



**Sevenoaks District Council - Community Infrastructure Levy Spending Board
Bid for Funding Pro-forma - Infrastructure Only**

Scheme name:	FOUR ELMS PLAYGROUND, HEVER PARISH
Description Of Scheme:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of derelict, old, unused basic playground equipment (swing, slide) • Renovation of ground surface • Installation of a range of new accessible play equipment for ages 0 – 15 and seating and rubbish bins. • Sympathetic modest landscaping <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;">FROM THIS TO THIS;</div>  </div>
Is this scheme promoted by your organisation in partnership with another organisation (s)?	<p>Not in partnership but working with;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Elms Primary school (who use the land daily and exclusively during term time) • Residents of Four Elms village who have been fundraising
Is planning permission required for the scheme?	No. SDC Planning have advised that won't be required (as not increasing height or surface area of playground). PA/17/00316
Details of any other consent required.	NONE
<u>Need for the Scheme</u>	
List of projects or development that result in the need for this scheme:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~80% of the children who attend Four Elms Primary school live in neighbouring Edenbridge and travel to attend school in Four Elms. Edenbridge has a high deprivation rate in the Sevenoaks District. Edenbridge parish has been subject to a consistently higher rate of housing growth over the last 15 years compared with Sevenoaks District generally, which is likely to continue with the proposed housing development site (the land to the rear of St Johns Way has now been granted outline planning permission for 300 houses) with likely future secondary education and medical centre. • The school use this land / playground daily as backs onto the school and is the only grass area for them to use for sports and physical education.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is also the only publically accessibly space in the village for resident children (many of whom are in West Kent accommodation), despite living in the Green Belt.
How is the scheme related to these developments	<p>Likely expansion of housing in Sevenoaks Rural South (current popn. of 16,410), rates of affordable housing (18%), new health centre planned locally and post 11 education hub - in addition to needing to protect community facilities.</p> <p>This space needs to be enhanced to support the oversubscribed and successful local Four Elms primary school.</p>

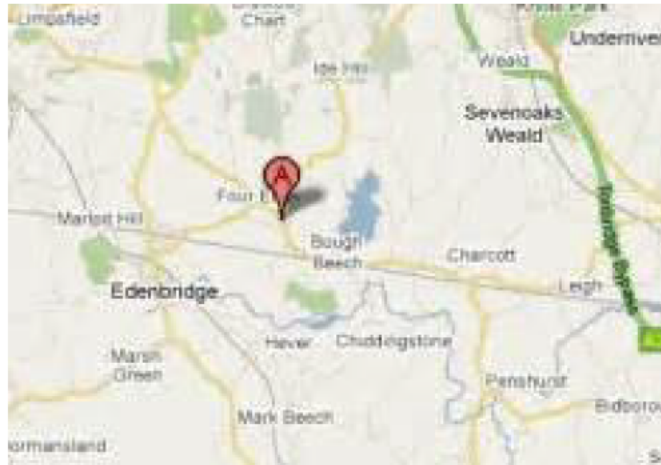
Please provide an explanation of the 'public benefit' of the scheme proposed for residents in Sevenoaks District:

Economic	Excellent value for money in the provision of accessible, inclusive play area for children - as costs minimised by; using contracted caretaker for parish to remove existing equipment, workman facilities to be provided by hiring of parish rooms and recycling / refurbishment of fencing rather than replacing.
Social	This is the only public space accessible in Four Elms village and the only playground for the whole parish (Hever, Four Elms and Markbeech). Required for residents of, visitors to the village and school children (into the school from Edenbridge and surrounds).
Environmental	<p>To protect and enhance the rural landscape and to improve the existing local open green spaces of community or of environmental value. They are deserving of protection afforded by para 76 and 77 of NPPF, and SDC policies SP 10, SP 11 and GI 2.</p> <p>Plan to install refuse bin, environmentally / recycled play equipment / seating where possible and aim to refurbish existing split log fencing.</p>
Is the need for the scheme identified in any adopted strategy/plan? E.g. Neighbourhood Plan, Work programme of a Statutory Body, Infrastructure Plan (Reg 1,2,3 list). If so, which?	<p>SDC Local plan draft identifies need to "protect shops, services, community facilities..."</p> <p>Sevenoaks District Council is currently reviewing its Local Plan. The SDC Core Strategy was adopted in Feb 2011;</p> <p>"Ensuring services and facilities are provided and maintained to meet the needs of the community"</p> <p>5.6 Green Infrastructure, Open Space, Sport and Recreation "As well as meeting recreational needs open spaces are an important feature contributing positively to the environment in many areas of the District. While overall provision is good there is a need for improvement in some areas."</p> <p>5.6.6 The Community Plan recognises the need to protect open spaces and promote the use of leisure facilities and open spaces. These are important in helping to create green and healthy environments.</p> <p>The Sevenoaks District Play Strategy 2007 – 2010 acknowledges the importance of play for children and young people.</p> <p>Strategic Policies Sevenoaks District Council Core Strategy Adopted February 2011</p> <p>Policy SP10 supports this aim by protecting and enhancing provision of facilities sport and recreation in the District.</p> <p>The Allocations and Development Management Plan (ADMP) was adopted in Feb 2015.</p>

