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**Neighbourhood Portion of
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath**

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Project title:	The Tumps BMX Berm improvements
Amount of funding sought from the Neighbourhood portion of CIL for Bath fund	£20,000

Section 1: Applicant details

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Locality or ward which will benefit from this project:	Odd Down

Section 2: Project Details

2.1 Please provide a clear description of your project proposal – including your outcomes and objectives (maximum 300 words)
<p>This request is for £20,000 to upgrade The Tumps BMX track berms for the benefit of all riders that use it.</p> <p>Bath BMX Club have been managing a project to upgrade The Tumps BMX track at Odd Down. The Tumps is Baths only Regional standard BMX race track and one of only three</p>

in the South West open to the public 24/7. In March 23, the Club received £99k to replace the start gate with a UCI approved safety gate system, improve the start hill with railings, new tarmac and expand the Club offering with new safety equipment, bikes, and other equipment. . Mindful of cost, the start hill upgrade works have been completed under budget with the Club saving £12k from the original CIL grant. This has been made available to upgrade the Berms.

A further £40k was approved, via Leisure Services to upgrade the berms in March 24, raising the budget to £52k. Unfortunately, the cost of tarmac and specialist equipment has increased and the most recent quote, from a BMX track specialist Velosolutions, for all three berms is £72k.

To secure the price and confirm a date, the Club have instructed Velosolutions to upgrade 2 of the 3 berms, starting on the 13th May and this £20k request will allow the final berm to be upgraded at the same time.

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

Bath BMX Club is a not for profit, volunteer led, Community Sports Club, affiliated to British Cycling

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

Yes. We received £99,304 in March 23 (App Ref BA121, Decision Ref E3444) and further £40,000 in March 24 (from Leisure Services). The Club raised £6k

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 links to an existing project. Phase 1 was an initial £105,304 budget to upgrade the start hill, start gate and expand the Club offering for bikes, storage, welfare area and safety equipment to enable the club to support everyone to ride the track safely and with confidence, at no charge.

Phase 2 was to use money saved from Phase 1 (£12k) and £40k CIL funding to upgrade the Berms.

With a quote for £72k, this additional £20k is to enable all three berms to be upgraded

2.5 Target Start Date:

13th May 24 – First two berms will be upgraded

2.6 Target Completion Date:

30th May 24

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).

Velosolutions will strip off the existing, cracked, and damaged tarmac, reprofile the berm sub structure and increase height on the exit and re-tarmac. Timeline from Velosolutions is 2 weeks.

Based in Bristol, Velosolutions have significant experience building cycle pump tracks locally and nationwide and upgraded all three berms at Manchester Platt Fields National BMX track in 2023.

Velosolutions are currently booked in to start the work on the first two berms w/c 13th May 2024 at a cost of £52k. Ideally the club would like to have the funds secured before then so that they can instruct the company to do all three berms at once this will be the most cost-effective solution. Otherwise Velosolutions will have to return at a later date incurring additional mobilisation costs.

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.

Yes, planning was granted on 26th September 23, Ref 23/02213/FUL

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

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?

No

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

3.1 How does the project address the specific impacts of new development(s)? (Maximum 300 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.)

There are many major developments taking place across Bath, the nearest to the track being the development at Sulis Meadow which is providing over 170 new homes. There is also the development at the nearby Fox Hill and Mulberry Park which aims to provide over 700 new homes on the former MOD site.

These two developments alone will see Baths population grow considerably, many of these new residents will be families looking for activities they can participate in locally and at relatively little cost. The BMX track at The Tumps is something that these new residents will be able to enjoy and access by walking/riding to without the need for using vehicles or public transport. They can either choose to use the track for free when the club are not holding events and sessions or join the club. Being walkable and rideable means this facility can continue to provide a healthy wellbeing facility in the city thus helping to address the climate emergency.

The construction of BMX style tracks have been linked to decreases in crime rates within many councils across the country including North Lanarkshire in Scotland and at the Trehafod tracks near Porth in South Wales

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 club is located in the heart of Odd Down and is close to other wards such as Southdown Twerton, Combe Down and Moorlands. Being the only regional track for some distance the club also attract members and riders from all over BANES and beyond. The club continue to reach out to the whole of the city of Bath in order to attract more riders from the city and this improvements will enable outreach events within local schools and community groups, particularly Alternative Provision support.

