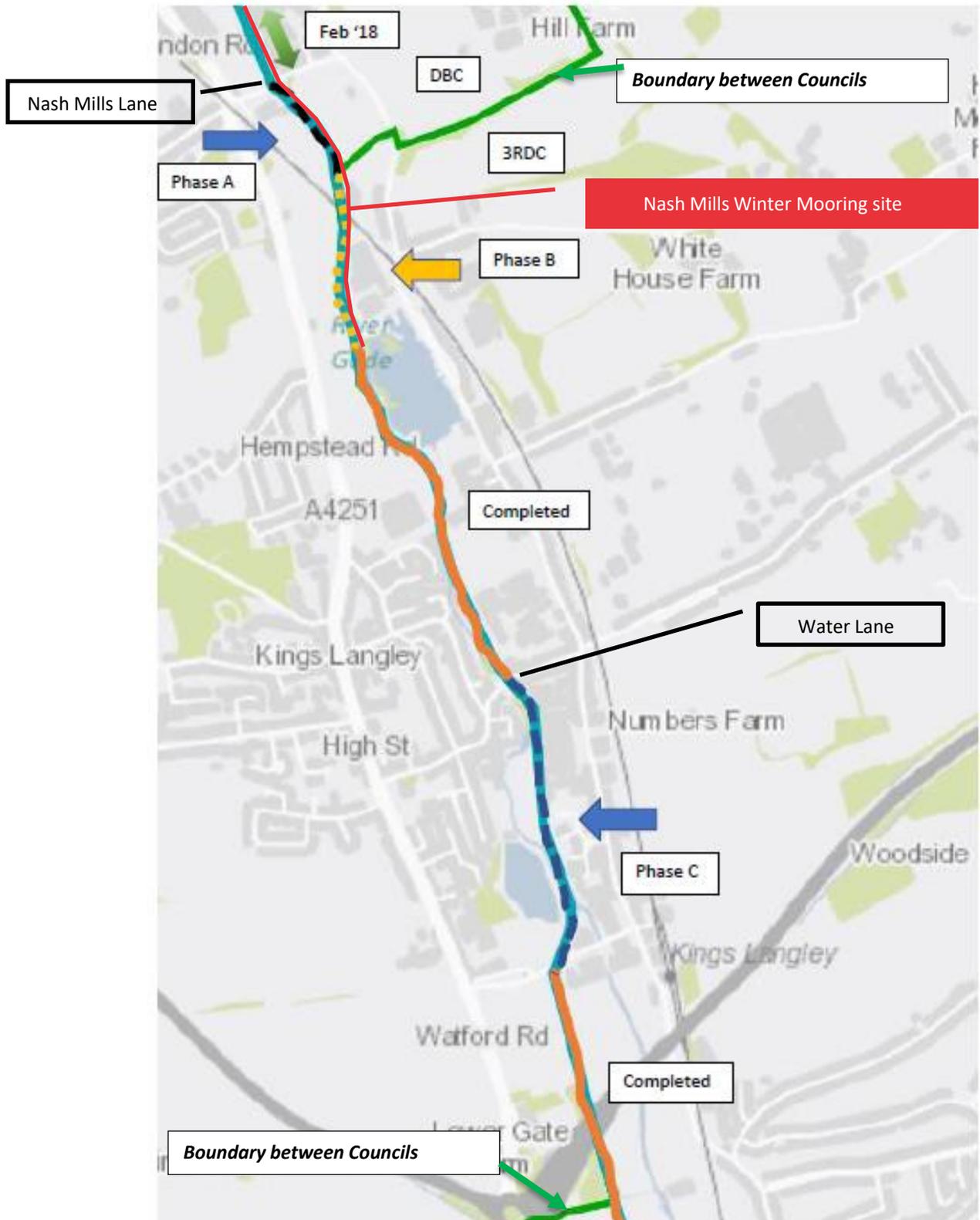
Please Note

Failure to answer all the questions on this form could impact upon the success of your application.

