

## NEIGHBOURHOOD CIL APPLICATION FORM 2022

### What's Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)?

Neighbourhood CIL is intended to help address the demands of a new development on the local area. This neighbourhood proportion is up to 25% of CIL receipts in areas with an adopted Neighbourhood Plan and up to 15% (capped at £100 per existing council tax dwelling) in areas without a Neighbourhood Plan. Therefore, if development occurs in an area, funds will be collected for the community to use to mitigate any impacts they have identified

In Solihull, a bidding system is open to communities to attempt to secure funding for projects that will benefit the local area. The fund total is released annually, and these funds will be open to bids until 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023. Solihull MBC aim to fund the most appropriate projects (for an area). To ensure this, a screening application form will enable officers to best allocate funding. The funding will be become available once the ward allocation pot reaches £10,000.

### Completing this form:

A set of guidance notes on our website [Neighbourhood Proportion | solihull.gov.uk](https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Neighbourhood-Proportion) is available to assist with the completion of this application form, together with guidance around how we make decisions on how funding is distributed and what is expected following the completion of a successful bid. If you need any further advice, please contact the CIL team on 0121 704 8008 or [cil@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:cil@solihull.gov.uk)

#### IMPORTANT: THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA IS MANDATORY IN ORDER TO BID FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD CIL

- Project should be classed as Infrastructure/meets the demands development places on an area
- Projects should not require on-going maintenance
- The body applying should be:
  - o Formally constituted
  - o Has a bank account requiring two unrelated signatories
  - o Has at least two unrelated management committee members if they are an unincorporated organisation or voluntary group
  - o Demonstrates good financial management procedures including records of income and expenditure (or to be partnering with a delivery body who has these structures in place

N.B you may be asked to provide evidence of the above when submitting an application.

## PART 1: ABOUT YOU/YOUR ORGANISATION

Name of organisation applying:	Solihull MBC
Address:	Council House Manor Square Solihull B91 3QB
Contact Phone Number:	██████████
Contact Email Address:	████████████████████

### Which Neighbourhood fund would you like to bid from?

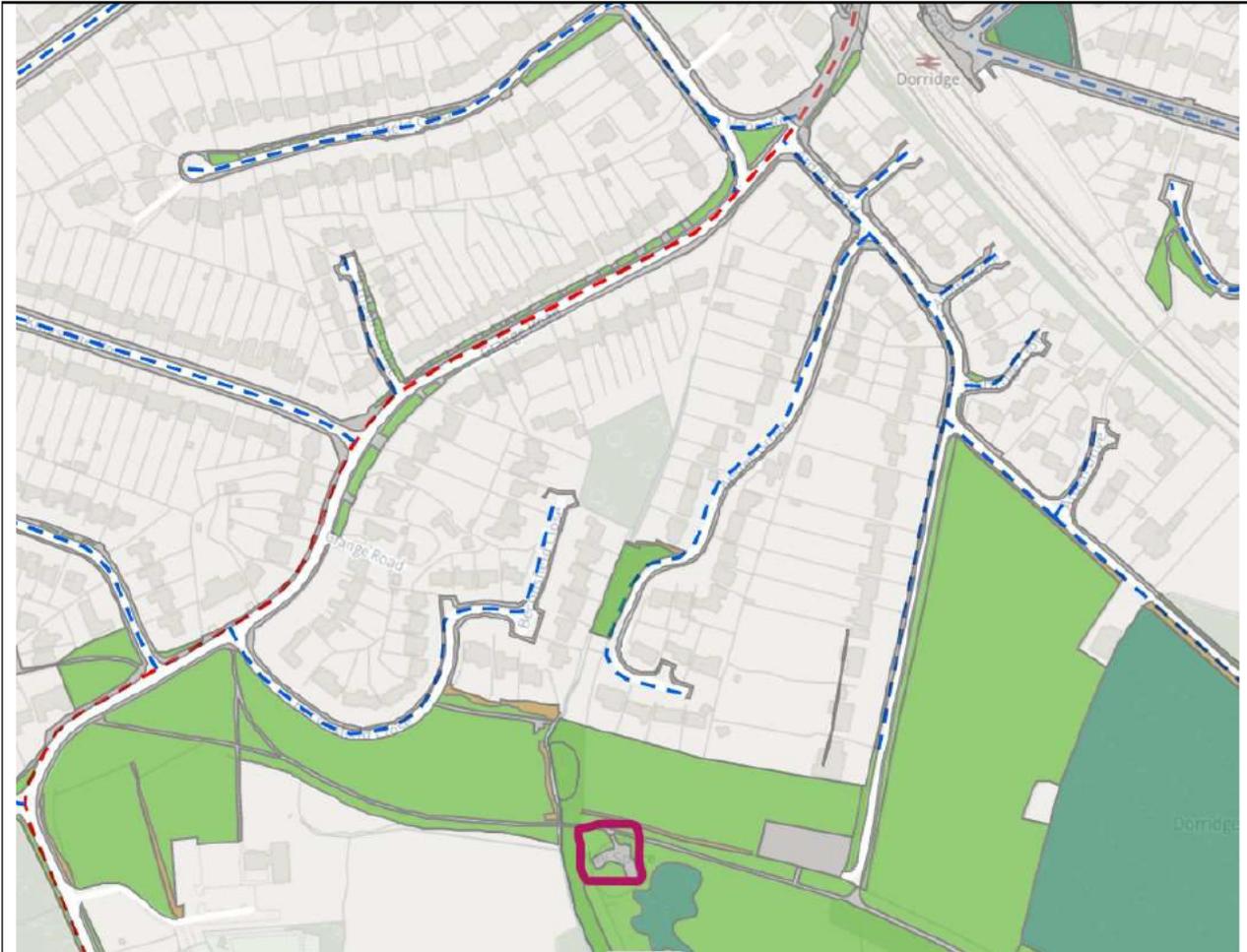
Blythe <input type="checkbox"/>	Shirley East <input type="checkbox"/>
Dorridge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shirley South <input type="checkbox"/>
Knowle <input type="checkbox"/>	Shirley West <input type="checkbox"/>
Lyndon <input type="checkbox"/>	Silhill <input type="checkbox"/>
Olton <input type="checkbox"/>	St Alphege <input type="checkbox"/>

