

# Westminster Neighbourhood CIL Application Form 2019



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# FAQs

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The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge on new development to help fund strategic and neighbourhood infrastructure in Westminster. This can include new or improved facilities for health, education, open spaces, sports and leisure, utilities and waste, transport and the public realm, and other social & community facilities.

Under CIL legislation, the neighbourhood portion must be spent on:

- the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. This could include things such as new open space, cycle/pedestrian routes, strategic transport infrastructure and community facilities.

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Each designated Neighbourhood Area has a say over 15% of the CIL receipts collected in its area (capped at £100 per council tax paying dwelling). This rises to 25% of receipts (uncapped) where a Neighbourhood Forum has successfully adopted a neighbourhood plan for the area.

The council will retain the neighbourhood portion of CIL but must consult with local communities on how to spend it, in line with local priorities. This application form will help the council decide how to spend this portion of CIL in your area.

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The council has agreed a CIL Spending Policy Statement that sets out the criteria against which it will judge applications. To be approved for funding, projects must:

- Be in line with Westminster's priorities and policies – they must address the principles and policies set out in Westminster's development plan and other relevant strategies.
- Support growth – they should support the growth of the Neighbourhood Area and Westminster as a whole.
- Be supported by the community – they should have demonstrable support from a cross-section of the community.
- Be cost effective – they should represent value for money and be delivered in a timely manner.
- Be supported by infrastructure providers – they should be supported by the organisation who will be delivering the project, including the relevant council department.

When you have completed your form, please email to [cils106projects@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:cils106projects@westminster.gov.uk) or post it to us at CIL application, Westminster City Council, Planning Policy, 17th floor, 64 Victoria Street, SW1E 6QP

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY 24 JULY.**

If you have any questions, email the team at [cils106projects@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:cils106projects@westminster.gov.uk)

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details

Applicant

Please provide details of your organisation and a named contact so we can inform you of the outcome of your application.

### Neighbourhood Forum/ Community Organisation Details

*N.B. where a designated neighbourhood forum exists, applications must be made by that body.*

Hyde Park Paddington Neighbourhood Forum

Named Contact

Kay Buxton

Email Address

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Telephone No.

020 3145 1200

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Consultation

Please set out how you have consulted with other community groups in your area on your proposal.

### Westminster Ward Councillors

*Please give details of WCC ward councillors you have engaged on this proposal.*

Hyde Park Ward Councillors - Cllr Heather Acton and Cllr Ian Adams

### Businesses

*Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and/or individual businesses*

PaddingtonNow BID, Marble Arch BID, Paddington Partnership

### Residents

*Residents' Associations or other residents groups*

Star Street residents

## Amenity Societies/ Other Community Groups

*Any amenity societies or other community groups in your area*

Hyde Park Estate Association

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Please give details of your proposal including proposed timescales

## Project Name and Location

Star Street green space improvements

## Project Summary

(300 words max)

This application is for improvements to a section of open space on Star Street W2, on the north side opposite number 65. The space is Westminster owned land, oblong in shape 1.7m wide, 25 metres long (c. 40 square metres), sited between numbers 28 and 34, between the rear wall of Micky Star Nursery and the footway boundary. The space has four mature trees and shrubbery with a low level railing. Star Street is in a conservation area with Grade 2 listed properties. The space has long suffered with issues of loitering, littering, drug dealing, rough sleeping and prostitution. Rubbish left in the bushes has attracted pigeons which causes further mess.

Residents have approached Ward Councillors to raise the issue and the opportunity to improve the space through planting and protective fencing to bring environmental improvements appropriate for the area, whilst deterring anti-social activity. This will also reduce the maintenance burden on Council services to clean up the area from litter and plant damage and make a more appealing space for residents to enjoy. To protect the space the installation of a railing is the current preferred option, but alternatives to this can be pursued through expanded planning and greening infrastructure such as climber walls and timber planters.

