

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Non-Parish Funding
Local Infrastructure Schedule, Project Assessment and Proposed
Funding Allocations

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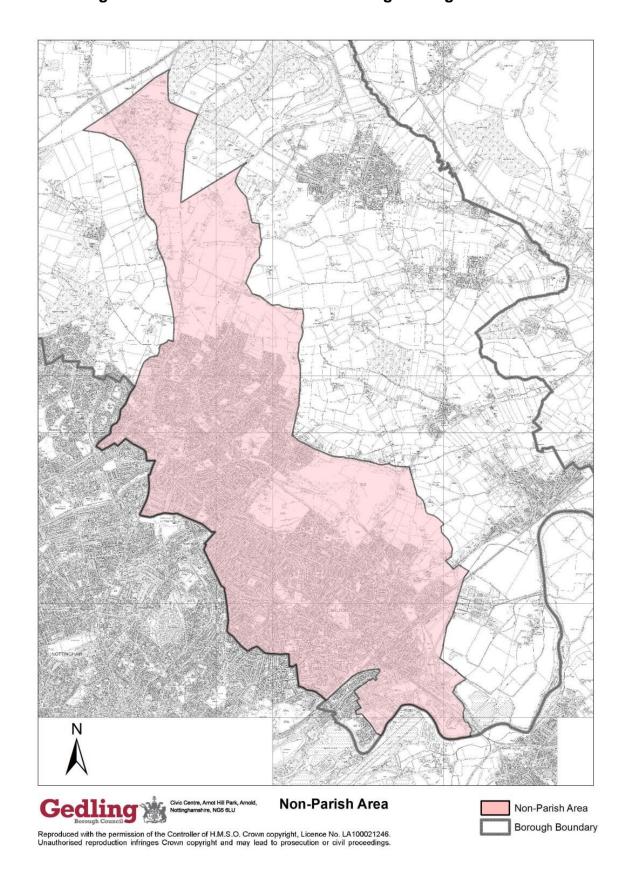
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### 1. Background

- 1.1. The Planning Act 2008 introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy ("CIL") as a tool for local authorities in England and Wales to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of their area. CIL came into force on 6 April 2010 through the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010.
- 1.2. Gedling Borough Council introduced CIL in October 2015. Following an independent examination in March 2015 and approval at full council on 15 July that year, the Gedling Borough Council Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule came into effect on 16 October 2015. Gedling Borough Council is the charging authority for the borough of Gedling.
- 1.3. Regulation 59A of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) ("the 2010 Regulations") places a duty on charging authorities to allocate at least 15% (up to a cap of £100 per existing council tax dwelling) of CIL receipts to spend on priorities that should be agreed with the local community in areas where development is taking place. This is known as the neighbourhood portion.
- 1.4. Where the chargeable development takes place in an area where there is no parish council, the charging authority retains the levy receipts but must spend the neighbourhood portion on, or to support, infrastructure in the area where the chargeable development takes places. This should be done in consultation with the local neighbourhood.
- 1.5. The extent of the parishes however does not cover the majority of the urban area of Gedling Borough (with the exception of Colwick). This creates a gap in the coverage for the neighbourhood portion in the Borough where there are no parishes or town councils to oversee its expenditure.
- 1.6. The non-parish areas of Gedling Borough as shown in Figure 1 cover the following Wards:
  - Calverton (part)
  - Carlton Hill
  - Colwick (part)
  - Daybrook
  - Gedling
  - Phoenix
  - Porchester
  - Trent Valley (part)

- Carlton
- Cavendish
- Coppice
- Ernehale
- Netherfield
- Plains
- Redhill
- Woodthorpe