### Location of the Proposed Project:

The full address of Dorridge Park is as follows:

Dorridge Park, Arden Road. Dorridge. Solihull, West Midlands, B93 8LJ

The location plan below shows the Park in the heart of Dorridge Village, a short walk from Dorridge Station and shops, with the main access points being from Arden Road and Grange Road.



The children's playground is located in the area of the Park outlined in pink above.

If your project is located outside of the ward pot you wish to bid from, please explain why you believe that funding should be used for your project in a different ward: (optional)

Not Applicable

**Who will be responsible for delivering the project?**

Community Group  Please go to Part 2

Other Group/Organisation  Please go to Part 2

Solihull MBC  Please go to Part 3

**PART 2: COMMUNITY GROUPS/OTHER GROUPS ORGANISATIONS**

**Please provide the details of the organisation responsible for the project delivery**

Organisation Name	
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Project Contact/Person Completing this form:	
Organisation Address (If different from above)	
Phone Number (If different from above)	
Email Address (If different from above)	

**What is the legal status of the organisation?**

- Registered Charity  Charity Registration Number:
- Company limited by guarantee:  Company Registration number:
- An unregistered organisation
- Part of regional/national organisation

**PART 3 – SOLIHULL MBC APPLICATIONS**

Name of Service Area	Public Realm Team (Environmental Services)
Project Manager	[REDACTED]
Extension Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]

**PART 4: ABOUT THE PROJECT**

<b>Project Name:</b>
Dorridge Park – multi-play equipment replacement

<b>Total amount CIL amount requested: (Please see <a href="http://solihull.gov.uk">Neighbourhood Proportion   solihull.gov.uk</a> for information regarding current funding availability)</b>
£15,481

<b>Project Summary:</b>
Dorridge Park is a Green Flag Award winning neighbourhood park in the village of Dorridge.

The playground was last refurbished in 2009 as part of the Council's Playbuilder Project but it has had no capital investment since this date. Some of the play equipment installed was constructed from timber which is now nearing the end of its useful life.

This project includes the removal and disposal of the old timber multi-play equipment and replacement with a new, more challenging and more accessible multi-play, together with new wet-pour safer surfacing.

At the time of the 2022 annual independent inspection the existing multi-play was classed as Medium Risk due to deterioration and subsidence of safer surfacing; worn rope parts; dents in the slide chute; timber deterioration. Our routine playground inspector has done some remedial works to ensure the equipment is safe whilst we plan for its replacement.

