

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Long Ashton Infrastructure Delivery Plan

Introduction

The Community Infrastructure Levy has been brought into force by North Somerset. Any future housing development in the parish will result in a payment of 25% of this levy to the parish council. The NS charging schedule shows that this is £80/m².

It is incumbent on the receiving authority to spend the money in accordance with the CIL regulations.

The CIL Regulations state that a Town/Parish Council must use CIL receipts passed to it in accordance with Regulation 59A or 59B to support the development of the local council's area, or any part of that area, by funding:

- (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

North Somerset recommends:

Town or Parish Councils should carefully consider whether the expenditure addresses the extra demand on infrastructure and services caused by development within their area and be clear on the links between infrastructure and growth. CIL cannot be used as a replacement for everyday Town or Parish Council expenditure. Misspent CIL can be claimed back by North Somerset Council.

The production of a Town or Parish Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) can be a useful starting point for the prioritisation of infrastructure projects and input into the Council's wider Infrastructure Delivery Plan is welcomed. A local IDP will assist in understanding how the needs of the town fit with the wider programme for infrastructure works. The IDP can be produced to support a Neighbourhood Plan, or as a stand-alone document.

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VES1 Implement the village enhancement scheme

These policies remain relevant but possibly need more detail as part of the IDP

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In full these are;

Policy LC1 Support and make improvements to the Community Centre and sports facilities

Support and improve the Community Centre and sports facilities by continued investment utilising CIL or other funds should these become available, reacting to the demands of the community as needs develop. Projects to be supported could include:

Purpose built facilities for young people up to 19 years.

An area designated as a skate park.

A site for play facilities for children (4 to 16 years) at the eastern end of the village in an area to be identified.

A small play area for children (4 to 16 years) in Leigh Woods.

Policy VES 1. Implement the Village Enhancement Scheme

Funding from future CIL and other sources will be sought for implementing improvements to the traffic and pedestrian environment of Weston Road and Long Ashton Road, Further consultation will be undertaken to determine priorities and design details.

Any new development close to the roads and junctions covered by the Enhancement Scheme shall not prejudice improvement options. Any new development where a transport assessment demonstrates a significantly increased traffic impact on Long Ashton/Weston Road will contribute to implementing enhancements to the road in accordance with the principles of the Enhancement Scheme where these enhancements are demonstrated as being appropriate to mitigate the effects of the development.

Situation as at September 2020

Community Centre

The needs of the community centre are met by income and by a grant from the PC. Additional needs have been recognised and a plan is in place for an extension to the existing facilities. Plans for provision of a skate park are being drawn up and funding will need to be found.

Community Library

Following the closure of the NSC library in Long Ashton the plans to provide a community library in a temporary (about 5 – 10 years) building are in progress, with a view to provide a permanent Library/community hub facility in the longer term. Funding for the temporary facility will be through the PC.

Village Enhancement Scheme

A series of road improvements has been identified and plans drawn up by NS. Priorities for the first phase were identified by the PC and part of the first phase has been completed. Funding was allocated by the PC. The next phase of the scheme is being discussed and may include works not identified in the NDP scheme to enhance safety within the Parish including both Long Ashton and Leigh Woods. Plans have also been drawn up for visual enhancement by means of tree and other planting. There is no funding in place for this.

Improving Cycling and Walking routes

The COVID 19 pandemic has highlighted the need to improve cycling and walking routes around the parish. Work needs to be done to identify and provide mitigation those areas where improvement is required to include but not limited to safe routes to school. There has been no funding identified for this.

Allocation of CIL Money

The amount and timing of any CIL money cannot be predicted and the total amount is not expected to contribute substantially to either of these policies. The allocation of any CIL money will therefore be made dependent on the priorities identified at the time of receipt.

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