Figure 1 The Non-Parish Area of Gedling Borough



- 1.7. Regulation 59F of the 2010 Regulations states that where no parish or town council exists the charging authority may use the neighbourhood portion of CIL, or cause it to be used, to support the development of the <u>relevant area</u> 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.
- 1.8. The 'relevant area' is defined by Regulation 59F (1)(4) as that part of the charging authorities area that is not within the area of a parish or town council.
- 1.9. The Community Infrastructure Levy Guidance ("the Guidance") published on 12 June 2014 makes it clear that the charging authority should engage with the local communities where the development has taken place and agree with them how best to spend the neighbourhood funding. The Guidance also emphasises the importance of the neighbourhood portion being used to deliver the infrastructure needs of the area in which the chargeable development has taken place.
- 1.10. The Guidance states that "charging authorities should set out clearly and transparently their approach to engaging with neighbourhoods".
- 1.11. A guidance note dated March 2015 prepared by the Council titled 'CIL and the Neighbourhood Portion in Non-Parish Areas detailed how the Council would:-
  - 1. Consult with the local community over how the neighbourhood portion of CIL receipts will be spent in non-parish areas.
  - 2. Decide which infrastructure projects will benefit from funding from the neighbourhood portion of CIL receipts in non-parish areas.
- 1.12. The Guidance Note creates a process that invites the local community, groups and organisations to identify and have their say on appropriate projects for expenditure of the neighbourhood portion of CIL receipts. Groups, organisations and individuals can nominate potential infrastructure projects throughout the year using our online form; the nomination process is now open.
- 1.13. This Assessment Document has been prepared and is structured to present the following information:

- CIL Receipts (What Non-Parish Neighbourhood Funding has been collected)
- Local Infrastructure Schedule (A List of potential infrastructure projects that have been submitted for consideration)
- Project Assessment (An assessment of all projects submitted detailing their suitability for funding)
- Project Recommendations (Recommendation of which infrastructure projects (if any) should be funded via the CIL Neighbourhood Funding)
- Further Projects (Opportunity for projects to submitted for consideration next year)
- Consultation (Details of the process)

### 2. CIL Non Parish Neighbourhood Portion Receipts

- 2.1. In order to make appropriate awards of CIL Neighbourhood Funding in Non-Parish areas of the Borough there is a need to accurately report on Non-Parish CIL Receipts which are currently held by Gedling Borough Council.
- 2.2.2017/2018 was the first financial year in which CIL Neighbourhood Funding in the non-parish area of Gedling was awarded. Since this time, a total of £143,500.00 has been awarded to suitable infrastructure projects within the Non Parish Area of Gedling.
  - £3,500.00 award to Lighting at Cinderpath scheme in Netherfield,
  - £100,000.00 award to Car Park Extension at Gedling Country Park, and
  - £40,000.00 award to Changing Room Facilities at Lambley Lane Recreation Ground.
- 2.3. As of the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021, the non-parish neighbourhood proportion of CIL held by the Council minus allocated monies for previous project from chargeable developments is £92,720.67. Further CIL receipts could also be collected if further CIL liable planning permissions are granted and commenced prior to the end of the financial year.
- 2.4. The table below sets out what amounts have been collected across the Non-Parish area to date.

Table 2: CIL Non-Parish Portion Receipts by Ward as of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Area (Ward)	Collected
Coppice	£32,417.90
Daybrook	£1,978.59
Gedling	£185,837.75
Mapperley Plains	£1,858.10
Netherfield	£7,260.12
Phoenix	£1,978
Porchester	£1,404.83
Woodthorpe	£4,511.76

Total Ward Collection	£236,220.67
2017/2018 Allocations	£3,500
2018/2019 Allocations	£140,000.00
Current Non- Parish Neighbourhood Holdings	£92,720.67

2.5. In accordance with the produced guidance note, the Council will prioritise expenditure of the neighbourhood portion of CIL receipts in non-parish areas as set out in the following table:

Table 2: Approach to Expenditure of CIL Neighbourhood Portion in Non-Parish Areas

Priority	Type of Infrastructure Project and Location
1	Infrastructure projects (including Infrastructure Funding Statement projects) in the ward where the chargeable development has occurred.
2	Infrastructure projects (including Infrastructure Funding Statement projects) in the non-parish are of Gedling which meet or support the development needs of the area where the chargeable development has occurred.
3	Pool the neighbourhood portion of the CIL receipt for the following year where no suitable infrastructure projects 1 and 2 above have been identified.

### 3. Local Infrastructure Schedule

3.1. In order to identify appropriate infrastructure projects for part funding/funding via CIL Neighbourhood Funding a nomination process was opened and continues to be open. A list of nominated projects has been created that forms a Local Infrastructure Schedule for the non-parish area of Gedling. A summarised list of potential projects is highlighted below in Table 3.

