

**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	
REVISION DATE if applicable	
TITLE Short title by which the project will be known	Restoration of Cutteslowe Community Greenhouse

<p>PROJECT APPLICANT(S)</p> <p>Name of person (not organisation) who has initiated the project.</p> <p>Do not include contact details here: see page 3.</p>	<p>Menna Clarke</p> <p>Rachel Botsman</p> <p>Richard Robinski</p> <p>Thomas Greenlaw</p> <p>Jordan Philips</p>
<p>APPLICANT ORGANISATION</p> <p>Name and type of organisation, if applicable, charity number.</p>	<p>Cotteslowe Greenhouse Limited (CGL)</p> <p>Charitable Community Benefit Society</p> <p>Registered with the FCA no. 9583</p>
<p>OUTLINE PROJECT DESCRIPTION</p> <p>Short description so others not associated with the project can understand its purpose and scope. Include aims & objectives, and expected beneficiaries (max 150 words)</p>	<p>Cotteslowe Greenhouse is transforming the long-abandoned greenhouses in Cotteslowe & Sunnymead Park into a vibrant community hub for sustainable food growing, learning, wellbeing, and social connection. A key aim is to strengthen local food resilience by providing fresh, affordable produce and building skills in growing and sustainability.</p> <p>The project will nurture ecological awareness, foster community pride, and reconnect the extensive greenhouse space (still unfamiliar to many local residents) with the wider park, so more people can discover and benefit from this valuable resource.</p> <p>With the greenhouses open to the community, we will build on existing initiatives to offer inclusive, nature-based activities, volunteering and training opportunities, and access to healthy food. The project will benefit a wide range of residents, including migrant and low-income households, disabled people, older adults, schoolchildren, and others facing isolation. More than a restoration, it is a reimagining of Cotteslowe Park as a thriving, inclusive place for generations to come.</p>

MAIN TASKS

A list of the main tasks and if appropriate an initial project plan with timescales.

Located in the heart of Cutteslowe & Sunnymead Park, the greenhouses are a unique community asset. The site - a 1,500m² metal-framed, single-glazed structure with office, kitchen, WC, and 1,200m² of outdoor space - has been abandoned since 2022 and requires significant renovation to make it safe, accessible, and ready for community use by Spring 2026.

The project plan for the next six months is divided into two phases, with the budget aligned accordingly. **Phase One must begin by the end of October 2025** to prevent further dilapidations this winter, and ensure the greenhouses are safe and ready for growing activities to commence in February 2026.

Phase Two needs to begin by January 2026 so that the site can be improved, and made accessible and functional for public use from **Spring 2026**. Please see the timeline document attached for a full overview of the project's timescales.

Image 1: Drone shot of the greenhouse site, kindly taken by a volunteer.

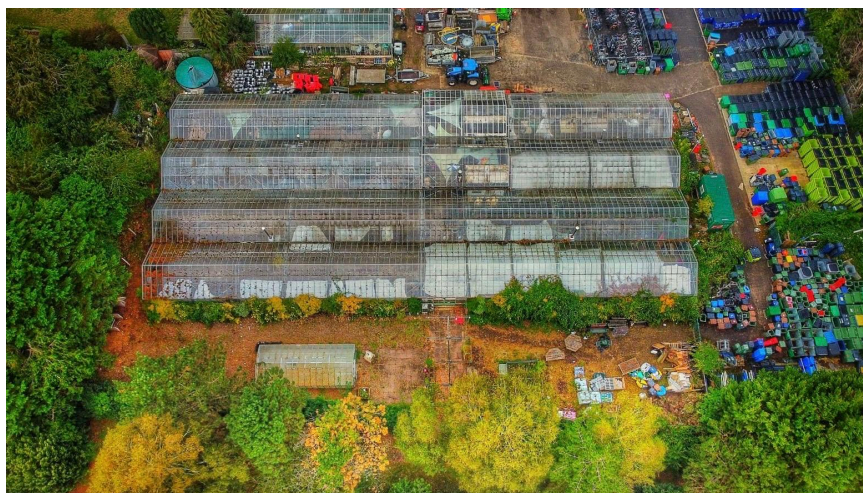


Image 2: Photo of the site before community clean up began. Kindly provided by Fisher Studios.



