

Advice on the Local CIL selection criteria

This Appendix provides some explanation and advice regarding the selection criteria that are set out in the Local CIL Funding Allocation Application Form and which will be used to assess applications.

Advice on selection criteria in part A of the local CIL allocation form (project description/ information)

Question 2: Does the project have the support of all ward members?

Where it is clear that all three ward members agreed to a project then the decision to allocate the CIL funds is likely to be more straightforward and quicker. Cases where members disagree will need to be resolved through a formal Single Member decision which may delay the allocation and release of any CIL funds.

Question 4: Please state the amount of CIL funds that you would like to allocate. Does the project cost exceed £5,000? Projects under this figure will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. There are limited officer resources to administer the allocation and spending of CIL and so it will not be practical to release funds for very small amounts. In addition it may be more difficult to account for and monitor the spending of small sums. If there are small projects which are proposed for funding these should, where possible, be packaged together into programmes with a clear explanation of the benefit they will bring and to whom. This approach has been taken with some of the CIL priority lists.

Question 6: Is the project receiving funding from elsewhere? This may be an important factor in deciding between competing projects. If the allocation of CIL can help to lever in funds from elsewhere the impact of this funding will be greater and ensure a higher degree of benefit to the local community.

Advice on selection criteria in part B of the local CIL allocation form (project explanation and justification)

Question 11: Please explain how this project would address the impact of new development in the area and support growth. Support for the development of the area is a prerequisite for the spending of Local CIL. The form will need to set out how will the project would respond to the pressures generated by new development, for example through environmental improvements, better access to community facilities or wider participation of local people to new or existing community activities.

Question 12: Who will benefit from the project and how does it reduce or tackle inequality? For facilities and services how does the proposal promote equality of access? Projects should benefit local people - tackling inequality is a core principal of the Camden Plan. An explanation will be needed setting out who is

expected to benefit from a particular project, and projects which reduce inequality are particularly encouraged.

Given that CIL is public funding any new or improved facilities provide should be accessible to a whole range of people the within the community. At an individual project level this may sometimes be difficult to demonstrate but this issue could be considered in the light of what else is being funded within an area through the CIL. For instance a package of complimentary projects may be an effective way of ensuring equal access to a range of new facilities for all the communities within an area.

Question 13: Is there an on-going revenue cost (to Camden or otherwise) which has not been met through the project funding, and how will this be addressed? There will need to be a clear approach to addressing any on-going revenue liabilities. The project to be funded should be sustainable in the sense that it can continue after the CIL payment has been spent, will be valued and well used. For example, projects for planting or installation of solar panels should not add a maintenance cost that would be passed on to the Council that cannot be easily met from existing resources.

It should be explained how the project can be sustained and how maintenance will carried out and funded. The project should not result in any additional cost to the Council as a result of the project unless it can be managed within their existing day-to-day services.

Question 14: Will the project affect Camden service provision or impose other costs on the Council? Has a feasibility study been undertaken and is the project deliverable within a defined timescale? Some projects may create unintended noise, waste, safety or other environmental issues and should be avoided where they (i) harm the local community, (ii) contradict Camden's policies (for example on road safety and environmental health) or (iii) cause the Council to incur additional costs which may divert already scare resources away from other projects. Some projects for example could have adverse impacts on highway or public safety which may require other works to be carried to rectify them.

As an example, many projects affecting the highway or public open space may need to be subject to a feasibility study to ensure that there are not unexpected safety and road management impacts which may need to be addressed. This will need to be funded from the project budget. Similarly the impact of proposals on heritage assets may need careful consideration and planning permission and listed building consent may need to be secured before it is clear that a project can proceed and funds should reasonably be expended on it. Where a project needs to be delivered by a Council's service area, it will need to be timetabled into their existing schedule of works which may affect the timetable for project delivery.

Question 15: Does the project meet an identified CIL spending priority for the ward? If so which one? Does the project deliver an identified local priority? You can check on the local priority lists which are at Appendix 1 to this pack. If the project is not on the list, some explanation will be needed of how the project emerged and why it is now considered to be a priority.

Question 16: Is the project part of an adopted Camden plan or strategy or a Neighbourhood Plan? Please state which if applicable. Is the project part of an agreed strategy for an area or a planning brief or a development framework? Is it part of or contributing to an agreed Council Programme of works? Is there a Neighbourhood Plan for the area and is the project mentioned or does it contribute to an aim or policy in that plan?