

## Strategic CIL Project Appraisal Scoring Criteria

### Section 1 - Applicant information

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**Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2017 Implementation - £1m CIL requested**

Allocation of £100,000 of CIL funds per year for parks projects that will include a 'quick wins' programme, and ongoing works to refurbish and upgrade the borough's green spaces and to use as match funding resources to support applications for external funding, in line with the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (POSS) 2017.

### Section 2

1. Does this project support the delivery of infrastructure identified on the Council's Regulation 123 list? Yes - Sports, Leisure, parks and open spaces

If no, project will not be supported.

### Section 3

2. Impact of project on delivering Borough Manifesto targets  
Rate from 1 to 10 - **8**

Health and well-being  
Employment and Enterprise  
Safety  
Skills and Education  
Environment  
Community Engagement  
(See EOI form for more info)

3. Impact from new development that the project addresses  
Rate from 1 to 10 - **8**

The POSS supports the objectives in the Borough Manifesto, the emerging Local Plan, the Infrastructure Plan and the council's Growth Strategy. Therefore, there is a strong argument for the inclusion of parks and open spaces related infrastructure projects on the council's CIL Regulation 123 list.

The council's **Growth Strategy** talks about creating neighbourhoods with a clear sense of character. The borough's parks have a fundamental role to play in this process, and the POSS will help ensure that parks are at the centre of new developments and estate renewal.

Parks and open spaces help people to become more healthy and active, are great places to relax, to play, to meet friends and hold events. They also help to make

urban life more sustainable by supporting food growing, biodiversity, improving air quality and controlling flood risk. Most important of all, parks are free.

High quality parks and open spaces will help shape the future of the borough and assist the Council in achieving its corporate priorities in relation to: encouraging civic pride, enabling social responsibility, and growing the borough.

4. Support from community and stakeholders.

Rate from 1 to 10 - **8**

The borough's POSS 2017 was preceded by a detailed community consultation and engagement process to gather views on the boroughs parks and ideas for their future management and development.

5. Impact on cohesion and equalities including groups with protected characteristics.

Rate from 1 to 10 - **8**

Parks are free to use and diverse; parks are open to all irrespective of gender, age, race, religion or disability.

Parks are central to a sense of place and people strongly identify with their local park as an essential part of their neighbourhood.

This investment will help improve the quality of the borough's parks and open spaces and help address the needs of those with protected characteristics under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

#### Section 4

6. How much match funding does the project have or unlock?

75-100%	10 points
50-74%	7 points
25-49%	5 points
Up to 25%	3 points
None	0 points

If CIL is being used to unlock match funding e.g. through a bid, CIL contribution will be dependent on the match funding being confirmed.

**10** – 84% match funding - £5,399,505 of a £6,399,505 project

7. The revenue impacts and what if any CIL is needed for maintenance and/or operational costs; What are the revenue impacts of the project and how is it intended that this is funded? Is any CIL funding required for maintenance or operational costs?

There are a variety of established and emerging opportunities to grow the commercial potential of parks (and hence offset the revenue costs) and each will be

considered as part of this project in order to minimise the revenue impacts of the project. These include:

- Grants and contributions
- Events and festivals
- Café and concessions
- Fees and charges
- Planning gain
- Sponsorship and fund raising
- Public and corporate volunteering
- Endowment funds
- Localised levies
- Ecosystem services

## Section 5

8. The robustness of the delivery strategy including how will the project be delivered and the timetable for delivery with regard to the growth impacts the project is meant to be addressing  
Rate from 1 to 10 – **6**

In accordance with the POSS 2017 and associated Action Plan the delivery timescale is 10 years. **Would recommend committing half the requested amount over a 5 year period with a new request submitted for the next 5 years nearer the time when we know if CIL is still in existence. Would also request further delivery detail on an annual basis.**

Commissioning – Culture and Recreation is the Project Lead.

9. Risks management and Constraints  
Rate from 1 to 10 (severe to mild) – **8**

The annual CIL funding support the delivery of the borough's POSS 2017 and will help overcome the following key risks:

- **Reputational damage** – if the historical and ongoing decline in the quality of the borough's parks and open spaces continues this will result in reputational damage and additional costs (i.e. repairs and maintenance, insurance claims etc).
- **Equipment removal and facility closure** – without investment there is a high risk of equipment removal and ultimate closure of park building and play facilities.
- **Benefits of parks and open spaces** – the benefits previously identified will be lost if the condition of the borough's parks and open spaces continues to decline.  
**Revenue budget reductions** – further budget reductions and withdrawal of funding will limit spend to health and safety and essential operation work only. Therefore, this will have an adverse impact on the benefits that parks, and play spaces and facilities provide to the local community.

10. Strength of monitoring regime  
Rate from 1 to 10 – **9**

Monitoring of the projects success will include:

- Delivery of the POSS 2017 Action Plan.
- Residents' Survey results.
- Improving levels of resident satisfaction with their local area, parks and open spaces, play spaces and facilities.
- Improvements in the physical and mental health and well-being of borough residents, especially children and young people.
- External accreditation – increased number of successful Green Flag Award applications.
- Increased number of volunteers and number of residents regularly and actively involved in greenspace management and development (e.g. more Friends of Parks groups).
- Increased number of community events and activities in parks.
- Reduction in incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour in parks and open spaces, and the surrounding areas.
- Increased proportion of residents who feel safe in their local area.
- Increased opportunities for community food growing in parks and open spaces.
- Good Parks for London Guide – improved position of Barking and Dagenham's parks and open spaces.

**Total Score 65/80**