PHASE 1

The main works and equipment needed for the **first phase** of the restoration are as follows:

Structural Repairs & Building Fabric

- Replacement of internal and external doors & windows that are damaged
- Repointing/repairs of masonry where necessary
- Clearance and replacement of gutters/downpipes where leakages have been caused
- Replacement of office roof which has collapsed due to leaks

Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing (MEP) Systems

- Replacement of electrical sub-distribution boards
- Rewiring to serve small power outlets, lighting, emergency lighting, mechanical equipment etc.
- Replacement of gas heating system ducting and worn fixtures
- Replacement of lighting and provision of adequate emergency lighting
- Refurbishment of existing ventilation system
- Refurbishment of existing irrigation system

Facilities & Interiors

- Replacement of accessible toilet facilities
- Repairs to ceilings in toilet and office areas
- Repairs and upgrades to existing kitchen
- Re-decoration of internal walls, ceilings and floors

Growing Infrastructure

- Installation of raised beds, heating benches, trellising, crop supports, cold storage and packaging facilities
- Purchase of soil and tools

Professional & Design Fees

- Planning and design fees for a new fully accessible entrance to the site, ready for building approval
- Survey, planning and design fees for a new prefabricated building and canopy which will become the site's community hub*

The total projected cost of the first phase of works is £104,617.66, and we are requesting a **£50,000 contribution from CIL towards this total**. We have had verbal confirmation from the current leaseholder (PiA) that they will contribute the remaining portion.

The total cost above is based on the following sources:

- 2 contractor quotes for the necessary repair works
- A fee letter from Jessop & Cook
- A costing spreadsheet for the growing infrastructure.

Each of these documents has been submitted with this application in a Dropbox folder for your review.

** Unlike the main greenhouse, which is designed for cultivation, this new temperature-controlled structure will provide space suitable for public use and gatherings in all seasons, in line with community feedback. Please note, **construction fees for this building are not part of the bid**. We will apply for other grants and launch a community share offer to raise funds for this outbuilding.*

PHASE 2

For the **second phase** of the restoration, we are working with the local architect firm Jessop & Cook to explore ways to reconnect the greenhouse with the rest of the park, and make the site safer and fully accessible by all. As part of this work the following alterations to the site have been proposed:

Site Access & Security

- Move the primary entrance to the site to the west-facing boundary, with the addition of disabled ramping and clear, visible signage. This is essential to improve accessibility for all visitors, including those using prams, wheelchairs, or mobility aids, and to increase visibility of the facilities within the wider park.
- Replacement of security system and outdoor lighting

Facilities & Amenities

- Purchase of a full-service coffee cart for the front courtyard
- Plumbing and installation of outdoor sink (for school children to wash their hands after workshops)

Landscaping & Accessibility

- Replace gravelled areas with hard bio-asphalt surfaces accessible to all.

The total projected cost of the second phase of works is £149,891.28.
We are requesting CIL funds to cover the total cost.

This figure is based on quotes from the early stages of the tender process, and is **not a final amount**. By conducting a more vigorous and competitive tender process with the support of Jessop & Cook in the next month we aim to reduce this figure.

Image 3: Visual rendering, kindly provided by Jessop & Cook, which envisions the new entrance to the site.



Project Timeline (see also the document attached titled ‘Cutteslowe Greenhouse Restoration Timeline’)

September 2025

- **Submit CIL application.**
- Finalise growing plans for 2026 season.
- Launch “*Brick by Brick*” fundraising campaign to raise funds for staffing and build awareness of the new community hub outbuilding.
- Launch a new website and branding (both in final stages at the moment).

October 2025

- Progress to the next stage of the tender process with the chosen contractor for phase one works (core repairs).
- Work with Jessop & Cook to finalise architectural drawings and designs for the new site entrance and prefabricated community hub.
- Revised tender pack for phase two goes out to contractors.
- Submit planning permission and landlord licence applications (Oxford City Council) for the new entrance and prefabricated community hub.

November 2025

- **Receive CIL funding for Phase 1**
- Prepare community share offer.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The elected contractor(s) for phase one begin structural repairs, building fabric works and mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) systems upgrades <p>December 2025 – January 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive CIL funding for Phase 2• Growing infrastructure is installed• A contractor is chosen for phase 2 and work begins to install the new entrance. <p>February – March 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• With phase one complete, growing begins in 50% of the greenhouse space• Outdoor hard landscaping of surfaces is completed.• Construction of the new accessible site entrance is completed (subject to planning approval).• Final design and community consultation for the prefabricated community hub.• Community share offer launches.• A coffee and drinks cart is installed. <p>April 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prefabricated community hub is installed• Greenhouses officially reopen for the community.
--	---

STAKEHOLDERS & DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

(e.g. Council, Highways, site owners or asset holders, community organisations, businesses, neighbours)

Oxford City Council owns the freehold of the greenhouse site. While the previous tenant (the charity *People in Action*) still formally holds the lease, they ceased operating on the site three years ago and have confirmed their intention to surrender the lease imminently. This will enable a new **25-year lease** to be signed with Cutteslowe Greenhouse Limited (CGL).

