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Neighbourhood Portion of
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath
GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Project title:	Alice Park Play Area - Phase 1
Amount of funding sought from the Neighbourhood portion of CIL for Bath fund	£75,000

Section 1: Applicant details

Name:	Cllr Joanna Wright
Organisation:	Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee
Applicant's role within organisation:	Chair
Locality or ward which will benefit from this project:	Lambridge Ward, Bath

Section 2: Project Details

<p>2.1 Please provide a clear description of your project proposal – including your outcomes and objectives (maximum three hundred words)</p> <p>Alice Park is a destination park for children of all ages from across Bath; however, BANES residents have consistently said for over 10 years that the play area is outdated and worn-out. Alice Park requires a redesigned play area with new, inclusive equipment that caters to children of all ages and abilities.</p> <p>The primary objectives of this project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To create a safe, engaging, and inclusive play environment that encourages physical activity, social interaction, and imaginative play. ● To install a variety of modern, durable play equipment suitable for children aged 0-12 years, including accessible features for children with disabilities. ● To incorporate landscaping elements that provide shade, seating, and natural play opportunities, enhancing the overall aesthetic and functionality of the play area.

- To improve the play area's integration with the rest of the park, ensuring easy access and connectivity to other amenities.

The outcomes of this project include:

- Delivery of noticeable – but not necessarily final – improvements before June 2025
- Increased Park usage and satisfaction among local families and children.
- Enhanced community cohesion and social interaction through the creation of a welcoming, inclusive play space.
- Improved physical health and well-being of children in the community through the promotion of active play.
- Increased attractiveness of Alice Park as a destination for families, supporting the local economy and businesses.

The redevelopment of the Alice Park play area is crucial for fostering community cohesion and ensuring equal access to high-quality recreational facilities across Bath. As a central green space and destination park, Alice Park serves a wide range of residents from the surrounding areas. The Sub-Committee recognises the importance of investing in this park, particularly considering the historical underinvestment of CIL funds on the east side of Bath.

To achieve these objectives and outcomes, the Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee will work with experienced play area designers and equipment providers to develop a comprehensive design brief and implementation plan. Additionally, the Sub-Committee has already begun raising money from residential and corporate sponsors (currently totaling over £3,000) and will continue to engage the community throughout the process to ensure that the final design meets the needs and preferences of local residents.



(Image of the stumps that “replaced” a much-loved spider climbing frame over 6 years ago)

2.2 Please tell us briefly about your organisation, for example is it a charity, residents' association, etc.

Alice Park

(Gloucester Road, Bath BA1 6EW) is a 3.4-hectare (8 acre) park on the eastern fringe of Bath. It was given in trust to the Council in 1937 by Herbert Montgomery of Batheaston for use as a public park as a memorial to his wife Alice. It has a children's play area, a café, a skate park, public toilets, tennis courts, a wildlife garden, and a community garden. There is also a nursery located within the grounds near the small car park at the entrance to the park.

Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee

The Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee is a sub-committee of the Charitable Trust Board, which manages Alice Park on behalf of the Bath and North East Somerset Council.

As part of the trust agreement, a portion of the park must be dedicated to children's play. The proposed play area refurbishment project will help the Council fulfil its obligation as the sole trustee to maintain and enhance the park's play facilities in accordance with the trust's requirements.

The Sub-Committee ensures that the Council fulfils its responsibilities in managing the park according to charities legislation. Councillors appointed to the Sub-Committee function as representatives of the sole trustee.

The Sub-Committee oversees the management and development of Alice Park, including its play area, café, skate park, public toilets, tennis courts, wildlife garden, and community garden, ensuring the park serves the local community's needs and that the Council meets its obligations under the trust agreement.

2.3 Have you or your organisation previously applied for funding from the Neighbourhood Portion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath?

The Alice Park Sub-Committee has not applied from the Neighbourhood portion of Community Infrastructure Levy for Bath previously.

2.4 Is this a new project or does this project link into an existing project? (Include a breakdown of how you plan to allocate the funding)

This is a new project, focusing on the refurbishment of the Alice Park play area as Phase 1 of a larger vision for the park's development. The funding will be allocated as follows:

- Design and consultation fees: £15,000.
- Play equipment and installation: £50,000.
- Landscaping and accessibility improvements: £20,000

2.5 Target Start Date:

September 2024

2.6 Target Completion Date:

June 2025

2.7 Please provide more detail on the proposed timeline for the delivery of key components of your project including any targets and how these will be evaluated. (You may wish to include a table with dates and outcomes for example).

Date	Milestone
April 2024	CIL funding application submission
June 2024	CIL funding decision and project initiation
June-September 2024	Dedicated and focused fundraising efforts
July 2024	Design phase
August 2024	Finalisation of design and preparation of tender documents
September 2024	Tender process and contractor selection
October 2024	Construction phase begins
May 2025	Construction completed and play area opened to the public
June 2025	Post-completion evaluation and community feedback gathering

The project's success will be evaluated through:

- Community satisfaction surveys
- Park usage data (footfall and user demographics)
- Feedback from local schools and community groups
- Maintenance and safety inspections

2.8 If planning permission is required for this project - has it been granted?

If Yes - please include the dates and reference numbers for these permissions.