Bid Reference:	
Section A: Applicant Contact Information	
Name and address of your organisation	Transport and Parking Projects, Regulatory Services, TRDC
Name and position of main contact	Project Assistant (Transport)
Applicant contact details (phone number, email and address)	01923 776611 tpp@threerivers.gov.uk
Type of organisation (If a charity, please provide registration number)	Local Authority
Describe your organisation's main purpose and regular activities	Promoting more sustainable travel in the Three Rivers District https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/corporate-framework Promoting the Walking and Cycling Strategy https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/cycling
Is the organisation able to reclaim VAT?	Yes

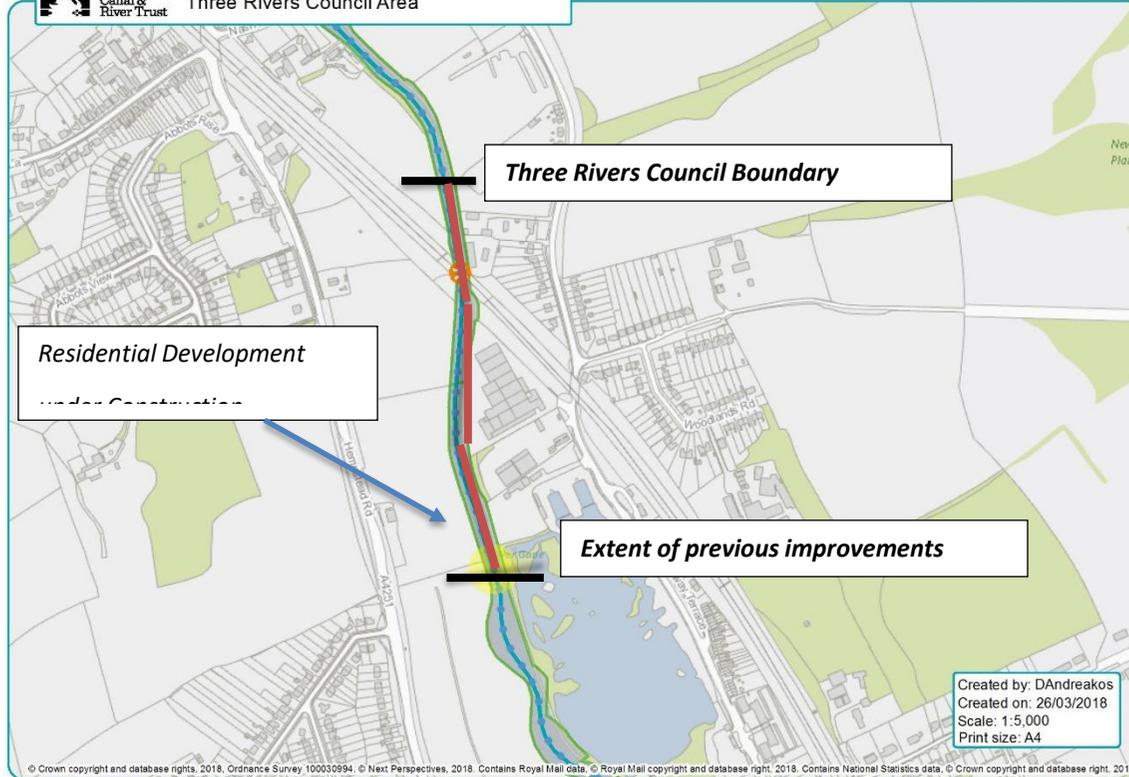
Section B: Project Overview	
Project Title	Grand Union Canal Towpath upgrade (Phase 6, Kings Langley Lakes to Red Lion Lane)
Summary of the project proposal	<p>When the proposed towpath sections have been completed, a high-quality towpath will stretch all the way from Apsley south to Croxley Green.</p> <p>This represents an excellent traffic-free route for walkers and cyclists, providing support to local business and wellbeing benefits to the local community.</p>
Estimated project cost (including breakdown of the overall cost and what the CIL funding requested will cover)	Total cost is estimated at £187,191.00
Full address of project location	Grand Union Canal Towpath south of Red Lion Lane
Project partner (if applicable)	Hertfordshire County Council, Canal & River Trust and others

