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Submitted to SDC Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Spending Board - Applications for CIL Funding
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Your Details

1 What is your name?

Name:
West Kingsdown Village Hall

2 What is your email address?

Email:
[REDACTED]

3 What is your organisation?

Organisation:
Charitable Trust

4 Position/ Role in organisation

Position/ Role in organisation:
Secretary

Section 1- Project Details

5 Scheme Name

Please type your answer into the text box:

Village Hall Car Park

6 Description of the Scheme

Please type your answer into the text box:

Refurbishment of car park for users of the Village hall, Community Cupboard and Gamecock field users, including football clubs and dog walkers.

7 Is this scheme promoted by your organisation in partnership with another organisation(s)?

Yes

8 If you answered YES to question 7, please provide the following details:

Please type your answer into the text box:

West Kingsdown Parish Council - Parish Clerk - Lynda Harrison

Parish Council agreement to contribute 25% of costs

9 Is planning permission required for the scheme?

No

10 If you answered YES to question 9, has this been applied for?

No

Please type your answer into the text box:

11 If planning permission has been granted – please give details and a reference number.

Please type your answer into the text box:

N/A

12 Please provide details of any other consent required if appropriate (e.g. conservation, Listed Buildings, other Government bodies), including the date it was applied for/granted:

Please type your answer into the text box:

N/A

Section 2 - Need for the Scheme

13 List of projects or development that result in the need for this scheme:

Please type your answer into the text box:

The need to have a well maintained, easily accessible and easy to use car park for the village hall and community use of the Gamecock Field which includes youth football teams, daily use of the skate park and Adizone outside gym, Boule pitch by members of KIARA and the increasing number of visitors, donators and volunteers of the Community Cupboard (food bank). The field is also a popular area for dog walkers. The location is a focal point of the village and village life with annual events such as Summer Fetes and Sevenoaks District Council Funh Days.

West Kingsdown Boxing Club has dedicated facilities in the Village Hall and provides dsaily boxing sessions for adults and young people. This club is the only one offering dedicated sessions for those suffereing from Parkinsons and these are support by Parkinsons UK. The Boxing Club hold national Boxing shows in the hall 2/3 times a year.

The National Blood Collections Service are regular users of the hall, finding the location one that is easy to access for volunteers from the wider community

14 How is the scheme related to these developments?

Please type your answer into the text box:

Providing a well maintained, safer and easily accessible/usable car park will keep existing users of the hall and field and will encourage growth in the use from the local /wider community. It would strengthen the use of the hall and the survival of the long term provision of a village hall.

Proposed car park surface would allow wheel chair users to access facilities independently

Please upload any supporting documents:

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

Please type your answer into the text box:

By providing good facilities for users, including a level, easily accessible car park, it will encourage users of the hall to continue using the facilities and the project is supported by users as identified in the emails received supporting the proposed work. Since the hall opened 9 years ago usage has grown and use of the car parking area has also increased which has caused the surface to become uneven, puddle and wear and tear causing a safety issues for people leaving their cars and walking to the hall, and also means that the sandy surface is being trodden into the hall and the wooden flooring. becomes slippery.

The hall provides a much used facility for children's parties, christenings, wakes and this brings families to use the facilities from outside the local area, as evidenced when receving booking forms from people living for example in Gravesend, London, Sutton at Hone, Borough Green, Fawkham, Swanscombe, Swnaley.

The skatepark on the site has been recognised as offering excellent faciltites offering ramps usable for bmx and skateboarding. We have identified users travelling as far as Maidstone ande Sheppey for the challenges it provides.

The more use of the hall generates more income and reduces the need for external funding as the hall becomes self sufficient, meeting rising enegy costs and ongoing matenance and secures the hall for the future of the community.

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

Please type your answer into the text box:

The public benefits of the scheme provides a safer car parking area for users of the hall ande fiell, particularly in the evenings when lighting is low and an even surface is vital for safety.