Planning permission is not required for this project as it falls under permitted development rights for the local authority.

2.9 Are there any planned changes which will have an effect on the premises or location where your project is to be located?

No planned changes will affect the premises or location of the project.

2.10 Are there any planned changes in the circumstances of your organisation's operation or **financial position** that you are aware of which may prevent this project being completed?

There are no planned changes in the circumstances of the Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee's operation or financial position that would prevent the project from being completed.

Section 3: Funding Criteria

The project must address the specific impacts of new developments within the city or locality from which the funding has been generated.

This application must show that the project either:

- *Supports the development of the relevant area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure.*

Or

- *Addresses other demands that development places on the area.*

3.1 How does the project address the specific impacts of new development(s)? (Maximum three hundred words)

- Does it fund the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, and maintenance of infrastructure?

OR

- Does it address another demand that development places on the area?

(You may consider this on a ward basis, a locality basis, or a city-wide basis.)

The Alice Park play area refurbishment project addresses the specific impacts of new developments in Bath by:

1. Funding the improvement and replacement of existing infrastructure: The project will significantly enhance the quality and functionality of the existing play area, replacing outdated equipment with modern, inclusive facilities that cater to the needs of a growing population.
2. Addressing increased demand for recreational facilities: As new residential developments continue to emerge in the area, there is a growing demand for accessible, high-quality recreational spaces. The refurbished play area will help meet this demand, providing a vital resource for families and children in the community.

The project addresses the increased demand for accessible, inclusive, and modern play facilities in the area, driven by the growth of residential developments and the need to support the well-being of families and children. By providing a renovated play area, the project will help mitigate the impact of development on existing recreational infrastructure and contribute to the creation of a more balanced and equitable community.

- 3.2 How does the project benefit the area where development has taken place? (If your project has city-wide impact you will need to demonstrate how the broader community in the city will benefit.)

The Alice Park play area refurbishment project directly supports several key commitments and priorities outlined in the Bath and North East Somerset Council Corporate Strategy 2023-2027:

Core Policy: Tackling the climate & ecological emergency.

- The project aligns with the commitment to "lead the UK in climate and nature action" by incorporating natural landscaping elements and promoting sustainability through considerate construction techniques and materials that are sympathetic to the natural environment.

Core Policy: Giving people a bigger say.

- The project demonstrates the commitment to "listen to and work with residents to act on their concerns" by responding to the community's expressed need for improved play facilities and engaging with residents throughout the design and implementation process.

Principle: Delivering for local residents

- The refurbished play area supports the priority of creating "clean, safe and vibrant neighbourhoods" by collaborating with the local community to enhance a vital community asset and promote civic pride.

Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child states that children have a right to play. The refurbished play area would offer children the opportunity to play. Alice Park offers the most extensive opportunities for play, despite its outdated play equipment, on the East side of Bath, with comprehensive facilities on site (including public toilets, a cafe, disabled parking, a min-road for children to learn to cycle on). The Park is therefore an essential facility for many local families in Walcot, Lambridge, Batheaston, Bathampton and beyond.

Principle: Focusing on prevention

- By providing an inclusive, engaging space for physical activity and social interaction, the project contributes to the priority of promoting "healthy lives and places" and supports the council's commitment to investing in prevention to tackle inequalities and improve local areas.

Principle: Preparing for the future

- Enhancing Alice Park as a high-quality, inclusive community hub aligns with the council's aim to work towards a "resilient, sustainable economy that is fair, green, creative and connected" by supporting the local economy, fostering community cohesion, and improving quality of life for residents.

The project's emphasis on inclusive play, green infrastructure, community engagement, and promoting health and well-being make it a strong fit with the council's overarching purpose of improving people's lives. By delivering this project, the Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee will contribute to the realisation of the Corporate Strategy's vision at the local level, working in partnership with the council and the community to create a thriving, sustainable Neighbourhood in the heart of Bath.

- 3.3 Please provide evidence which shows how the community has been listened to and what support exists for your project?

The Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee has undertaken extensive community consultation to gather input and support for the play area refurbishment project. The consultation results demonstrate strong community support and a clear need for improved play facilities:

1. Popular equipment suggestions from the consultation, such as a zip wire, exciting slides, climbing structures, and trampolines (Consultation Data, BAPP Report), align with the APTSC's plan to incorporate a variety of modern, engaging play equipment.
2. Respondents expressed a desire for more natural and imaginative play features (Consultation Data, BAPP Report), which is consistent with the APTSC's aim to include landscaping elements and natural play opportunities.
3. Accessibility and inclusivity were highlighted as important considerations (BAPP Report), supporting the APTSC's commitment to creating an inclusive play environment for children of all abilities.
4. The community emphasised the importance of Alice Park as a vital community hub and destination park (BAPP Report), reinforcing the need for a high-quality play area refurbishment.