People in Action has already granted CGL access for surveys and clean-up, which has been underway with local volunteers since July 2025. A final lease has been fully agreed between CGL and the Council and is ready for execution. Completion is now subject only to:

1. The formal surrender of People in Action's lease, which they have stated they wish to conclude.
2. A right of way agreement with Oxford Direct Services (ODS). This is a longstanding arrangement and regarded as a formality.

The Council has confirmed it is ready and willing to execute the new lease promptly once these steps are completed, and has expressed strong support for the project's value in food growing, education, training, work experience, and wider community benefit.

In line with good governance, CGL will only draw down CIL funding once the lease is formally executed. We are confident this will be completed well before the WNF meets on 22 October to make its final decision on applications.

Existing Community Relationships

For the past two years, Cutteslowe Greenhouse has been developing its community and volunteer model through Plot 4 on the nearby allotments and the community orchard. So far:

- Over 50 children and young people from Cutteslowe Primary School and d'Overbroeck's have engaged in hands-on food growing during weekly sessions at the allotment with our qualified horticultural manager, totalling 680 hours per year.
- 5-7 volunteers regularly attend allotment sessions with our qualified horticultural manager, and approximately 8 others attend sessions on the plot less frequently.
- All produce grown is donated to the local food larder at the community centre each Wednesday, which supports 30-40 families. In 2025 alone, this has amounted to over 275kg of fresh fruit and vegetables.

- Allotment produce and surplus veg from Oxford Food Hub has been used to cook 8 free community lunches, attended by over 300 people.
- Over 500 people have attended our workshops and community events.
- Over 15 people regularly attend our monthly orchard work parties to maintain the community orchard, which is a widely used public green space.

This proven model of food growing, education, and community contribution is the foundation we will now scale up in the restored greenhouse site.

Image 4: Fresh produce from the allotment plot



Image 5: Volunteers taking produce to the larder



Image 6: Arts & Crafts from our weekly Summer Nature Club



Image 7: Students from Cutteslowe Primary School in the community orchard



Community Consultations

In September 2022, 70 people came together at the inaugural meeting to begin rescuing the greenhouses as a vital community asset following their closure. Since then, extensive consultation and engagement has demonstrated both enthusiasm and commitment from local residents:

- Three community engagement events attended by over 100 people.
- A consultation survey with 200 responses, showing overwhelming support for the project.
- A series of visioning and action-planning workshops, involving 20+ members of the committee and wider community, to shape the project's development.
- Community clean-up days in July and August were attended by over 40 local residents, demonstrating strong hands-on support and ownership of the project.

Key survey findings:

- 65% of respondents said they would visit a café with indoor seating offering healthy food, with a further 42% interested depending on

price and offer.

- 81% want to see produce grown in the greenhouse.
- 78% want volunteering and employment opportunities.

The most recent consultation event in April 2025 was attended by over 50 people and identified three primary community needs the greenhouse can address:

1. An intergenerational social space where people can gather over food and drink, participate in activities, and enjoy seasonal events.
2. Horticultural education opportunities at varying levels.
3. Access to reasonably priced locally grown, organic vegetables.

These findings provide a clear purpose: the community sees the greenhouse as both a place of learning and a shared social hub, anchored in sustainable food growing.

Image 9: Cutteslowe Greenhouse Celebratory Forum April 2025



Image 10: Cutteslowe Greenhouse Celebratory Forum - Visioning Workshop



Other stakeholders and support given:

Beyond consultation, the project has secured a substantial list of volunteer pledges and offers of support from people with a wide range of skills and abilities. We have also received expressions of interest from local businesses, primary schools, and arts centres, as well as from providers of special needs education and groups supporting older residents. In addition, the project benefits from support from local Councillors Steve Goddard, Jo Sandelson and Andrew Gant as well as City Council officers.