The hall and facilities on the Gamecock Meadow are a vital location, serving as a base for a number of local groups and societies including the national blood collection service, in addition to events and a party venue for local residents.

Post pandemic many groups are now beginning to thrive providing much needed social interaction, sense of well being, improving physical health and mental wellbeing and for residents to get out and about, particularly in the older age range,

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

Please type your answer into the text box:

The provision of local facilities within the village bring environmental benefit in the reduced usage of vehicles and encouragement for walking to increase well being. However it is recognised that many older users rely on their cars to bring them to the hall to take part in exercise classes.

As with many villages there is a restricted bus service so residents are more likely to travel by car when leaving the village. It is recognised that the environmental benefits are localised in nature and not likely to have a wider environmental benefit.

The proposed surface would provide a benefit to the environment as it will provide better drainage than the existing surface. Five years ago the hall flooded due to excessive storm water which was not helped by the current surface. The hall then had to be closed for 6 months for drying and refurbishment causing a loss of facilities for the community.

18 Is the need for the scheme identified in any adopted strategy/plan? E.g. Neighbourhood Plan, Work programme of a Statutory Body, Infrastructure Plan. If so, which?

Please type your answer into the text box:

No

19 How does the scheme identify with the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) and its priorities?

Please type your answer into the text box:

The Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan does not refer to this proposal.

20 How does this project help the Council achieve its ambition to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions and achieve its Net Zero 2030 target?

Please type your answer into the text box:

By providing good local amenities/facilities this encourages local residents to stay within the village area and therefore less travel further afield with less miles being travelled by vehicles.

Section 3 - Funding

21 Total Project Cost:

Please type your answer into the text box:

38000.00

22 Funding required from CIL:

Please type your answer into the text box:

20000.00

23 Please 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.

Please type your answer into the text box:

West Kingsdown Parish Council agreed in principle £9,500 from CIL fund as a contribution due to other commitments budgetted from Council finances

West Kingsdown Village Hall agreed £8,500 a contribution due to the need to keep reserves for ongoing maintenance / refurbishment of the hall

KCC Member fund contribution requested but no response to date

Awards for All Lottery Fund application refused due to other applications higher priority

24 Is this bid for staged payments?

No

25 Will staged payments be accepted?

No

26 Please provide details of anticipated funding requirements and timetable.

Please type your answer into the text box:

Funding would be required once a decision is made to enable to project to proceed Nov/December

27 Has a bid(s) for CIL funding been made to relevant Town and Parish Councils?

Yes

Please type your answer into the text box:

West Kingsdown Parish Council has agreed in principle to a contribution of 25% towards this project

28 If this bid is being made by a Parish or Town Council and no CIL funds have been contributed by them, please provide an explanation for this.

Please type your answer into the text box:

As above

29 Would the scheme be fully funded if the CIL contribution is agreed?

Yes

30 Has this scheme already benefited from CIL funding through the CIL Spending Board?

No

Please type your answer into the text box:

31 Has this scheme/land/building already benefited from funding from Sevenoaks District Council?

No

Please type your answer into the text box:

32 Has the project, at any stage, benefited from any CIL Exemptions as laid out in the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended)

No

Please type your answer into the text box:

Section 4 - Deliverability

33 Does your organisation have the legal right to carry out the proposed scheme?

Yes

Please upload documentation for statutory provider support:

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34 Anticipated start date for delivery of the scheme:

Please type your answer into the text box:

November/December 2023

35 Anticipated finish date for the delivery of the scheme:

Please type your answer into the text box:

November/December 2023

36 Anticipated date when CIL funding will need to be made available:

Please type your answer into the text box:
November/December 2023

37 Does land need to be purchased to facilitate the scheme?

No

Please type your answer into the text box:

38 Please provide a consultation plan to let SDC know when they can expect progress reports on the project.

Please type your answer into the text box:

To advise SDC
Project expected to take two/three weeks

1 Start date of project November/December

Day to day management of project by Parish Clerk and Secretary of the Village HaLL

2 Finish date of project supported by final invoice and photographs

39 Please provide details of the management and timescales of the project.

Please type your answer into the text box:

Management as above

Timescale expected job to be completed in two/three weeks

40 Has consultation been carried out on the scheme or is any planned?

Carried out

Please type your answer into the text box:

Consultation regarding the proposed project has been undertaken with users of the hall and site.