The consultation engaged a diverse range of community members, reflecting the vibrant multicultural usage of Alice Park. Out of the 210 respondents who provided ethnicity data, over 50% (51.9%) identified as ethnicities other than White British, including significant representation from Asian, Black, Middle Eastern, and mixed-race backgrounds. This diverse participation demonstrates the inclusive nature of the consultation process and underscores the importance of creating a play area that caters to the needs of all community members, regardless of their cultural background.

The APTSC's current approach is informed by and responsive to the community's input, without suggesting that further consultation is required.

- 3.4 Have you consulted your ward councillor(s) about this project?

Yes, Lambridge ward councillors are Chair and member of the APTSC and are actively involved in this project.

Section 4: Funding Information

4.1 Total Cost of Project:	<p>The total cost of the Alice Park play area refurbishment project is estimated at £300,000 for Phase 1.</p> <p>In 2022, B&NES Parks Department drafted figures of £495,000 for this project, plus installation and removal of equipment. However, further analysis on the type and variety of playpark equipment has shown that better value for money can be achieved. Therefore, Phase 1 will be delivered for £300,000, with the detailed.</p>
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	<p>design identifying remedial works required to easily deliver further improvements and additional equipment as the sub-committee raises additional funds.</p> <p>The £300,000 cost for Phase 1 includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £75,000 to be funded through this CIL application. • £225,000 to be raised through other sources, such as grants, sponsorships, and community fundraising initiatives. <p>It is critical, though, that the initial seed money of £75,000 is secured from BANES through CIL funding to show the council's commitment to Alice Park. Experience from other local projects have shown that matching funds are available, but only once initial investment is secured.</p> <p>The Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee is committed to securing the additional £225,000 required for Phase 1 and will continue to explore funding opportunities to support the project's delivery and future enhancements.</p> <p>That said, even if no additional funds are secured, this money will allow for some much-needed improvements before June 2025.</p>
4.2 Amount of funding sought from the Neighbourhood Portion of CIL fund:	£75,000

4.3 Please provide a detailed breakdown of the costs for the delivery of this project, specifying how the funds will be allocated to various aspects of the project (including personnel, supplies, equipment, outreach etc.).

Item	Cost
Design and consultation fees	£15,000
Play equipment (including accessible features)	£25,000 (this amount will increase based on matching funds from other sources and Alice Park fundraising)
Installation and surfacing	£25,000 (typically equal to the same cost as the play equipment)
Landscaping (including seating, shade, and planting)	(dependent on additional funding sources)
Accessibility improvements (paths and	£10,000

entrances)	
Total	£75,000

4.4 Can you provide evidence that your proposals will provide value for money (for example – have you obtained more than one quote for a service or item)?

The Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee is committed to ensuring value for money in the delivery of this project. We have:

1. Obtained preliminary quotes from multiple play equipment providers and landscape architects to inform our budget estimates.
2. Consulted with B&NES Council's Parks and Procurement teams to identify cost-effective options and potential savings through existing frameworks and contracts.
3. Planned a competitive tender process for the main construction phase, ensuring that the selected contractor offers the best combination of quality and cost-effectiveness.

4.5 Does this project benefit from any source of matched funding? (Include sources, dates, funds agreed/expected and amounts):

The project currently does not have any confirmed sources of matched funding. However, the Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee is actively exploring potential funding opportunities, including:

1. Grants from local and national organisations supporting community development and play provision.
2. Sponsorship and donations from local businesses and individuals.
3. Community fundraising events and initiatives.

We aim to secure an additional £150,000 in matched funding to support the delivery of Phase 1 and contribute to potential Phase 2 developments.

4.6 Provide a breakdown of the efforts of volunteers in supporting this project. Please include number of hours, types of volunteers, geographical reach, if known.

The Alice Park play area refurbishment project benefits from the support of a dedicated group of volunteers, including:

1. Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee members: five volunteers, contributing approximately two hundred hours per year to project planning, community engagement, and fundraising.
2. Friends of Alice Park: fifteen local residents and park users, contributing approximately three hundred hours per year to community outreach, event organisation, and park maintenance.
3. Local schools and youth groups: 50+ students and young people, contributing approximately 150 hours per year to design input, fundraising, and promotional activities.

These volunteers come from across the Lambridge Ward and the wider Bath area, reflecting the

4.7 Please specify any other additional funds which have already been agreed:

As of this application, no additional funds have been formally agreed. However, the Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee has received pledges of support from local businesses and community groups, totalling approximately £5,000. We are working to formalise these pledges and secure additional funding commitments.

4.8 Please specify any funds which have been applied for but are awaiting a decision:

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