

<p align="center">APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) GRANT</p> <p align="center">FOR A PROJECT IN THE WOLVERCOTE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AREA</p> <p align="center">Autumn Round 2025</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please read the "Guidance Notes for WNF CIL Funding Applications" 2. The sections of this application form may be used flexibly to provide additional information where necessary. Not all sections will be relevant to all projects, and you may leave these blank. 3. Applications will be assessed by the WNF Steering Committee, taking account of the following criteria; applicants may wish to include supporting information regarding their project's fit to the criteria. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location within or serving the WNF Community • The recipient operates as a recognised body with a nominated bank account • The project has agreement in principle from the property or asset owner • Value for money • Consideration has been given to health and safety requirements • Environmental sustainability • Innovation 4. If your application is successful, please <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm to the Forum receipt of funding from the City Council • Send us photographs of your finished project. 	
APPLICATION DATE	29 July 2025
REVISION DATE if applicable	
TITLE Short title by which the project will be known	Burgess Field hedgelaying project
PROJECT APPLICANT(S) Name of person (not organisation) who has initiated the project. Do not include contact details here: see page 3.	Richard Gordon (Chair of the Friends of Burgess Field)
APPLICANT ORGANISATION Name and type of organisation, if applicable, charity number.	Friends of Burgess Field Volunteer group working to improve the natural environment on this former rubbish dump
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)	Hedges planted by volunteers in the 1990s are now turning into thinning lines of trees. Hedgelaying allows us to recover really good, dense hedges essential for wildlife, e.g. bird nesting, small mammal corridors, insect life, spring blossom, winter berries etc.

<p>MAIN TASKS</p> <p>A list of the main tasks and if appropriate an initial project plan with timescales.</p>	<p>The main task is to have the line of trees professionally laid. The Friends will use the offcuts of timber and brash to create habitat piles to further encourage insect life. The project should be completed by Jan 2026.</p>
<p>STAKEHOLDERS & DETAILS OF CONSULTATION</p> <p>(e.g. Council, Highways, site owners or asset holders, community organisations, businesses, neighbours)</p>	<p>City Council site, formerly the city's open access rubbish dump in the 1970s. Both the Council and ODS are fully supportive of our plans.</p>
<p>RELEVANCE TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</p> <p>How does the project enhance or develop our neighbourhood?</p>	<p>This was a dump, full of litter. We have cleared the site, removed endless barbed wire, planted trees, new hedges, bulbs etc. Now a much used precious green space which we want to improve further for local residents and for wildlife</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>No, the City Council and ODS are fully aware and supportive of this and our future plans.</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 FIRM QUOTATIONS</p>	<p>This will cost £1920 (see attached quote from the specialist hedgelayer who we have already successfully used for earlier work). Our remaining funds from our supporters are earmarked for further tree and bulb planting on Burgess Field. We would be very grateful for 100% funding.</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>All ongoing care and maintenance will be done by FoBF, as we already have with 2022 and 2023's layed hedges, e.g. trimming the top of the newly layed hedge to encourage growth from the bottom, planting eg primroses alongside & watering in times of drought. We can meet any of these costs from our volunteers' donations.</p>
<p>RISK ASSESSMENT</p>	<p>No financial or other risks at all.</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>The hedgelaying is done by a fully insured professional hedgelayer. All follow up work by the Friends is covered by the City Council's insurance.</p>
<p>MONITORING AND REPORTING</p> <p>How will the success of the project be monitored? Over what timescale?</p>	<p>FoBF's committee regularly walk the site, often daily, as individuals. The main task with this project is to make sure the hedge is free to grow steadily and naturally. It will be trimmed at the top for the first few years to encourage thicker growth from the bottom. I would be delighted to show any of your committee round the site before or after the work is completed.</p>
<p>OTHER COMMENTS OR INFORMATION</p> <p>Please list anything else of relevance you wish the Committee to be aware of.</p>	<p>Burgess Field is used by large numbers of Wolvercote residents for dog walking, bird watching and walks in an easily accessible green space, all good for relaxation and everyone's mental health. One of our Committee is a Wolvercote resident and another is our Burgess Field artist-in-residence with an exhibition at the North Wall planned for 2027.</p>
<p>Completed applications, WITH COPIES OF FIRM QUOTATIONS WHERE APPLICABLE should be sent with a covering email to wolvercotenf@gmail.com</p>	