We are already working closely with the following local partners to align activities and share resources and communications:

- Cutteslowe Community Partnership
- Cutteslowe Primary School
- d'Overbroeck's Oxford
- Cutteslowe Community Association
- Cutteslowe Community Larder
- CAG Oxfordshire

We've also received support, funding and mentoring from the following organisations (non-exhaustive):

- The Nature Effect CIC (c£10k)
- Cooperative Futures
- OrganicLea

- Shared Assets
- Hubbub (c£10k)
- REACH (c£14k)
- Makespace Oxford
- OXLEP
- Oxfordshire Community Foundation (c£5k)
- Westmill Solar (£1k)
- CAG Oxfordshire (c£2k)
- Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum CIL (£c6k)
- Oxford City Council (c£5k per year for 3 years from 2025)

Future Partnerships

Looking ahead, we are developing a strategic partnership with **Good Food Oxfordshire** to strengthen local food distribution. Through their [*Farm to Fork*](#) programme, we intend to supply and sell produce directly into wider community food networks.

We are also partnering with two local building and maintenance firms for upcoming site clearance:

- Oxford Direct Services (a non-profit organisation which maintains Oxford City Council's housing stock, parks and streets). Their main depot is adjacent to the Greenhouse and they have offered to volunteer their time to clear the site and remove waste.
- Hill Group Limited (the residential construction firm building the Oxford North Canalside Quarter). Their team is spending two days on site in September to clear debris which is not suitable for volunteers to handle.

Our community and partner network continues to grow, and we are incredibly proud to be working closely with local residents, businesses and organisations.

**RELEVANCE TO THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLAN**

How does the project
enhance or develop our
neighbourhood?

The Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum's local plan, which covers Cutteslowe Park, highlights the need for “**local multi-purpose facilities for indoor community activities**, outside sporting activities, and recreational activities appropriate to all age groups, within walking distance of 500 metres.” It also commits to retaining and expanding community and recreational facilities to meet the needs of a growing population.

The plan further identifies **a shortage of food-growing spaces**, with allotments oversubscribed, and a lack of local places to buy food.

Despite its size, natural resources and recreational use, Cutteslowe Park currently lacks a publicly accessible, inclusive drop-in space built for the community. Cutteslowe Greenhouse will change this by creating a welcoming inclusive hub where local residents can connect with each other and nature, learn new skills, and contribute to the community. It will particularly support those at risk of loneliness including: older residents, new parents, refugees, disabled people, young people not in education or work, and those with chronic health conditions. Our existing nature hubs - the community allotment plot and orchard - already engage people from these groups, helping them share experiences, connect with nature, and build skills and confidence. With the Cutteslowe Greenhouse restoration we can extend this proven model at a much greater scale to a wider community.

<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>The restoration of the greenhouse site is contingent on the final lease being signed with Oxford City Council. Heads of Terms have already been signed, and the final lease has been agreed by both parties and is ready for execution, pending the surrender of the lease by the current leaseholder. Please see the draft lease in the Dropbox folder, accompanied by a letter from the Council confirming that they are ready and willing to execute the lease without further amendment and intend to do so promptly once the conditions are satisfied.</p> <p>In line with good governance, Cutteslowe Greenhouse Limited (CGL) will not formally accept CIL funding until the lease is signed, ensuring that funds are only drawn down once the asset is secure. We are working closely with the council, and we are confident this will be completed well before the Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum Steering Committee meets on 22 October to make its final funding decisions.</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>Having spoken to members of the Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum Steering Committee, we are requesting that this application can be considered in two phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase One: Core restoration works to prevent further dilapidations and make the site safe and ready for growing to begin in February 2026. • Phase 2: Accessibility works to transform the site into a community hub for public use from Spring 2026. <p>We are seeking approval for the costs included in phase one by October 24th, in line with the standard CIL process. This will allow us to begin the essential restoration works without delay, preventing further dilapidation from harming the site this winter. These works will take the longest to complete, so must be started as soon as possible.</p> <p>The total cost of Phase 1 is £104,617.66.</p> <p><u>The total funding requested from CIL for Phase 1 is £50,000.</u></p> <p>As discussed with members of the committee, we are requesting an extended approval process for the funding for the phase two works, to allow for further planning, the acquisition of the correct consents, and a longer and more thorough tender process than we have been able to conduct thus far.</p> <p>We are aiming for phase two works to begin in January 2026, to allow us to open the site to the public in Spring 2026. We therefore request that funding for phase two be approved by late November, with funds released in December if that part of the bid is successful.</p>

The total funding requested for the phase two works is c£149,891.28.