**Table 3: Local Infrastructure Schedule (Summary Table)** 

Project	Nominator/Proposer	CIL Monies Required
Netherfield Forum Children, Young People and Families Hub	Netherfield Forum LTD	Up to £60,000 (Match funding available £170,000 mortgage offered by Charity Bank Finance)
Footpath / Drainage Improvements at Kneeton Close / Linsdale Gardens	Parks and Street Care Services, Gedling Borough Council	Up to £25,000 (Potential for match funding through Council Asset Management fund)
Green Lung	Parks and Street Care Services, Gedling Borough Council	Up to £50,000 (Match funding is currently being investigated)
Arnold Marketplace	Economic Growth and Regeneration Team, Gedling Borough Council	Up to £43,000 (Funding for remaining works to be provided through other Council revenue streams)

- 1.1. All projects submitted have been formally assessed and a recommendation has been made as to each project's current suitability for funding. The assessment is based upon information submitted as part of the nomination process. The focus of projects should be that they accord with Regulation 59F of the 2010 Regulations. Other factors considered included:-
  - How does the project meet a need created by new development?
  - Timeframe for delivery?
  - Is match funding available?
  - How infrastructure project will be maintained once completed?

### 4. Project Assessments

- 4.1. An assessment of each submitted project has been prepared, each assessment provides the following information;-
  - Reference Number;
  - Description of the project;
  - Location;
  - Lead agency;
  - How it meets the need created by new development,;
  - Whether CIL Funding is required to deliver the projects;

- Total cost of projects;
- How much CIL monies are required;
- Is match funding available;
- Timeframe for delivery;
- · How the project will be maintained once completed; and
- An assessment of the project suitability for CIL Neighbourhood Funding.
- 4.2. Four projects have been submitted for consideration. The assessments for each project follows.

### **Project Assessments**

Project Reference:	Project Name:
LIS0001	Netherfield Forum Children, Young People and
	Families Hub

### **Project Description:**

Netherfield Forum LTD are looking to acquire the currently vacant Trentside Medical Centre site, adjacent to St Georges Centre in Netherfield, and to redevelop the site into a state of the art Children, Young People and Families' hub.

The Forum is a local community group which has built, owned and provided essential community services to the Netherfield community from the St Georges Centre fore 20 years. The Forum have been given first refusal on the site purchase and have negotiated the cost of purchasing the site down to £205,000.

This submission seeks a contribution to match the Forums own fundraising efforts in an attempt to reduce the borrowing element and associated risk in relation to purchasing the site for future development.

A business plan and design feasibility study for the development of the site have been developed and postive negoitations have been held with the National Lottery, WREN and other large scale capital funders for phase 2 development of a new annex.

#### Location:

Site at Netherfield Medical Centre, Forester Street, Netherfield.

#### **Lead Agency:**

Netherfield Forum LTD

### How does the project meet a need created by new development:

Significant development is underway in the surrounding area which will place further impact on the services provided at Netherfield St Georges Centre.

### Total cost of project:

£205,000

### **How much CIL Neighbourhood Funding is required:**

Up to £60,000

#### Is match funding available:

Yes (Up to £170,000 mortgage offered by Charity Bank Finanace)

Timeframe for delivery of project:

Site Purchase 2020/21

How will the project be maintained once completed:

Netherfield Forum LTD.

### **Assessment of project:**

Whilst the project is certainly one of interest, it is difficult to establish how any potential CIL Neighbourhood award could be protected, once the site has been purchased, to ensure that any subsequent development complies with Regulation 59F of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended).

In addition to the above it is unclear as to what new development the project would be meeting the needs of. The largest housing developments under construction within the locality are situated some distance away at Teal Close and Chase Farm.

With the above in mind I consider that it would suitable to carry the nomination over to the next round of awards with a view to re-assessing the proposal when a more detailed submission of the building itself can be considered.

Recommendation: No allocation for CIL Non-Parish Neighbourhood Funding for 2020/21, retain on Local Infrastructure Schedule for next round of awards.

Project Reference:	Project Name:
LIS0002	Footpath / Drainage Improvements at Linsdale
	Gardens

#### **Project Description:**

This project refers to the footpath to the rear of Linsdale Gardens & Kneeton Close, Gedling. This area of the Recreation Ground between Arnold Lane and Digby Avenue is commonly known as 'The Arboretum'.

The footpath from the top of the slope at Arnold Lane down to the rear of number 8 Kneeton Close is in a very poor condition with ongoing drainage problems. Attempts have been made by the Borough Council over the years to improve it with regard to the placing of additional gravel but this has normally washed away in a couple of weeks. In winter and autumn months the footpath is a potential slip hazard to pedestrians due to mud and the ruts down the slope.