*Photographs of old multi-play nearing end of it's useful life:*





When the equipment was selected for the Park the local community selected timber as it is visually appealing in a rural park setting. There are however new products on the market which are more sustainable being made from post-consumer recycled materials; lower carbon emission manufacturing than similar traditional products; as well as being highly durable and appropriate for a rural setting.

As well as ensuring that the new equipment fits in to its setting aesthetically, we have an opportunity to provide equipment that is more accessible and inclusive with a higher play value to better meet the diverse needs of local families.

### Project Outcomes and Benefits:

*Please explain how your project outcomes will benefit communities and how this will be shown after the project is completed.*

<b>Project output</b>	<b>Project benefits</b>	<b>Evidence</b>
<i>Outputs should be tangible deliverables from your project . E.G. New Playground Equipment</i>	<i>How will you know the project has been a success? E.G. Increased use of the park</i>	<i>How can you provide evidence to show this has been a success? E.G. Survey of numbers of people using the park</i>
New item of play equipment together with new safer surfacing,	Increased use of the Park by children and families.	Customer feedback captured through the Connect Service and emails to Public Realm Team.
	No requests for play equipment repairs.	Annual Register of Play Inspectors International (RPII) independent inspection feedback

	No requirement to permanently remove equipment that is no longer considered unsafe for use due to deterioration.	Feedback from Dorridge Ward Members
	Improved inclusivity and accessibility.	Feedback from Green Flag Assessment when site is judged as part of Solihull Council's annual application for the Award.
	Reduced risk to council through potential personal injury insurance claims.	
	Increased use of the park by children and families.	

#### **Mitigating the impact of Development:**

This project will complement the Knowle, Dorridge & Bentley Heath Neighbourhood Plan which highlights the importance of parks and open spaces and the need to improve Wellbeing. The plan recognises a high level of dissatisfaction with the suitability and availability of indoor and outdoor facilities in the area for sport, leisure, exercise and recreation. Improvements to the children's playground will help to address this by providing an improved facility for children and families to enjoy.

The importance of parks and green spaces, as well as the facilities within them, are key to improving the health and wellbeing of residents.

High performing local schools generate an interest in families moving into the area and green spaces need to reflect the needs of families through provision of diverse, inclusive, safe and sustainable facilities.

#### **Community Support**

A number of residents of Dorridge have expressed concern about facilities in the village of Dorridge looking 'tired' and we have received comments from park users in Dorridge that the facilities there are very poor compared to facilities for children in Knowle and Bentley Heath parks (the closest alternatives). The email below, received from a resident in 2021, has highlighted the need to improve play facilities in Dorridge and subsequently there have been conversations with the Chair of the Dorridge & District Residents Association (DDRA) and Ward Councillors who are supportive. Installation of a new multi-play is key to improving the playground as it is the central attraction and largest item of equipment, enabling children to play together.

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 02 November 2021 17:42

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Dorridge play areas

Hi [REDACTED]

*I have been passed on your details by [REDACTED] who I believe you know from the redevelopment of the play area at Knowle Park. I reached out to have a chat with him because I would like to see if we could organise a similar redevelopment of Hanbury Park and Dorridge Park play areas.*

*By way of background, [REDACTED] and were flooded this summer in the June event, so are currently in a rental in [REDACTED] until it is sorted. Last summer we spent many happy days at Hanbury Park in particular and found that it was incredibly busy and well used, particularly after school time, from children at the primary schools up the road (Dorridge and St G and T). However, both Hanbury Park and Dorridge Park, the facilities are quite tired now and pretty much every component in Dorridge Park is flawed in some way. (E.g. the plastic rock is now so worn it is incredibly slippery and H&S hazard, especially when little ones try to scale it). It would be great to turn these two facilities around and give the community something exciting to look forward to after the flooding event.*

*I work for [REDACTED] and am responsible for a number of play areas on their visitor sites so I am familiar with the management of such facilities. In terms of managing the redevelopment my preference would be for the council to own the procurement process, delivery and ongoing management. I can galvanise support around the financing though. At [REDACTED] we have a community fund that would be ideal, especially if we could add in an environmental education element.*

*Let me know if you would be interested in pursuing this and we could arrange a call to discuss.*

*Thanks for reading and best wishes*

[REDACTED]

**Council Plan**

The project will help to support a number of the Council's key priorities and intended outcomes:

### People and communities

- Improving outcomes for children and young people - through the provision of a free to use sustainable facility where children can be physically active, and families can socialise.
- Sustainable, quality, affordable provision for children with complex needs – through inclusive design of the play area. Contractors shall deliver innovative and stimulating equipment that will enable physically active and inclusive play opportunities with consideration to providing opportunities for disabled children to enjoy the same experiences as non-disabled children.

