

Wimbotsham Parish Council

Community Infrastructure Programme (Community Infrastructure Levy – CIL)

1. Introduction

This Community Infrastructure Programme sets out Wimbotsham Parish Council's identified priorities for infrastructure improvements that may be supported through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) received from development within the parish.

The purpose of this document is to identify infrastructure projects that will help address the cumulative impact of development and population growth while improving the quality, safety, accessibility and resilience of community facilities within Wimbotsham.

Although Wimbotsham Parish Council owns only limited public land, consisting primarily of two small village greens containing trees and a parish noticeboard, these areas provide important community spaces. In addition, the parish benefits from several community assets, including the Wimbotsham Recreation Ground, which provides essential recreational opportunities for residents.

The projects listed in this programme represent infrastructure priorities that support community wellbeing, road safety, accessibility, and recreational provision for both existing and future residents. These projects are considered appropriate uses of CIL funding as they help mitigate the impacts of development and support sustainable growth within the parish.

The programme is intended to remain flexible so that projects may be progressed as funding opportunities arise and as community priorities evolve.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Wimbotsham Community Infrastructure Programme are to:

- Support infrastructure improvements that benefit both existing and future residents.
- Mitigate the impact of housing growth and increased population within the parish.
- Improve accessibility, safety, and usability of local public spaces.
- Enhance recreational opportunities for children, families and visitors.
- Improve road safety and encourage safer driving through the village.
- Strengthen community resilience and public safety infrastructure.

3. Potential Infrastructure Projects

3.1 Village Green Improvements

The parish-owned greens form important visual and social focal points within the village. Enhancements will improve accessibility, encourage community use, and maintain the attractiveness of the village environment.

Potential projects include:

- Installation of additional benches or picnic seating to encourage community use of the greens.
- Replacement or upgrade of the parish noticeboard to improve communication with residents.
- Creation of community planting areas or wildflower planting to enhance biodiversity.
- Installation of litter bins and dog waste bins to maintain cleanliness of public spaces.
- Installation of solar or low-energy lighting where appropriate to improve safety and usability.
- Heritage or interpretation signage to promote local history and identity.

These improvements will help ensure that the village greens remain welcoming and functional spaces for residents and visitors.

3.2 Road Safety Measures

Increased development within the wider area can lead to higher traffic volumes through rural villages. Infrastructure that encourages safer driving and improves road awareness is therefore an important priority.

Potential projects include:

- Installation of Speed Indicator Devices (SID) to monitor and reduce vehicle speeds.
- Village gateway signage to reinforce speed limits and encourage traffic calming on entry to the village.
- Safety mirrors at difficult junctions where visibility is limited.
- Improvements to pedestrian crossing points or road safety signage where required.

These measures will help improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and residents.

3.3 Footpath and Accessibility Improvements

Improving accessibility and connectivity within the parish supports sustainable travel and ensures that community spaces can be accessed by residents of all ages and abilities.

Potential projects include:

- Improvements to existing public footpaths.
- Installation of accessible pathways on parish greens.
- Wayfinding or directional signage to assist visitors and residents.

Such improvements support healthier lifestyles while helping residents move safely around the village.

3.4 Community Safety and Resilience

Investment in community safety equipment helps ensure that residents have access to vital emergency resources within the village.

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Potential projects include:

- Installation of a Public Access Defibrillator (AED) in a suitable central location.
- Installation of an emergency bleed control kit.
- Improvements to community noticeboards or communication points.

These facilities strengthen the resilience of the village and provide important life-saving resources.

3.5 Recreation Ground Improvements

The Wimbotsham Recreation Ground is a key community asset managed by local trustees and provides essential recreational space for children and families within the parish. The facility is publicly accessible and widely used by residents.

Investment in the recreation ground would help ensure that play and recreation facilities remain safe, inclusive, and suitable for the growing needs of the community.

Potential projects include:

- Replacement or upgrade of existing play equipment.
- Installation of inclusive and accessible play equipment suitable for children of different abilities.
- Improvements to safety surfacing within the play area.
- Replacement or improvement of fencing to ensure a safe play environment.
- Installation of seating, litter bins, and supporting facilities for families using the site.

Improvements to the recreation ground would directly support the well-being of children and families and help meet the recreational needs of both current and future residents of Wimbotsham.

4. Delivery and Funding

Projects identified within this programme may be delivered by Wimbotsham Parish Council, the trustees of community facilities, or through partnership working with other local organisations where appropriate.

Funding may be sought from a range of sources, including:

- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
- External grant funding
- Partnership funding
- Community fundraising

CIL funding will be prioritised for projects that clearly demonstrate community benefit and help mitigate the impact of development within the parish.

5. Review

This Community Infrastructure Programme will be reviewed periodically by Wimbotsham Parish Council to ensure it continues to reflect the infrastructure needs and priorities of the community.

6. Wimbotsham Community Infrastructure Priorities

Public Space Improvements - Benches or picnic seating on village greens - Replacement parish noticeboard - Community planting or wildflower areas - Litter and dog waste bins

Road Safety Infrastructure - Speed Indicator Device (SID) - Village gateway traffic calming signage - Road safety mirrors

Accessibility and Footpaths - Improvements to public footpaths - Accessible pathways on parish greens - Directional signage

Community Safety Equipment - Public Access Defibrillator (AED) - Emergency bleed control kit

Recreation Ground Improvements - Replacement or upgrade of play park equipment - Inclusive play equipment - Safety surfacing - Fencing improvements - Seating and bins

These projects represent potential uses of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding to support the well-being, safety, accessibility, and recreational needs of both current and future residents of Wimbotsham Parish.