A more substantial footpath constructed with concrete and brick edging is required at this location. Due to persistent drainage problems, it will be necessary to construct the footpath with some drainage pipes underneath at certain locations.

#### Location:

Public Footpath to the rear of Linsdale Gardens, Kneeton Close and Mapperley Plains Golf Course.

### **Lead Agency:**

#### Gedling Borough Council.

## How does the project meet a need created by new development:

The footpath forms a link from large scale developments in the vicinity to the adjacent public open space at Digby Avenue and facilities in the wider Porchester and Mapperley areas.

This section of the public footpath is the main access point for existing residents in the Kneeton Close /Linsdale Gardens/Gunthorpe Road/Stanhope Road area to get to the Arboretum (via two twichells that connect Kneeton Close & Gunthorpe Road) and is currently badly affected by water damage.

# **Total cost of project:**

£25,000

# How much CIL Neighbourhood Funding is required:

Up to £25,000

#### Is match funding available:

Match funding may be possible through the Councils Asset Management Fund but this not confirmed at this time.

# Timeframe for delivery of project:

2021

## How will the project be maintained once completed:

Gedling Borough Council

# Assessment of project:

A local infastructure project that would support and improve connectivity within Mapperley. The footpath to the rear of Linsdale Gardens provides access from Arnold Lane, Gedling to Hillside Avenue, Mapperley via a route which runs behind Mapperley Golf Course.

The existing footpath is currently in a poor state of repair due to flooring and general wear and tear and its redevelopment would allow for safe usage by existing residents and any future residents of the Chase Farm development to the east.

The footpath to the rear of Kneeton Close / Linsdale Gardens is situated in close proximity to the Chase Farm development and as such is considered to be appropriately located to meet the requirements for CIL funding. It is available to be delivered in a timely manner and as such would be attractive for CIL funding.

Notwithstanding the above, the proposal for the redevelopement of this footpath is included in another nomination submission which compriseses of a more comprehenvise project (see Project Reference LIS0004). Given the Project LIS0004 includes works to this section of the footpath aswell as the wider public realm it is considered to be of greater benefit to local residents. I would therefore recommend that this project is not allocated funding.

Recommendation: No allocation for CIL Non-Parish Neighbourhood Funding for 2020/21. Works are included within the scope of the Green Lung project ref: LIS0003. Remove from Local Infrastructure Schedule.

Project Reference:	Project Reference:
LIS0003	Green Lung Corridor

#### **Project Description:**

This proposal seeks to improve access to green open spaces in Porchester, Phoenix, Plains and Gedling Wards with the creation of a 'Green Lung' corridor extension linking Digby Park Arboretum with Gedling Country Park to create a 'green lung' for residents to enjoy.

The proposal will look to promote and enhance any heritage assets along the route ensuring the green corridor becomes as educational and accessible as possible.

The green corridor walking route will improve connectivity between Digby Park in Carlton and Gedling Country Park. The route would run behind Mapperley Golf Course, along the rear of Kneeton Close and across Arnold Lane and will crossover the new Gedling Access Road into the County Park.

#### Location:

Digby Avenue, Land to Rear of Mapperley Golf Course, Gedling Country Park

### **Lead Agency:**

Gedling Borough Council.

# How does the project meet a need created by new development:

The Chase Farm Housing Development which will be a 1,050 house housing development is situated across the road from Arnold Lane next to the footpath proposed for improvement.

There will be a need to provide additional recreational facilities for the residents living at the Chase Farm Development and other sites within the locality. The Westerly edge of the Chase Farm Development is some distance from the Gedling Country Park and as such it is considered important to improve connectivity in the area.

Existing Green Spaces within the locality consist of Gedling Country Park to the East, Mapperley Golf Course to the North and the Recreation Ground (commonly known as 'The Arboretum). A comprehensive development to improve connectivity to these spaces will support a healthier lifestyle for existing and future residents.

# Total cost of project:

£50,000

### **How much CIL Neighbourhood Funding is required:**

Up to £50,000

# Is match funding available:

The Parks and Open Space department are currently investigating additional match funding options and grants.

# Timeframe for delivery of project:

2021/22 - 2022/23

### How will the project be maintained once completed:

The Council's Parks and Street Care Services will maintain into the future.