Funding	
Total project cost:	£20,000 - 40,000
Funding required from CIL:	£ 3,000
Identify other funding sources for this project, what contribution they are making and why these can not be used to fund the scheme in its entirety	1) Hever Parish Council £5,000 committed towards 2016 – 2017.
	2) Grant obtained from Kent Community Foundation of £ 3,000
	3) Grant obtained from Tesco Bags of Help £ 2,000 4) Grant obtained from Waitrose Community Fund £430 5) Grant obtained from Hever Trust £ 1,000 6) Grant obtained from Combined Members Grant £ 3,000
Is this bid for staged payments? Will staged payments be accepted?	No Details of anticipated funding requirements and timetable: Require the £ 3,000 by February 2018
Has a bid(s) for CIL funding been made to relevant town and parish councils?	Yes – including Edenbridge Town Council
Would the scheme be fully funded if the CIL contribution is agreed:	Yes
Has this scheme benefited from CIL funding previously:	No
Deliverability	
Does your organisation have the legal right to carry out the proposed scheme?	Yes
Anticipated start date for delivery of the scheme:	March 2018
Anticipated finish date for the delivery of the scheme:	May 2018
Anticipated date when CIL funding will need to be made available:	February 2018

Does land need to be purchased to facilitate the scheme:	No
Please provide a consultation plan to let SDC know when they can expect progress reports on the project.	Monthly from March 2018 until completion (estimated May 2018)
Please provide details of the management and timescales of the project.	Managed by Hever Parish Council and appointed supplier of equipment. This project will definitely proceed Spring 2018 - however without the additional CIL funding the equipment provided will be on a smaller scale.
Has consultation been carried out on the scheme or is any planned?	Have already consulted with locals during Parish Council meetings / Annual Assembly / Family fund days and further planned to finalise design in January 2018 by; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inviting residents to Council meetings with displays ● Visiting Four Elms Primary school and presenting options / designs at Assembly ● Leafleting residents.
Is a relevant SDC ward member(s) supportive of the scheme?	Yes – Matthew Dickins Note - An e-mail from them to cil@sevenoaks.gov.uk would also be sufficient.
Is the relevant town/parish council supportive of the scheme?	Yes Signature of at town/parish council chairman, clerk or chief executive: Note - An e-mail from them to cil@sevenoaks.gov.uk would also be sufficient.
<u>Maintenance</u>	
Which organisation will be responsible for ongoing maintenance:	Hever Parish Council who currently maintain this space.
Are funding arrangements in place for maintenance:	Yes - part of annual HPC asset management budget (including annual play inspection)

Any further comments:



Location of Four Elms village, Kent.

Declaration

I am authorised to submit this bid for funding on behalf of the organisation that I represent. At the time of writing, the information contained in this submission (including appendices) is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. If CIL funding is committed and circumstances change prior to the completion of the scheme, the organisation that I represent will notify Sevenoaks District Council. The Council will reserve the right to reconsider the allocation of funding. If CIL funding is committed to the above project then the organisation that I represent commits to providing Sevenoaks District Council with sufficient information to enable it to undertake its reporting requirements under the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended), or any subsequent relevant regulations.

Signature



Name

CHARLOTTE COLE

Position

CLERK

Organisation

HEVER PARISH COUNCIL, clerk@hever.org 01732 865547

Name, role and contact details of the person that will be attending SDC's CIL Spending Board to support this bid:

As above or Matthew Dickins, SDC