Section C: Strategic Case	
<p>How does the project help address the demands of development in the area. What evidence is there to support this?</p>	<p>Plans to create a better environment for walking and cycling at Kings Langley relate directly to the strategic direction outlined in Hertfordshire's Local Transport Plan 4 and the Three Rivers Cycling Strategy (2008), making relatively simple improvements to the canal environment can help the county to meet its objectives around encouraging more sustainable travel behaviour; accommodating development impacts growth in travel whilst enhancing features that attract people to the area; increase cycling mode share; and attracting a broader demographic to cycle. Hertfordshire County Council, Three Rivers District Council and Canal & River Trust support these ambitions and would be delighted to contribute to them through this proposal.</p>
<p>Do you have planning permission in place to carry out the works? If so, please provide the application number</p>	<p>Yes, deemed planning consent applies for these works to these sites.</p>
<p>Why is CIL funding being sought and who are the likely beneficiaries of the project? Please provide usage details where appropriate</p>	<p>CIL funding is sought due to the high costs of installing this kind of infrastructure; the beneficiary is the general public and the Canal & River Trust CIC, the national organisation that owns and maintains Britain's waterways.</p> <p>Extensive upgrades to the canal towpath has been made in Dacorum and their final phase will join the boundary of Three Rivers District where the tow path is in need to extensive works. It therefore makes sense for us to create a joint scheme and do both sections now, both financially (cost saving) and practically (as it doesn't leave a 'gap' of muddy towpath between two beautifully surfaced sections). The key benefit is that we'll have completed the regeneration of six miles and all of the towpath north of Rickmansworth, so anyone can bike/walk/jog between almost all the towns/villages in Three Rivers without going on roads at all, and on a level and safe surface.</p> <p>A map of works is shown below:</p>





Three Rivers Council Area



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Existing condition



GU-179-P0050
Uneven, muddy towpath



GU-178-P0925
Uneven, muddy towpath



GU-178-P0825
Uneven, muddy towpath



GU-178-007 – Railway Bridge Towpath Wall recently reconstructed. Grass verge to be reinstated

<p>Would the community support the project?</p>	<p>Yes, this benefits a wide range of local users including cyclists, walkers (and Health walks), people travelling to work and school and for access from settlements from Rickmansworth to Hemel Hempstead.</p>
<p>Would the project lead to any income generation?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Please provide details of any supporting policy from the Local Plan</p>	<p>This proposed scheme contributes to the following local policies set out in the TRDC Core Strategy (2011):</p> <p>CP8 <i>“Development will ... make adequate contribution towards... infrastructure and services to... Make a positive contribution to safeguarding or creating sustainable, linked communities”.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This proposal will create new sustainable links between communities by providing essential improvements to level traffic free routes that allow people to travel more sustainably between town centres. <p>CP10 <i>“Every opportunity will need to be taken to integrate means of travel... transport and travel measures will be supported at appropriate locations across the District, and development will need to consider the provision of measures and facilities that encourage integration including... Improvements to transport hubs within and including the provision of Mobi-Hubs.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This proposal contributes to the connection of multiple development sites, through delivery of the District Council’s strategic commitment to upgrade the whole length of towpath in Three Rivers District, building on the 5.5 miles improved to date. Numerous nearby sites along the GU Canal would be supported as well as general traffic free access between many local settlements. - This scheme is helping to integrate traffic free inter-settlement travel linking key destinations and transport hubs, which is essential for users at a lower capability level of bikeability,

Section D: Financial information

Please show in the table below the amount of CIL funding being sought and any other contributions that may have been allocated for this scheme		
	Amount	Detail
Please indicate total cost of project	£187,191.	Based on quotation from CRT retained engineers. Includes significant risk contingency: "this is a preliminary cost estimate and the accurate cost estimate will be worked out by our internal team only at a later stage".
Please provide a detailed breakdown of the costs for the project		Section B
	Materials & construction	£110,437
	Project management & design	£14,909
	Risk & optimism bias	£61,845
	TOTAL COST	£187,191
Please provide a detailed summary of the total CIL funding required, including phasing	£109,191.	Required in order to initiate scheme.
How much funding does the project currently have?	£78,000.	TRDC capital
Are there any revenue costs (i.e. day-to-day running costs, maintenance cost) associated with the project and if so how will they be funded and has that funding been secured?	No.	

Please indicate in the table below the source of additional funding that has been secured/ is being sought.

Source	Amount	Conditions Attached	Use by Date	Funding Confirmed
Hertfordshire County Council	Three Rivers DC is not being granted funds directly from HCC but the cost is reduced because we plan to work jointly with Dacorum regarding the upgrade in both districts. In doing so it makes the project more cost effective and reduces the expenditure for Three Rivers.	None	None	Yes – See information provided in ‘Amount’

Does the CIL funding help secure the release of additional funding?	Yes	
	No	x

Section E: Delivery Timescales

What is the delivery timescale for the project?