This figure is not final, and we are intending to conduct a more thorough and competitive tender process in the coming month to establish if there are any works currently quoted for that can be reduced in price, carried out by volunteers/partners or amended.

Previous Funding

Since the project began, we have received over £50,000 from donations and small to medium sized grants from a variety of funders including REACH (c£14k), Hubbub (c£10k), CIL (c£6k) and the Nature Effect CIC (c£10k).

This has helped us launch Plot 4 and the community orchard, recruit a qualified horticulturalist to run weekly sessions and workshops, run various seasonal events and pay for the surveys and contractors fees that have allowed us to put this bid together. We have also been lucky enough to receive pro bono support from various local businesses along the way, which has been immensely helpful in allowing us to get to where we are.

Future and Match Funding

To propel the project forwards, diverse sources of funding are currently being pursued. These are laid out below:

Timeline	Campaign details	Fundraising Goal
September 2025	'Brick-by-brick' fundraising campaign primarily targeted at local donors and businesses to fund core costs such as staffing and admin.	£100,000
Ongoing	Small grants to cover a variety of costs from staffing to insurance and events.	£5,000-£10,000 from each bid
February 2026	Community Share Offer (a way for community-led organizations, such as community benefit societies, to raise money for local projects by selling withdrawable,	£80,000 from community shares £80,000 from match funding

		non-transferable shares to community members and supporters.	
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.	<p>The long-term maintenance of the site and delivery of project outputs will be overseen by the Cutteslowe Greenhouse team and Board. Responsibility will sit across four key staff roles, supported by three apprentices and a team of volunteers, alongside the 5 existing members of the Board. Staffing breakdown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cutteslowe Greenhouse Director – provides overall leadership, oversees governance, fundraising finance, and builds key community relationships. Sets strategy and impact metrics with the board, and tracks community impact.● Horticultural Manager – manages all growing operations, while also overseeing apprenticeships and school workshops (already recruited).● Project Coordinator – manages day-to-day operations, schedules events, workshops, and school visits, and coordinates volunteers.● Community and Produce Sales Manager – manages produce sales, community partnerships, and wider engagement activities. <p>Together, this team will ensure the effective maintenance of both the physical infrastructure and the community programmes, supported by volunteers and contractors as required.</p> <p>Funding for maintenance will be built into the operating model through a balanced mix of earned income (produce sales, events, and workshops), community contributions (including a community share offer and “brick by brick” fundraising campaign), and additional unrestricted grants to support staffing.</p> <p>Existing Board members will continue to support the project as it develops by providing strategic insight, fundraising support and more. We are also actively recruiting, and hope to welcome new members to the Board soon.</p>		

RISK ASSESSMENT

Are there any financial or other risks to the completion of this project?

Are there any safety issues associated with the project?

Financial and Project Risks

As with any capital and community-focused initiative, there are potential risks to the successful completion and long-term sustainability of this project. We have carefully considered these risks and taken proactive steps to mitigate them:

1. Capital funding shortfall

A key risk is that insufficient capital funding may delay or limit our ability to undertake essential restoration and dilapidation works. Without full funding, critical structural and safety improvements could not be delivered to the required standard, which would directly impact the project's viability and long-term goals. To mitigate this, we have identified key sources of funding to support the project's initial phases when the greatest investment is needed, and developed a diversified fundraising strategy, securing multiple grants to date. We will be launching a community share offer in early 2026 to broaden investment and strengthen local ownership of the project which we see as an essential part of our mission. We have a strong pipeline of additional opportunities, as well as a robust business plan which sets out a roadmap for the project to become financially sustainable.

2. Sustainability of staffing and core operations

The ongoing financial sustainability of staffing and operational capacity presents another risk. Without a reliable funding model, it may be challenging to retain skilled staff and maintain continuity of delivery once the capital phase is complete. To address this, as aforementioned we have produced a robust business plan that includes detailed income and expenditure forecasts, identifies a range of revenue-generating opportunities, and sets out long-term strategies for financial resilience. Our approach is based on diversifying income sources, combining earned income, grant funding, and community contributions.

