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| <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 | 10th September 2025 |
| REVISION DATE if applicable | |
| TITLE Short title by which the project will be known | Lower Wolvercote playground further improvements |
| PROJECT APPLICANT(S) Name of person (not organisation) who has initiated the project. Do not include contact details here: see page 3. | Tim Hopkins <hr/> |
| APPLICANT ORGANISATION Name and type of organisation, if applicable, charity number. | The Wolvercote Commoners Committee Charity Number 254695 |
| 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 update the playground's climbing frame and install a new piece of equipment in place of the overhead ladder (monkey bars). This was taken out of use due following height and safety concerns. |
| MAIN TASKS | Removal of climbing frame and careful removal of overhead ladder (monkey bars) |

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| A list of the main tasks and if appropriate an initial project plan with timescales. | including metal feet to be reused on another site. Installation of new equipment |
| STAKEHOLDERS & DETAILS OF CONSULTATION (e.g. Council, Highways, site owners or asset holders, community organisations, businesses, neighbours) | <p>The land is common land, managed by the Wolvercote Commoners' Committee (WCC).</p> <p>The playground is currently maintained by Oxford City Council Direct Services section, and it is understood that this arrangement will continue.</p> |
| RELEVANCE TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN How does the project enhance or develop our neighbourhood? | <p>The lower Wolvercote playground is a central feature of the village and well-loved and well-used by local families and visitors.</p> <p>The current climbing frame has been there for over a decade and is showing significant signs of deterioration. It has limited play value and the families would enjoy an updated model. Now is a great opportunity to future proof the park for the decades to come.</p> <p>The recently installed overhead ladder (monkey bars) needed to be removed due to the height being unsafe for younger children. The plan would be to install a more suitable piece of equipment on the safety surface.</p> <p>The plan is to re-use the overhead ladder by moving it to Goose Green, and re-purposing it as a piece of exercise equipment. WCC who manage Goose Green are in support of this idea.</p> |
| 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)? | <p>We would need the support of the council for this project to go ahead. Parks department.</p> |

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| <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>The quotes below include all costs, and includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Removal of old equipment ● All ground works ● Installation of new equipment <p>The two quotes range from £29,488.44 to £39,173.94.</p> <p>Please note that I tried to get the quotes to be as comparable as possible.</p> <p>All the funding is coming from CIL.</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 lower Wolvercote park is a public park and will be maintained by the Oxford City Council.</p> |
| <p>RISK ASSESSMENT</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>There should not be any financial risks.</p> <p>The equipment complies with all existing safety standards, and is fully checked on installation.</p> <p>The playground will be closed while the work is being carried out.</p> |
| <p>MONITORING AND REPORTING</p> <p>How will the success of the project be monitored? Over what timescale?</p> | <p>WCC will monitor the use of the new equipment on a 3-monthly basis.</p> |
| <p>OTHER COMMENTS OR INFORMATION</p> <p>Please list anything else of relevance you wish the Committee to be aware of.</p> | <p>I have checked what age group can use the new kit from Kompan and it is 6 years + up to 12 years for both items. Which fits with the park users.</p> |
| <p>Completed applications, WITH COPIES OF FIRM QUOTATIONS WHERE APPLICABLE should be sent with a covering email to wolvercotenf@gmail.com</p> | |