#### **Assessment of project:**

A local infastructure project that would support and improve connectivity within the Gedling, Mapperley and Pheonix wards. The extent of the Green Lung would run from Digby Avenue, behind Mapperley Golf Course and to the rear of Gunthorpe Road/Kneeton Close and Linsdale Gardens, across Arnold Lane and up into the Gedling Country Park.

The public footpaths are currently in a poor state of repair and their redevelopment would allow for safe usage by existing residents and any future residents of the Chase Farm development to the east and other new devleopment within the locality.

The project's deliverability of this year is attractive and would see the CIL Non-Parish Funding used for a deliverable scheme. Furthermore the proposal is considered highly appropriately being located in close proximity to where new development is located.

The proposal would provide a comprehensive redevelopment and enhancement to an existing footpath, improving connectivity between several pieces of green infrastructure.

Recommendation: Shortlist for Non-Parish Neighbourhood Funding of up to £50,000 award.

Project Reference:	Project Reference:
LIS0004	Arnold Marketplace
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#### **Project Description:**

The Arnold Market Place (AMP) site is a landmark site located within the heart of the town's primary retail core. The overarching aim of the project is to enhance the vitality and vibrancy of Arnold town centre to safeguard the future use of the market place. Detailed proposals seek to redevelop this site as a mixed use development providing bespoke units for independent / SME business start-ups and flexible commercial space. It also includes associated works to create a new contemporary public space.

This public realm improvement project is part of the wider AMP redevelopment scheme and will deliver 721sq.m of flexible public realm, sufficient for hosting the town's market stalls. The new space has been designed as the main focal point in the proposals with the new building creating a background and framing the new space. External proposals include landscaping, lighting, seating and paving.

Counter Terrorism measures have been reviewed with the council's Health & Safety Officer. Typical street elements such as bollards, seats and planters have been creatively arranged to form a physical barrier between the new market place and the highway to protect the public using the new space

This application is for £43,000 contribution towards constructing the new market place public realm works. The estimated total cost is £480k and therefore this is less than 10% of the overall cost of the project.

#### Location:

Arnold Market Place

Hallams Lane

**Arnold Town Centre** 

Nottingham

NG5 6ND

### Lead Agency:

Gedling Borough Council's Economic Growth and Regeneration Team

### How does the project meet a need created by new development:

The new developments within this locality will generate more residents/workers and therefore be using the town centre and facilities within.

This scheme aims to improve a central site within the town centre to increase the future economic performance and attractiveness of this part of the town by creating a new gateway feature / market place. Furthermore, it will act as a catalyst for future urban social / economic activities which in turn will sustain and strengthen the role of this key site within the town.

#### Total cost of project:

Total project cost of the public realm is £480k.

Total project cost of the whole of the market place redevelopment is £3.922m.

## **How much CIL Neighbourhood Funding is required:**

Yes. £43,000 contribution towards constructing the new market place.

The CIL funding will ensure that an enhanced public realm scheme can be delivered. This additional funding will ensure that a higher specification of specimen trees, benches, bollards, cycle stands will be provided. This will effectively improve the appearance of the public realm and would help to create a high quality public square that will become the heart of the town centre.

### Is match funding available:

For the public realm scheme, the Council is providing the entirety of the funding.

### Timeframe for delivery of project:

Main construction works are due to commence in May 2021.

The development will take a total of 43 weeks and therefore completion is being targeted for Spring 2022.

### How will the project be maintained once completed:

Gedling Borough Council will own and maintain the new building and market place / public realm. This will be routinely maintained by the Council's Environment Team under a service user agreement.

# **Assessment of project:**

This project would help to redevelope an existing landmark site within a key local centre of the borough. The proposal would assist in the comprehenvise redevelopment of the Arnold Marketplace to ensure that appropriate public space

is provided for local residents. A mix of hard and green infrastructure would be funded using the CIL Non-parish Neighbourhood allocation. This would include landscaping, lighting, seating and paving amongst other things.

The project site is situated in close proximitry to several development sites, including a large residential development for 164 dwellings which is currently underway at Mapperley Plains.

A Business Case was submitted to, and approved by, Full Council. In addition, a subsequent Planning Permission for the redevelopement of Arnold Market was approved on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 meaning that the proposal is already at an advanced stage. Site clearance works have commenced on site.

