APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) GRANT

FOR A PROJECT IN THE WOLVERCOTE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AREA

Autumn Round 2025

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.
   - 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
   - Confirm to the Forum receipt of funding from the City Council
   - Send us photographs of your finished project.

APPLICATION DATE	9/09/2025
REVISION DATE if applicable	
TITLE Short title by which the project will be known	**Safer Paws Initiative – Phase 2**
PROJECT APPLICANT(S) Name of person (not organisation) who has initiated the project. **Do not include contact details here: see page 3.**	Karen Richardson
APPLICANT ORGANISATION Name and type of organisation, if applicable, charity number.	
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)	Safer Paws – Pilot Microchip Scanner for Wolvercote & Wytham **Safer Paws Initiative – Phase 2** With previous CIL funding, we launched a community *microchip scanner with cat carrier* to help identify

and reunite pets with their owners. This has already benefited the community by supporting responsible pet ownership and ensuring that lost pets have been reunited with their humans.

Following on from a successful launch we would now like to move to Phase 2. To purchase and add to the existing kit - a cat trap and a community noticeboard outside the White Hart Pub. The pub is the custodian of the existing Safer Paws kit and a noticeboard here would provide a central location for all the community to post missing and found pets.

Supporting statement

"Very happy to be supporting the Safer Paws initiative. I think it is a great asset to the community, and we at The White Hart will support in any way we reasonably can.

I discussed with the SP team the possibility of acquiring a wooden notice board for the outside of the pub - I can make some space for this.

All too often we forget that pets can be some of the most vulnerable members of our society, and when they go missing, they and their owners need all the support they can get. The Safer Paws initiative enables communities to work together to help reunite lost pets with their owners. The community here in Wolvercote has already seen some great early results from this project. It is amazing how quickly and effectively pets can be reunited when a community works together using the resources Safer Paws provides. It would be great to see this programme become a nationwide initiative".
Rob Yeatman
Manager
The White Hart, Wolvercote

MAIN TASKS A list of the main tasks and if appropriate an initial project plan with timescales.	To purchase a cat trap and outside noticeboard. To produce and print flyers and posters to inform and engage the community.
STAKEHOLDERS & DETAILS OF CONSULTATION (e.g. Council, Highways, site owners or asset holders, community organisations, businesses, neighbours)	The White Hart Wolvercote who have already offered dedicated wall space outside the pub for a Safer Paws noticeboard.
RELEVANCE TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN How does the project enhance or develop our neighbourhood?	**Safer Paws Initiative – Phase 2** We now seek funding for: 1. **A Humane Cat Trap** – to safely catch lost or stray cats that cannot be approached. 2. **A Community Noticeboard** – to share information about missing pets, promote microchipping, and publicise the initiative. **Benefits** • Supports the safe return of all microchipped pets. • Reduces distress for pet owners and neighbours. • Improves community engagement through clear communication. • Promotes a safe and responsible local environment. **Relevance to the Neighbourhood Plan** The project strengthens community cohesion, supports resident wellbeing, and promotes responsible stewardship of the local environment.

CONSENTS REQUIRED 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)?	None
FINANCE 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? PLEASE INCLUDE COPIES OF FIRM QUOTATIONS	Eeziset Cat Trap - £254.51 (excl VAT) A3 Lockable Outdoor Wooden Poster Board - £347.15 (excl VAT) Flyers and posters 100 A5 and 60 A4 - £106 (no VAT) No other sources of funding are being pursued
MAINTENANCE How will the outputs of the project be maintained and by whom? Please note that CIL grants cannot be used to cover ongoing costs.	Karen Richardson
RISK ASSESSMENT Are there any financial or other risks to the completion of this project? Are there any safety issues associated with the project?	No
MONITORING AND REPORTING How will the success of the project be monitored? Over what timescale?	Forms will be completed by residents wishing to borrow the cat trap and notes will be kept on the outcome. The Noticeboard will be updated weekly with records kept of missing and re-united pets.
OTHER COMMENTS OR INFORMATION Please list anything else of relevance you wish the Committee to be aware of.	
Completed applications, WITH COPIES OF FIRM QUOTATIONS WHERE APPLICABLE should be sent with a covering email to wolvercotenf@gmail.com	