### A Strong Economy

- Safe, welcoming town centres where businesses can thrive - a high quality play facility within a short walk from the heart of the village centre has the potential to attract more visitors into Dorridge and provide an all-round offer to encourage families to stay longer and explore the area's green spaces by foot.

### Actioning our Climate Change Declaration

- An enhanced well connected natural environment – providing a positive experience that encourages greater use and appreciation for Solihull's green spaces.
- Consideration will be given to contractors that can demonstrate sustainable environmental practices and supply products that are manufactured with a reduced carbon footprint.

Is your project supported by polices or priorities of a neighbourhood plan?	Y (If Yes please provide details below)	Y
<p><b>Knowle, Dorridge &amp; Bentley Heath Neighbourhood Plan</b> Key objectives of the Plan which this project supports are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village Character &amp; Natural Environment - Protect and enhance the Neighbourhood's heritage and open spaces.</li> <li>• Education and Community Facilities - ensure community facilities and services (including healthcare, sport and recreation, and emergency services) meet the needs of the diverse and growing community through protection of, investment in, and ongoing access to new and improved facilities in tandem with new housing growth.</li> <li>• Sustainable Development - Actively promote sustainable development across the economic, social and environmental realms to deliver positive improvements in the quality of the built, natural and historic environments, as well as quality of life, in line with residents' needs and priorities.</li> </ul> <p>This project also helps us meet the aims of our Green Space Strategy. This identifies the level of play provision in the Dorridge &amp; Hockley Heath Ward as low for the number of</p>		

children in the area. It is therefore important for us to ensure that Dorridge Park is the best facility possible for its local residents.

Dorridge Park is a Green Flag Award winning park and replacing the multi-play within the children's playground will help us to maintain this standard. It will help us meet the aim of providing welcoming, safe and good quality facilities that are appropriate for the local community; whilst demonstrating investment in the site.

### **How will this project be delivered and who will deliver it?**

#### **Who will deliver the project?**

The project will be delivered by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council's (SMBC) Public Realm Team with support from local ward councillors and the community to ensure that the renovated facility meets the needs of the community.

#### **Who will carry out the work and do they have any previous experience?**

The successful contractor will be appointed following a tender process led by the Public Realm Team with support from Procurement. Within the tender submission the contractor will need to provide case studies that demonstrate their experience in safely and successfully delivering high quality play facilities that meet national safety standards. They will also need to demonstrate their operations are aligned with Solihull Council's values. Under the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 contractors will be asked to propose potential social, economic or environmental benefits they may be able to provide as part of the contract. The contractor will be responsible for risk assessing the project in advance of works commencing as well as daily while on site and will ensure that all operatives have completed the relevant training required.

#### **Project Monitoring and management and demonstration of previous experience?**

The project will be monitored and managed by The Public Realm Team to ensure the meeting of deadlines and to ensure that the work undertaken is to a satisfactory standard. Progress of the project will be monitored against the timescales outlined in the section titled 'Timescales'. The Public Realm Team are experienced in successfully delivering projects of this nature and scale across the borough. Within the last 12 months the team have delivered a project involving the construction of new skate park facilities at Tudor Grange Park and Shirley Park, as well as multiple play equipment installations at Green Lane Park, Damson Lane Park, Lavender Hall Park

### **Ongoing Maintenance– see guidance criteria**

Once the project has been delivered, the new play equipment will be incorporated into the on-going SMBC environmental maintenance programme managed by the Public Realm Team in partnership with our grounds maintenance contractor idverde. Regular inspections will be undertaken of the equipment by Register of Play Inspectors International (RPiI) qualified assessors and an independent RPiI play inspection will be completed once the works have been finished and then annually thereafter.

Any required repairs will be undertaken by idverde, the manufacturer or a specialist contractor as appropriate. Repair works that are outside the scope of the existing contract works will be covered by the Public Realm Team's revenue budget for the management of parks, play areas and green spaces across Solihull.

