

Sevenoaks Town Council

Improved Transport Infrastructure at Bat & Ball Station CIL Funding Bid – November 2017

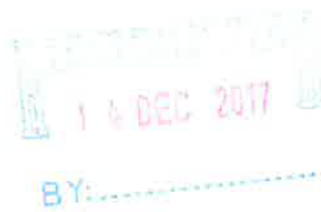
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Our Ref: HE-15-00797

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Dear Linda

Bat & Ball Station Building- restoration Grade II Listed building for community use

Congratulations, your application has now been assessed, and I am delighted to inform you that we have decided to award you a grant of up to £755,600.00 (seven hundred and fifty-five thousand, six hundred pounds, 51% of the total eligible project cost of £1,486,321.00) towards your project's approved purposes. More specifically, we will monitor your progress against the following:

Approved Purposes

- High visibility acknowledgement of the National Lottery funding awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund on site, online and in all activities
- Develop and deliver a plan for how you will use your project to thank National Lottery players for their support
- Carry out capital repair and refurbishment works to Bat & Ball Station, to create hireable venue space, a café and other facilities.
- Deliver an activity programme as detailed in your second round application, to include:
 - the recruitment of a Heritage Engagement Officer
 - a range of events and activities
 - a schools education programme
 - three building apprenticeships and other accredited construction training opportunities
 - permanent onsite interpretation
- Establish a directly managed café, Kentish produce retail and venue hire business in the refurbished station.
- Produce a project evaluation.

The percentage above is known as your 'grant percentage.' As your approved project costs include non-cash contributions and/or volunteer time, we have also calculated the percentage of cash that we will be contributing towards the project. We describe this as the

To Sevenoaks District Council
Community Infrastructure Levy Decision Board

16th November 2017

Dear Board Members

Re: Improved Infrastructure at Bat & Ball Station

Please take this letter as confirmation on behalf of Sevenoaks Town Council that it fully supports the application for Community Infrastructure Levy funding towards the Improved Infrastructure at Bat and Ball Station.

Sevenoaks Town Council has set out some ambitious plans for the regeneration of the Bat & Ball area extending across the Northern Ward. To date the Town Council has funded its projects from its own funds. However as the ambitions grow so does the project budgets.

There are five projects within the proposal for the Improved Infrastructure at Bat & Ball Station set out in the funding application:

1. Refurbishment of the Bat & Ball Station building.
2. Provision of new direct access to Platform 1
3. Provision of cycle racks adjacent to Platform 1
4. Provision of cycle racks adjacent to Platform 2
5. New access route from Bat & Ball Station to Otford Rd, via community centre site

The refurbishment of the Bat & Ball Station building has been a direct response to the local public who have been concerned about the condition of the building, its surrounds and the perceived community safety issues, particularly for students attending the nearby three secondary schools. The Town Council has consulted extensively on the project and received considerable support. It is currently at a Stage 2 Heritage Lottery Fund application and it hoped that by the time your board meets there will be some positive news.

In these times it is difficult to understand that there is still a station which you cannot use if you have mobility problems or are a parent with a child in a buggy. The proposal to open up Platform 1 from the community centre will provide a solution to this issue and I know it is eagerly awaited by many.

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The refurbished Bat & Ball Station will be at the heart of the Northern Sevenoaks Masterplan, it is therefore vital that this project is undertaken. Already before work has started on the station or the Masterplan it has attracted ideas for inward investment for tourism, housing, community facilities and local businesses.

The additional facilities of cycle provision and new pedestrian routes can only add to the encouragement to use the station, public transport, walking and cycling.

The feedback we have had from so many is that although positive about the plans, they simply don't believe they will ever happen or that investment will take place in this part of the town.

Therefore I believe it is essential that we all work together in one unified effort to elevate Northern Sevenoaks image to help it to play its part in the Sevenoaks and wider area's input into tourism, community and economic development.

For these reasons I ask on behalf of Sevenoaks Town Council and the local residents that you consider all of the information contained within the financial bid and look favourably on providing a grant towards the proposals for the Improved Transport Infrastructure at Bat & Ball Station.

Yours faithfully,



Cllr Maxine Chakowa
Sevenoaks Town Mayor

RT HON SIR MICHAEL FALLON KCB MP
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29th January 2018

Duty Planning Officer
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Dear Sir

RE: Sevenoaks Town Council Application for Funding, Bat & Ball Station

I am writing in support of the Sevenoaks Town Council's application for funding to improve transport infrastructure at Bat & Ball Station.

The Northern Sevenoaks area has already undergone significant development. Consequently, Bat & Ball Station has experienced a considerable rise in demand.

To meet this increasing demand, Bat & Ball Station requires infrastructure improvements. In particular, the Station will need refurbishing and access to the platform must be improved for those with mobility restrictions and pushchairs.

With the development of our new grammar annexe and the expansion of Trinity School on the former Wildernessee site, the number of students using the Bat & Ball Station in peak hours will increase. Pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular access to the station is therefore crucial, so the station will require cycle racks on both platforms, as well as access from Otford Road via the Community Centre.

The regeneration of Bat & Ball Station is vital to the improvement of the Northern Sevenoaks area, and is widely welcomed by families and businesses. I should be grateful if you could inform me of your decision in due course.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely



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Support from Cllr Jonathon Krogdahl

Linda,

Thank you for including me in this application that I am of course, more than happy to support. It is an excellent initiative and is much needed funding to support in the development of the Bat & Ball area.

I have for some time viewed the entire Bat & Ball area within the ward of Sevenoaks North, as being prime for investment in both the streetscape improvement and necessary infrastructure. With this in mind, I am encouraged that the town council have chosen to make this application for funding and should you have any need for me to contribute further in support of this application, please don't hesitate to ask.

Best regards,

Jonathan Krogdahl
District Councillor, Sevenoaks Northern

Support from Cllr Merilyn Canet (send direct to SDC)

Dear Lesley (Bowles)

I would like to support the Application by Sevenoaks Town Council for CIL funding for their very imaginative plans for the Bat and Ball Station building.

The plans will include many people in the area, both travellers on the trains from Swanley and other places, students going to school in Sevenoaks at Knole Academy, Trinity and the Weald of Kent Grammar annex.

The listed building will be restored for community use thus increasing the space available in this area for local people to gather and share activities. The toilets and café will be good for both local and travelling people, and the meeting rooms will be available for use by the community. These are much needed facilities in this area of town, about a mile from Sevenoaks Town Centre. Many people live in this part of Sevenoaks, some elderly many without a car, young families.

I hope that the CIL Board will be able to support this initiative.

Regards Merilyn Canet

Support from KCC Cllr Margaret Crabtree

Dear Linda

I would like to give my full support to the Sevenoaks Town Council in their bid for CIL money to improve the transport infrastructure at the Bat & Ball Station. These improvements are well overdue and it is very impressive that the Town Council has devised a well thought plan which will upgrade the station, so that passengers will want to use it in safety and comfort, as well as having a positive effect on the surrounding area. I wish them well and trust that their bid will be successful”

Yours faithfully

Margaret Crabtree
KCC Member for Sevenoaks Town
Deputy Cabinet Member for Finance

Planning Information

Sevenoaks Town Council planning permissions for Bat & Ball Station Building and related infrastructure:

1. Planning permission for the Bat & Ball Station building development ref – 17/00320/FUL and 17/00321/LBCALT, all necessary conditions have been discharged.
2. The bin store, café store, bike racks are covered by permitted development rights, and this has been confirmed via a lawful development certificate – 18/00241/LDCPR
3. The opening and ramp to the community centre are also covered by permitted development rights for which information has been submitted to the planning department.