WCC highways officers have drafted a cost for design and build of new infrastructure. The project has the support of the Neighbourhood Forum and its individual members, and the local Paddington Business improvement District;

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Proposed Start Date

March 2020

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Proposed Completion Date

December 2020

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amount

CIL funding

*Please give the amount of CIL funding you are applying for and any other funding that has been identified.*

Total Project Cost

£90,000

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CIL sought for allocation

*N.B. the council has set a minimum threshold of £5,000.00 for proposals.*

£57,000

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Other (non-CIL) funding identified to deliver project [please state source]

£33k Section 106 Funding for public realm from development at from Praed St/Sale Place

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Please provide details as to how your application matches the criteria we have set out in our CIL Spending Policy Statement.

### Project Compliance with WCC CIL Spending Policy Statement

a. Be in line with Westminster's priorities and policies – how does your proposal address the principles and policies set out in the development plan for the area (including neighbourhood plans) and any other relevant strategy documents?

*N.B. Westminster's development plan includes: the London Plan (2016); Westminster's City Plan (2016) and the accompanying Strategic Infrastructure Plan; and Westminster's Unitary Development Plan (2007). 300 words max*

The proposal will deliver improvements that meet strategic goals in City for All with an improved green infrastructure, with additional benefits to local safety, health and community.

Policies include:

- Open Spaces and Biodiversity. Delivering improvements to green infrastructure by delivering improvements to the existing planting in the area. This is especially relevant as this is an area with limited access to nearby green open space.
- Greener City Action Plan. Addressing noise pollution by deterring loitering, improving local air quality through new planting, and making the best use of local green spaces and improving biodiversity.
- City For All. Healthier and greener city. By better managing this space, it will create a safer, cleaner and healthier environment for local residents and protect more green growth within the space.

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b. Supporting growth – how does the proposal support the growth of the neighbourhood area, and Westminster as a whole?

*N.B. Proposals will not be considered for funding that are seeking to remedy pre-existing deficiencies, unless these are made more severe by new development.*

300 words max

This small section of green space is the only area in Star Street with street trees and green planting. The CIL funding for street greening improvement and enhanced infrastructure will help give the residents an improved local green space to enjoy and help the area develop into a healthier, safer place for a thriving community.



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c. Supported by the community – Is the proposal supported by the community? Please give details of how you have consulted with the groups named in section 2 and how such groups have expressed support for the proposal.

*N.B. Support of at least two relevant WCC ward councillors will be required for funding proposals to proceed to allocation.*

**300 words max**

The project was initiated following Ward Member discussions with Star Street residents, and this is supported by Paddington BID, and the Hyde Park Estate Residents' Association.

A site visit was held early February between Cllr Acton, Allen Zimble of the Hyde Park Residents' Association and Kay Buxton from Paddington BID who agreed to support the project.

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d. Cost effective – does the proposal represent value for money and will it be delivered in a timely manner?

*N.B. Proposals should show whether the allocation of funding could leverage additional resources to ensure it is delivered, and that the proposal can be sustained in to the future. Where appropriate, feasibility studies may be required to demonstrate that proposals can be carried out within 12 months of the allocation of CIL funding.*

300 words max

The £90k is an estimate provided by Westminster's highways term contractor, and this will be refined as design is developed in consultation with stakeholders and residents.

The works can be wholly delivered through existing highways and gardens terms contracts, and FM Conway has extensive experience of delivering similar projects.

The protection of the green space through the erection of a fence will reduce the incidence of damage from rough sleeping and loitering and reduce the maintenance costs at the site. The ongoing maintenance of the green infrastructure will be delivered under the existing arrangements in place with the WCC Trees team.

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e. Supported by infrastructure providers – is the proposal supported by infrastructure providers who will deliver the proposal, including the relevant council service area?

*Please give details of the infrastructure providers or council officers you have engaged with on your proposal.*

300 words max

This application is supported by Westminster Highways and has been costed by term contractor FM Conway who will deliver the design and works.

Planning discussions have been initiated with the planning team about whether the erection of a fence would need planning approval.

For completion by WCC staff.

**Date application received**

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Decision

Name Date Approved

Ward Members

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CIL / Infrastructure Officer Group Project Sponsor

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Cabinet Member

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WCC Project Manager:

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Email:

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Telephone:

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Project director / Project manager's line manager

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