3. Maintaining community and stakeholder engagement

A further risk relates to sustaining the strong community and stakeholder support that is central to this project. Without continued engagement, there is a risk that momentum could diminish, reducing both volunteer capacity and local ownership of the restored asset. To mitigate this, we have established an inclusive engagement programme, actively involving stakeholders in decision-making, and providing regular opportunities for community input. This approach ensures transparency, builds trust, and fosters a sense of shared

	<p>responsibility for the project's long-term success.</p> <p>4. Health & Safety The small greenhouse has been identified as a particular health and safety risk due to its low roof and unstable glass. We are mitigating this by planning to replace the structure with a new prefabricated, all-year-round heated outbuilding that meets the highest public safety and eco-building standards. <i>Note: fundraising and planning approval for the outbuilding will begin in 2026 and are not part of this bid.</i></p> <p>5. Environmental sustainability There is an eco-risk if the project fails to enhance biodiversity and environmental sustainability. To mitigate this, an independent ecological and tree hazard survey has been conducted by Catherine Fforde, with plant and tree specimen recommendations provided to strengthen the site's ecological value and improve its eco-rating. These recommendations will be integrated into the landscaping and restoration plan to ensure the site delivers long-term environmental as well as community benefits. We will also be exploring renewable energy sources from local suppliers such as Westmill Solar, as well as environmentally beneficial infrastructure for the site such as rainwater conservation.</p> <p>Beyond the risks outlined above, we have also conducted a SWOT analysis with former staff of the greenhouse. You can read the full analysis in our business plan.</p>
<p>MONITORING AND REPORTING</p> <p>How will the success of the project be monitored? Over what timescale?</p>	<p>The success of the project will be measured against clear community, environmental, and wellbeing outcomes over the first three years following reopening in Spring 2026.</p> <p>Key measures will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation and reach: number of visitors, volunteers, workshop participants, and schools engaged. • Food resilience: volume of produce grown, locally distributed, and donated to local food networks. • Community impact: volunteer hours contributed, demographic diversity of participants, and feedback from target groups (e.g. older residents, families, migrants, people with disabilities).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning and skills: number of training sessions delivered, apprenticeships created, and employment opportunities generated. • Sustainability: income generated from produce sales, events, and rentals to ensure a self-sustaining model. <p>Concrete outcomes by 2028:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health and Wellbeing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65% greenhouse volunteers/workshop attendees report feeling improved wellbeing • 60% greenhouse volunteers/workshop attendees report increased confidence/self-esteem • 70% greenhouse volunteers/workshop attendees feel more knowledgeable about healthy food/living • 20% increase in social prescribing referrals • 2 tonnes of greenhouse produce distributed/sold annually to local community and broader Oxford ecosystem 2. Community Action/Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 400 unique people regularly engaging as volunteers or regular event attendees • 60 nature-based drop-in sessions p/a • 20 interactive workshops/events p/a • 80% community groups rate workshops Good/Excellent • 40% of workshop attendees from protected groups 3. Skills and Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% regular/ workshop attendees feel they gained new skills • 3 apprenticeships offered • 20 report using skills to gain employment • 100 use skills gained 'in their lives and/or in the community.' <p>Monitoring will be carried out quarterly by the project team and Board, with an annual impact report published and shared with funders, stakeholders, and the community. We have also had interest from Coops UK about developing a case study about the project.</p>
<p>OTHER COMMENTS OR INFORMATION</p> <p>Please list anything else of relevance you wish the Committee to be aware of.</p>	<p>This first investment is absolutely critical. Securing CIL funding will unlock the project and make it possible to reopen the greenhouses in Spring 2026. Without it, the site cannot move forward.</p> <p>Once local community funding is in place, it becomes far easier to secure follow-on grants and investment including significant funding from National Lottery. CIL support signals local backing and gives confidence to future</p>

	<p>funderson. Other funding sources typically have much longer timeframes (often up to six to nine months) which makes them unsuitable for this first investment, but ideal for follow-on funding once the work is underway.</p> <p>Importantly, this project is not about small improvements or incremental expansion of existing facilities: it is about unlocking the capacity of a wasted space and transforming it into a thriving place which reimagines Cuteslowe Park and its surrounding areas. This is where CIL funding can make the greatest impact: by bringing back into use a unique site with the potential to deliver food resilience, education, wellbeing, and connection for generations to come.</p> <p>A committed skilled team has been developing detailed business plans, alongside education, workshop, and apprenticeship programming, for over two years. We are ready to go!</p>
Completed applications, WITH COPIES OF FIRM QUOTATIONS WHERE APPLICABLE should be sent with a covering email to wolvercotenf@gmail.com	

**PROJECT APPLICANT(s) CONTACT
DETAILS**

Name of person (not organisation) who has
initiated the project, with email & phone
number

[REDACTED]

These details are on this separate page, not in the main body of the form, as that makes it easier to redact them prior to web publication.