

Guidelines for the assessment of proposed Winchester Town Improvement Projects:

Initial screening of project proposals will ascertain whether they are potentially suitable for funding by the neighbourhood portion of CIL and could be included in the Town Improvement Fund Programme:

- Has the form been completed correctly and is there any information missing that should be requested?
- Is the type of improvement proposed potentially suitable for consideration for CIL funding in terms of the nature and location of the scheme?

The Town Forum Informal (Account) Group will review screened proposals against the following criteria before making recommendations to the Town Forum to fund schemes using CIL:

1. The purpose of the fund is to address the impact of development and changing environmental pressures (built environment, traffic and transport, mobility, demographic, open space) on quality of life in Winchester Town (Vision for Winchester Town).

- *How does the proposal relate to development (planned or built) in this part of the town?*
- *Does the project mitigate the consequences of change and add measurably to quality of life in Winchester?*

2. Some areas of town support more development than others while displaced effects (parking, traffic, pollution...) may impact neighbouring communities disproportionately.

- *To what extent does the project deliver community-wide or neighbourhood-specific benefits and what are these benefits?*
- *Is the proposed cost proportional to CIL funds raised in the main beneficiary area?*

3. Community engagement can play a vital part in identifying improvements that are of real value to residents.

- *To what extent does the proposal support the Vision for Winchester Town, local community plans and aspirations, and other Council policies and strategies relevant to the Town area?*

- *What evidence has been produced to show community consultation and support for the scheme?*

4. The aim of the Winchester Town Improvement fund is to bring forward projects that have a measurable, beneficial impact on the lives of residents in Winchester. In some instances larger projects will be appropriate, in others smaller, quick wins can be the best way forward.

- *Is the proposal of the right scale to address the problem and can it be delivered on budget and in time?*
- *Have other sources of funding been investigated?*
- *Is the Winchester Town Improvement Fund the best vehicle to support this project?*
- *Have future revenue costs been identified and how could these costs be met?*

Projects will be prioritised and assessed against community need, funds generated and funds available.