The above planning permission was CIL liable and as such was subject to a CIL charge. CIL reciepts totalling £66,539.06 were paid in April 2021. It is therefore considered that the project is highly suitable for CIL Non-parish Neighbourhood awards in terms of being allocated a portion of the CIL reciepts collected within the locality..

The project is fairly well progressed and as such its ability to be delivered quickly is considered favourably.

Recommendation: Shortlist for Non-Parish Neighbourhood Funding of up to £43,000 award.

4.3. The two nominations identified as most suitable for recipients of CIL Non Parish Neighbourhood Funding this year, are LIS0003 – Green Lung Corridor and LIS0004 – Arnold Marketplace. These two projects are considered to be potentially appropriate and accord with Regulation 59F of the 2010 Regulations and the Council's own guidance.

#### 5. Recommendations

5.1. The assessments undertaken on the submitted infrastructure projects propose that the CIL Non-Parish Neighbourhood Funding is allocated to the following accordingly:-

#### 1. Green Lung Corridor

 Shortlist for Non-Parish Neighbourhood Funding of up to £50,000 award.

#### 2. Arnold Marketplace

- Shortlist for Non-Parish Neighbourhood Funding of up to £43,000 award.
- 5.2. The recommendations proposed for CIL Neighbourhood Funding will be subject to a four week public consultation.

# 6. Further Projects

- 6.1. The opportunity to submit a potential infrastructure project in the Non-Parish area of Gedling is continually open. Councillors, officers, organisations, individuals and groups can nominate infrastructure projects for funding throughout the year by visiting <a href="http://www.gedling.gov.uk/noparishcilneighbourhoodfunding/">http://www.gedling.gov.uk/noparishcilneighbourhoodfunding/</a>. The submitted projects will form a Local Infrastructure Schedule which will be available to view publically on the Council's website at the same link.
- 6.2. As part of the nomination process the nominating person or group will need to supply the following information along with any other supporting information.

Project Name	Project Description
<ul> <li>Location (Plan)</li> </ul>	Ward
<ul> <li>Individual/Group submitting the nomination</li> </ul>	Lead Agency
<ul> <li>How does the project meet a need created by new development?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Is funding through CIL required to deliver project?</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Total cost of the project? How much funding through CIL is required?</li> </ul>	Is match funding available?
<ul> <li>Timeframe for delivery of the project?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>How will the infrastructure project be maintained once completed?</li> </ul>

#### 7. Consultation

7.1. A four week consultation will be held with the public, stakeholders and Ward Councillors in areas where CIL receipts are expected from chargeable developments in non-parish areas in the following year beginning June 2021. Views are sought on the shortlist of projects eligible for the funding from the neighbourhood portion of CIL receipts.

- 7.2. It is proposed that the four week consultation will be from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
- 7.3. The consultation will include a posting on the Keep Me Posted newsletter, the Community Initiatives page on Gedling's Community and Voluntary E-Newsletter as well as direct consultation with Residential Organisation Groups throughout the borough. A link to the consultation will also be publicised on the Council's dedicated CIL Neighbourhood Funding webpage <a href="http://www.gedling.gov.uk/noparishcilneighbourhoodfunding/">http://www.gedling.gov.uk/noparishcilneighbourhoodfunding/</a> where interested parties can submit comments or representations.
- 7.4. The consultation seeks the following views:
  - 1. Do you agree with the projects selected for CIL Neighbourhood Funding in the Non-Parish Areas of Gedling? (Consider justification provided in assessments and how project meets the criteria in Regulation 59F of the CIL Regulations 2010, as amended)
  - 2. Are there any other projects on the Local Infrastructure Schedule that have been considered that you think should have been allocated funding? (Consider justification provided in assessments and how project meets the criteria in Regulation 59F of the CIL Regulations 2010, as amended)

If you can suggest any other infrastructure schemes that you consider could be included on the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule for assessment for 2021/22, please submit a nomination via http://www.gedling.gov.uk/noparishcilneighbourhoodfunding/

7.5. Following the consultation period all comments and representations received will be considered by Council's officers who will prepare a final report identifying the schemes selected for funding. The report will seek approval from Cabinet for the selected projects to benefit from funding through the CIL Neighbourhood Funding.

#### 8. Contact

8.1. If you require any further information regarding the CIL or Neighbourhood Fund please contact the CIL Officer on 0115 901 3731 or e-mail CIL@gedling.gov.uk.