Copies of responses are attached.

Please attach consultation document:
Car Park CIL application.docx was uploaded

41 Is a relevant SDC ward member(s) supportive of the scheme?

Yes

Please provide SDC ward member signature:
car park EB.docx was uploaded

42 Is the relevant Town/Parish Council supportive of the scheme?

Yes

Please provide signature of a town/parish council chairman, clerk or chief executive.:
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43 Do you have any other local support for the scheme?

No

Please type your answer into the text box:

You may upload any documents demonstrating local support.:
No file uploaded

Section 5 - Maintenance

44 Which organisation will be responsible for ongoing maintenance?

Please type your answer into the text box:

West Kingsdown Village Hall

Grounds contractors for weeding an annual basis

45 Are funding arrangements in place for maintenance?

Yes

46 Please provide details.

Please type your answer into the text box:

West Kingsdown Village Hall Mangement Committttee funds and volunteers from the mjanagement committee

West Kingsdown Parish Council have a grounds contractor for the site

47 Please provide any further comments here.

Please type your answer into the text box:

N/A

Section 6 - Supporting Information

48 You can provide any supporting documents for your application here.

If you wish to do so, please provide any additional documents.:

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Section 7 - Declaration and Further Information

49 Declaration

I agree to the Declaration as stated above

50 Name, role and contact details of the person that will be the contact for this bid:

Please type your answer into the text box:

Mrs Pat Bosley

Secretary

West Kingsdown Village Hall Management Committee

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

Please type your answer into the text box:

Mrs Pat Bosley details as above

52 Name, role and contact details of the person that will be the point of contact and responsible for the Legal Contract.

Please type your answer into the text box:

Mrs Pat Bosley
details as above

53 Name, role and contact details of the person that will be legally responsible for receiving the CIL funds.

Please type your answer into the text box:

The Treasurer, West Kingsdown Village Hall
Mr Ian Bosley

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

54 Full company/charity name

Please type your answer into the text box:

West Kingsdown Village Hall

55 Registered Charity Number:

Please type your answer into the text box:

302776

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Carlyn Kan](#); [CIL Mailbox](#)
Subject: Application ANON-Z95J-AP8Y-M West Kingsdown Village Hall Car Park
Date: 20 September 2023 08:41:08

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Good morning

Cllr Harrison has passed to me your email so that I can update you regarding our application.

We are pleased to inform you that Cllr Brazier, KCC Member, has agreed to support our project with £3000 from his Members' Fund. Cllr Brazier, being our local member, is fully aware of the situation of the car park and the need to carry out remedial works and is therefore supporting this.

Our application was for a grant of £20,000 but now we have £3000 from Cllr Brazier this can be reduced to £17,000

With many thanks

Pat Bosley
Secretary
West Kingsdown Village Hall Management Committee

Pat Bosley
[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

I wish to write to let you know that I support The West Kingsdown Village Hall Management Committee with their request for CIL money. The village hall is at the centre of the village and is widely used by residents (not just in the village but surrounding areas too), for various purposes. Parking at the existing site is limited and what is currently there isn't really designed for parking. If the VH Management Committee were able to secure some funding then this would go to a much needed renovation of the car parking area and would allow for better (and safer) parking.

