

**APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) GRANT
FOR A PROJECT IN THE WOLVERCOTE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AREA
2021 Round 1**

TITLE Short title by which the project will be known	Godstow Road Bridge Canal Access
PROJECT APPLICANT(S) & CONTACT DETAILS Name of person (not organisation) who has initiated the project, with email & phone number	Steve Roberts
APPLICANT ORGANISATION Name and type of organisation and, if applicable, charity number	none
OUTLINE PROJECT DESCRIPTION Short description so others not associated with the project can understand its purpose and scope. Include aims & objectives, and expected beneficiaries (max 150 words)	To repair and upgrade the dilapidated steps between Godstow Road rail & canal bridge and the towpath below, providing a ramp for pedestrians, (pushed) cycles, pushchairs, etc., paralleled with steps for pedestrians only.
MAIN TASKS A list of the main tasks and, if appropriate, an initial project plan with timescales	This project would be given over to a contractor, to be determined, as a single contract. It is likely to take about two weeks' work on site.
STAKEHOLDERS & DETAILS OF CONSULTATION (e.g. Council, Highways, site owners or asset holders, community organisations, businesses, neighbours)	<p>Network Rail own the land: they have been consulted and are supportive. However, it has very recently appeared that they have their own works planned on the site, the nature of which is as yet not known. Liaison will be needed, possibly leading to a joint project.</p> <p>The site is adjacent to the canal towpath. The Canal and River Trust has been approached, and have no objection, but liaison will be needed over details where the areas adjoin.</p> <p>The site is adjacent to Godstow Road. Local Councillors have been consulted and are supportive, but detailed plans will need consultation with the Highway authority.</p> <p>Discussions have been had with several members of the residential canal boat owners' community; all have been highly supportive.</p>
RELEVANCE TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	This application is focussed on bringing back into proper working condition a key access point to the

<p>How does the project enhance or develop our neighbourhood?</p>	<p>canal towpath that is currently in a desperately bad and dangerous condition. The access point is frequently used by local residents (land- and water-based) and visitors.</p> <p>This project will “benefit and enhance public places in the WNF area for the area’s residents and workers”. It will enable safer access, make it possible once again for cycles and pushchairs to be taken easily between the Road and the canal towpath. (The site is not physically suitable to provide wheelchair or mobility scooter access; consideration is being given to a later application to provide that at the Plough Bridge.)</p> <p>The project aims for a long term solution using durable construction and materials, the materials to be of recycled origin where possible.</p> <p>It is also proposed that the process be started to establish this access route as a Right of Way.</p>
<p>CONSENTS REQUIRED</p> <p>Are any legal consents required before the project can go ahead (e.g. from a Council department such as Highways, Planning, Building Control, or other statutory organisation)?</p>	<p>Consent will be needed from Network Rail (see above). This is currently a developing situation. The works will need access either via the canal towpath, where consent will be needed from the C&RT, and / or from the road at the bridge, where consent will be needed from the highway authority.</p>
<p>FINANCE</p> <p>How much will this project cost in total? What proportion is being sought from CIL funding? What other sources of finance are being pursued? Are you seeking matched funding? What will the CIL grant be spent on?</p> <p>PLEASE INCLUDE COPIES OF COST ESTIMATES</p> <p>(Two quotes are needed for applications for more than £1000.)</p> <p><i>[WNF note – one quote has been received, as noted by the applicant.]</i></p>	<p>So far only one estimate has been received (for the project as a whole), and that only in outline, at £21k-£23k. This was higher than the expected likely cost of ca. £10k, where the aim was to request full funding for the whole project from CIL funds. A further quote will be needed, as will discussions with Network rail about a possible joint approach, possibly with shared funding. It was hoped that this would be more fully determined by this 30th September deadline, but delays in determining land ownership have confounded this.</p>
<p>MAINTENANCE</p> <p>How will the outputs of the project be maintained and by whom? Please note that CIL grants cannot be used to cover ongoing costs.</p>	<p>The aim is to construct the ramp and steps from durable materials (recycled plastic, compacted stone sub-base and compacted self-binding surface); maintenance requirements should be minimal.</p>
<p>RISK ASSESSMENT</p>	<p>No. It would not start until a suitable agreement with Network Rail had been reached, beyond which it is a simple, self-contained project.</p>

<p>Are there any financial or other risks to the completion of this project?</p> <p>Are there any safety issues associated with the project?</p>	<p>A primary aim of the project is to increase immediate and long-term safety for all users of this access point.</p>
<p>MONITORING AND REPORTING</p> <p>How will the success of the project be monitored? Over what timescale?</p>	<p>In the short term, that the works have been carried out to specification will be checked by the applicant and (I hope) the NF committee, which includes at least one architect, both immediately on completion and after a warranty period agreed with the contractor.</p> <p>Whether the project has met its community aims should be immediately apparent through usage of the access route; community opinions will also be sought through open meetings of the NF, and other channels such as the Wolvercote Facebook group, the Community Market and the Commoners.</p>
<p>OTHER COMMENTS OR INFORMATION</p> <p>Please list anything else of relevance you wish the Committee to be aware of.</p>	<p>Apologies that this is a work-in-progress rather than a complete application. If necessary it could be carried over to the next round, but some approval in principal would be very helpful in discussions with Network Rail, who are planning their works on the site in mid-October.</p>
<p>Completed applications, WITH COPIES OF COST ESTIMATES/QUOTES WHERE APPLICABLE, should be sent with a covering email to wolvercotenf@gmail.com</p>	