## TIMESCALES

Please outline a proposed timeline for the project

Proposed Date	Key Milestones
April 2023	Refresh Quotations and place order with appointed Contractor
July 2023	New equipment and surfacing installed in Park. Post installation inspection completed and site open for use in time for school holiday.

## COSTS

Please outline the predicted costs for the project and outline if any other funding has been raised for the proposal:

**Please attach evidence of quotes that have been sought as confirmation of the cost breakdown. Without the submission of quotes, your application will not be taken further.**

Cost	£	Funded from?
Supply and installation of new two tower multi-play unit with black wetpour safer surfacing ( <i>quotations and drawings provided from two suppliers at end of document</i> )	15,481	CIL
Post installation inspection	400	Public Realm Team

## RISKS

### **Are there any risks associated with the project?**

What is the risk if work does not take place? Is there any reason why the work would not be fully completed if funding were to be granted?

**Risk in undertaking the project: LOW**

Through following the corporate tendering process this will mitigate against any potential risks associated with undertaking these works. The successful contractor will have demonstrated their experience in successfully and safely delivering play area improvement projects previously.



The contractor will be required to provide risk assessments, method statements and evidence of Public Liability Insurance. Once working on site they will be closely monitored by the Public Realm Team to ensure safe working practice.

Equipment installed will meet the national safety standards and will be selected to ensure they are of made of quality, weather resistant materials with high durability.

Risk if the project is not completed: HIGH

Should this project not be undertaken then the current equipment will continue to degrade. Repairs will be made where possible but there may be a need to remove equipment if items are unable to be repaired, unfortunately reducing the play offer within the park. Although the facility will continue to be monitored in line with national guidance there is potential that the deteriorating facility will potentially cause risk to the council through insurance claims. There is also reputational risk to the council through not providing a good quality play facility that meets the needs of the local community.

**Certification:**

**I confirm the information supplied is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and accept that providing deliberate false information could result in Legal action being taken against me and withdrawal of funds awarded**

**I confirm I have read and understood Solihull MBC Policy and Engagement Privacy Notice**

**( <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/About-the-Council/Solihull-Council-Statement/Economy-and-infrastructure/Policy-engagement> )**

**SIGNED:** [REDACTED]

**ON BEHALF OF: Public Realm Team – Solihull MBC**

<i>Budget Quote 1 - Kompan</i>	
<b>Two Tower Unit with Rope Bridge and Slide</b>	<b>12,010</b>
<b>Black wet-pour safer surfacing £105/m<sup>2</sup> – 60 m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>6,300</b>



**PRODUCT INFORMATION**

EMISSION and PRICE: Standard design / GreenLine design

Product number	Product name	Age / Key user group (years)	Capacity (users)	Fall height (cm)	Total height (cm)	Fall space dimensions (cm x cm)	Installation (hours)	CO <sub>2</sub> emission (kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/kg)	Price excl. VAT (GBP)
PCM212621	Cliff Rider	6+ / (6-15)	11	210	329	456 x 890	20	2.78 /	14,750 /
PCM110321	Track Ride Tower (QS)	6+ / (6-12)	4	118	260	961 x 418	8.8	2.85 /	6,810 /
PCM110621	Play Tower with Swing, 1 Seat	3+ / (3-8)	7	147	352	593 x 796	13	2.58 /	7,800 /
PCM112321	Play Tower with Ladder	6+ / (6-12)	18	246	382	838 x 774	16	2.91 / 1.94	10,650 / 11,520
PCM212821	Two Tower Rope Bridge	4+ / (4-12)	13	209	382	736 x 838	16	2.89 / 1.65	12,010 / 13,240
PCM110721	Play Tower with Swing, 2 Seats	4+ / (4-10)	12	239	412	898 x 863	16	2.75 /	10,510 /

<i>Budget Quote 2 - HAGS</i>	
<b>Adantes Two Tower Unit</b>	<b>10,546</b>
<b>Black wet-pour safer surfacing £105/m2 – 47 m2</b>	<b>4,935</b>



**Jilibrad**  
H8063274 CC Red  
91 x 97  
£10,900



**Abbax**  
H8053000 CC Green  
7,4 x 7,4  
£10,830



**Adantes**  
H8063269 CC Beige  
9,0 x 8,8  
£10,546