Kind regards,

Cllr Emily Bulford
District Councillor for Fawkham and West Kingsdown Ward

Car parking refurbishment

Since the hall has been built, the use has increased. The football teams and Boxing club are using West Kingsdown Gamecock as their home site as well as regular users to the hall and the field. It is popular with skateboarders and dog walkers. The site provides a community hub both outdoors and in which promotes social contact and helps physical and mental wellbeing. Its usage has increased and there is a need to improve the surface and make it more accessible for all to use. I would be delighted support this application for CIL funding of this project to improve the facility for the Community.

Cllr Lynda Harrison
District Ward Councillor for Fawkham and West Kingsdown

We hold a dementia café once a month at the venue. We support people who are frail and have mobility problems in addition to cognitive impairment. Its great to have parking near the hall but the uneven ground surface definitely poses a risk to the people we support and their carers. We try to ensure our volunteers are outside as people arrive to assist but it would be a much better solution to resurface and avoid a potential slip, trip, or fall.

Denise Kilshaw (she/her)

Dementia Support Manager

North Kent, Medway and West Kent

Thank you for letting us know about the proposed refurbishment of the car park.

As you are aware, The Community Cupboard users currently rely heavily on our services and they provide a constant stream of vehicle traffic to the premises and parking facilities.

As a charity, we would fully support these works and know how much of a difference it would make to the ease of parking, particularly during the autumn and Winter months when it becomes very difficult for our less able users to manage.

Tracy Wood

The Community Cupboard

Food Bank & Support Services Team

We have several members, who rely on walking aids, that attend the KIARA meetings and they do have problems with the uneven surface when negotiating the car park.

Also a lot of sand, from the wheels of their walking aids, is carried into the hall and onto the wooden floors.

A block paved area would be a great advantage.

Edna Seal, Secretary

West Kingsdown Active Retirement Group

Our badminton club meets on Wednesday mornings and we think that it is necessary to resurface the car park with an even hard surface. It is very uneven and after rain is muddy and sandy. It gets into our shoes and then transfers into the hall and onto the courts which we then have to sweep even though they have been cleaned for us. I do hope the committee will decide to have this work undertaken

Maureen Elliott

Club Secretary

I'm writing regarding the car park, in case anything can be done about it? As you know, our karate class ends at 9pm and I'm concerned about our students tripping on the uneven surface in the main car park area. There are also deep potholes which fill with water; I've put my foot in them twice now, and in the winter they can be quite dangerous.

Is there any chance that the car park could be resurfaced with blocks or slabs? This might also help to keep the hall more clean, since we sweep it weekly before class and still end up with dirty feet.

Rob Wallace

Club Secretary,

Zan Shin Kai Karate

I wholly support resurfacing the area which is sandy as it will make it safer for all my users of the hall.

Sheree

Saturday morning exercise class

We would support it the car park project. Unfortunately when we are using the hall for art we can rarely park next to the hall as the community cupboard monopolise the parking. It is difficult to get a disabled parking spot on occasions as their members all have blue cards. However we do need one disabled spot every Thursday afternoon.

Andrea - Thursday Art Group

The car park is not really fit for purpose as our walking netball class ends at 9pm and it is invariably dark when our older ladies have to make their way to cars over the sandy uneven surface. Terrible when wet.

Also having sand on trainers when we arrive to play isn't suitable for an indoor court activity either.

If the car park could be resurfaced in a hard finish with marked car parking spots that would make us using the village hall a lot less treacherous

Joan Hillcock , Chair West Kingsdown Walking Netball

We hold daily boxing sessions in our Gym and fitness training on the field. We have 2/3 Boxing Shows in the hall a year (one this Saturday 16th September) where we have over 100 attendees.

We do feel that the existing car park has out worn its suitability and requires refurbishment for safer use.

We have the only Parkinsons Boxing Group currently in the UK, supported by Parkinson's UK, meeting twice weekly. Our users are unsteady on their feet, often needing support, and a block paved car park surface would provide a safer, level access to the hall.

Sarah Bowden, West Kingsdown Boxing Club