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## **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) – PRIORITY PROJECTS, HURST PARISH COUNCIL**

Dear Maria,

Thank you for your e-mail of the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 in response to my e-mail of 29<sup>th</sup> October on behalf of the Hurst Village Society, and in which you requested further information as to the detail of the items we had proposed for further inclusion in any future list of CIL priority projects to be prepared by Hurst Parish Council.

To a certain extent the five areas were deliberately generic as you put it, as we were keen to wait and see what other ideas the Parish Council received from other parishioners and other sources before being too specific. Are you able to share with us at this stage what other proposals you have received and how you have brought this request for various ideas to the attention of local residents. Certainly to try and aid this process we put some information on our web-site planning pages to assist any HVS members who might be interested in sending you their ideas and proposals.

That said, and recognising that as a Parish Council you would have more “site specific” information that has been brought to your attention than we have, we hope the following brief comments might be of assistance at this stage;

The framework document on Traffic Calming that HVS is presenting to the next Parish Council meeting in December as a basis for further consultation, will of

course have some cost implications and CIL money could be a ready and proper source of funding for some of the proposals included if they were deemed appropriate.

In terms of flood and water management, and working in conjunction with Thames Water and Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) simple tasks such as repairing, clearing out and reinstating existing drainage ditches and additional cleaning and repairing of street drains, could again quite rightly be funded from this source.

Safe Routes to school were discussed at a recent Parish Council meeting and in particular Tape Lane, so again with the cooperation of WBC, CIL monies could be used to help fund the provision of what appears to be a much needed and requested safe route to school.

Using local knowledge and of course with the permission and co-operation of land owners (or on Parish Council land) construct natural habitats aimed at increasing both the numbers and varieties of locally found fauna and flora. Where these might involve rare or protected species, cameras could be installed with a direct link to the school which could bring natural history lessons alive and make local children even more aware of their local environment.

The huge success of the recent fun day and cricket match when over 200 local residents attended Hurst Cricket Club showed how valuable these facilities in the heart of the village are to the local community. Again CIL monies could be used to upgrade and enhance facilities there eg the practice nets, improvements to the dressing rooms and communal areas in the pavilion, storage sheds, and the actual playing surface.

We would imagine improvements to local public transport was a subject the Parish Council was constantly in discussion with both WBC, and local bus providers and therefore the Parish Council, more so than HVC would be aware of the need and exact location of greater links both within the village and also to essential facilities not located in the village, that could be provided for all ages. CIL monies could be extremely useful in helping to bring about some of these improvements.

As we have said before, this list is not exhaustive but we have tried to be both realistic and imaginative in our comments, which we hope are helpful in your deliberations, and HVS would be happy to join your representatives and others in any further discussions on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

John Osborne, on behalf of Hurst Village Society

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