Expected completion May 2023 subject to agreed project plan.

Section F: Additional Information

The key driver for this scheme to be supported now (having been developed in 2019) is the availability for an adjacent section being funded through unplanned central government funding; combining the two sections is logical and prevents the path ending at the District boundary and combining the works also reduces cost overheads.

Section G: Declaration

When you have completed the application, please sign this declaration and submit the application form as directed

To the best of my knowledge the information I have provided on this application form is correct.

If Three Rivers District Council agrees to release funds for the specified project, these funds will be used exclusively for the purposes described. In such an event, I agree to inform the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Coordinator of any material changes to the proposals set out above. When requested, I agree to provide the Council with all necessary information required for the purposes of reporting on the progress or otherwise of the identified project. I recognise the Council's statutory rights as the designated CIL Charging Authority, which includes provisions to reclaim unspent or misappropriated funds. Privacy Notice: By signing this form, the applicant agrees to Three Rivers District Council checking all supplied information for the purposes of informing decision making. The information on this form will be stored in the Council's Infrastructure Spending Board manual filling system and summarised in the Council's ICT system for the sole purpose of fund processing, analysis and accounting. Information about the project may be publicised on the Council website and in public material for publicity purposes. Personal data will not be disclosed without any prior agreement of those concerned, unless required by law. For further information on the Council's privacy policy, please see: <https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/privacy-notice>

Signed: __Senior Transport Officer_____

Organisation: ____TPP, Regulatory Services, Three Rivers DC_____

Date: ____04/08/22_____

Section H: Officer Comments/Recommendations July 2022

Regulation 59 (1) of the CIL Regulations state that CIL can be spent on the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure/ to increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing infrastructure if that is necessary to support development.

The Regulation 123 List (which was approved by Council following the independent examination of the CIL Charging Schedule) sets out the types of infrastructure that CIL will be spent on and includes Strategic and Local Transport Proposals. Although the Regulation 123 List was superseded (in 2020) by the Infrastructure Funding Statement it still provides the Council's approach.

This proposed scheme contributes to the local policies set out in the TRDC Core Strategy (2011) as detailed above under '*details of supporting policy from the Local Plan*'

The National Planning Policy Framework, Section 9 'Promoting sustainable transport' states:

Transport issues should be considered from the earliest stages of plan-making and development proposals, so that:

- c) opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport use are identified and pursued;
- d) the environmental impacts of traffic and transport infrastructure can be identified, assessed and taken into account – including appropriate opportunities for avoiding and mitigating any adverse effects, and for net environmental gains

The planning system should actively manage patterns of growth in support of these objectives. Significant development should be focused on locations which are or can be made sustainable, through limiting the need to travel and offering a genuine choice of transport modes. This can help to reduce congestion and emissions, and improve air quality and public health.

Section 14. Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change states:

152. The planning system should support the transition to a low carbon future in a changing climate, taking full account of flood risk and coastal change. It should help to: shape places in ways that contribute to radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimise vulnerability and improve resilience; encourage the reuse of existing resources, including the conversion of existing buildings; and support renewable and low carbon energy and associated infrastructure.

By updating the canal towpath the above can be satisfied via sustainable transport and its links.

The Regulation 123 List (although now superseded) indicates that CIL monies can be spent on strategic and local transport projects as long as there is a need resulting from development in the area. It is recognised that substantial development has been constructed/consented or is planned for the entire district of which the upgrade of the canal towpath in this section of Kings Langley will provide a continuous high quality easily accessible travel route from Apsley south to Croxley Green.

Recommendation:

The total cost of the project is estimated as being £187,191.00. Of this £78,000.00 could be sourced from the capital budget, and £14,909 project management and design cost can't be used from CIL funding. However, by granting the full amount through CIL minus £14,909 will allow the Council to focus capital funds on alternative projects that cannot be funded by CIL. Therefore, it is recommended that £172,282.00 be granted.

The infrastructure meets the legal definition and new/improved facilities relate to the development of the area.

CIL monies of £172,282.00 can be used for the following:

Grand Union Canal Towpath upgrade (Phase 6, Kings Langley Lakes to Red Lion Lane)

Additional Note:

Please note the cost of the project is estimated and there could be a % rise/fall depending on when the project is implemented.