The track is located on the edge of the Odd Down playing fields and is easily accessed by foot from much of the city. Bath BMX club use the track as their home facility and welcome riders from a diverse set of backgrounds. Our recent Club racing series has seen a significant increase in ladies starting BMX to improve skills and fitness and BMX racing offers the opportunity for the whole families to ride together and represent their local club and city at race events across the region, country, Europe, and the world.

Being able to wear the club jersey and ride for bath give youngsters and adults a feeling of pride to represent the City of Bath. The track being open and safe to ride also benefits the local community as a place to go to exercise, meet friends and develop new skills for free.

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

Bath BMX Club published an online survey between 03.09.22 and 01.10.22 inviting responses from members and the local community.

The following information was shared with stakeholders as part of the survey:

Bath BMX Club are requesting support from members of the local community and organisations in order that we can pursue a Community Asset transfer (CAT) and a Neighbourhood Portion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

This would allow Bath BMX club to:

- Gain certainty over the duration of the lease to ensure it is long enough, so that the club can raise funds to manage the maintenance of the facility throughout the term of the lease.
- Improve facilities at the club including the start gate, track, and safety fencing.
- Ensure that the track is fit for purpose and provides further opportunities for the local community to use the facilities.

We would appreciate your support in completing the survey below.

The survey was shared through social media and had 86 responses in total. The responses are overwhelmingly supportive.

Results

Do you support Bath BMX club in applying for a- A 'Community Asset Transfer' (CAT) in order to improve facilities at the club?

100% - yes

0% - no

Do you support Bath BMX Club in applying for a grant from the 'Neighbourhood Portion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in order to improve facilities at the club?

100% - yes

0% - no

Would improved facilities at Bath BMX club increase the likelihood of you or your family members using the track?

97.5%- yes

2.5%- maybe

0%- no

Examples included:

- The Club has become an important part of our family life. We would love to see the club receive some funding so that facilities can be improved.
- Bath BMX has become such a huge part of our family and watching our son blossom in confidence on and off the track because of all of the training, support that the club and our new BMX family provide is just amazing. Best club ever!
- I ride every week. I wish we had toilets and a place to go when it rains.
- As a new lady rider, it has been great to be able to join such a welcoming club and have a hobby that I can share with my daughters

We also have a letter of support from Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership, a large Multi Academy Trust with 17 primary schools, 11 secondary schools and 1 special school.

Additionally, the original CIL application and planning consultations received a total of 315 responses: all positive, none against.

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

Yes, Paul Crossley and Dine Romero.

Section 4: Funding Information

4.1 Total Cost of Project:	£72,000 (for the Berm Upgrade)
4.2 Amount of funding sought from the Neighbourhood Portion of CIL fund:	£20,000

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

The quote for the Berm Upgrade works is £72k. £40k already received from CIL fund, £12k funded by the Club (money saved in Phase 1) leaving this £20k being asked for.

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)?

BMX Track upgrade works is a very specialist area, with few contractors. These are sort after with some committed to other BMX projects, such as the multi million pound [Cardiff BMX project](#), thereby limiting the pool further. We are very lucky to secure a quote, and commitment, from Velosolutions to complete this works and the quote is consistent with the expected cost of £110/m2 plus VAT.

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

No. Match funding is limited because the Club does not have a long-term lease or security of tenure of more than 7 years. These two requirements are limits placed on match funding from the National Lottery, Sport England, and British Cycling.

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.

Bath BMX Club is solely a not for profit, volunteer organisation. The Club offer instruction and coaching to anyone who wants to try, young and old, and its volunteers maintain the track surface and put on events.

In 23/24 the Club invested a total of 2,112 hours at the track, up from 1,610hrs in 22/23.

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

As previously mentioned; in total CIL has provided £145,304 and the Club has provided £6,000.

For this specific Phase of the upgrade works, costing £72k, £40k has been provided by CIL, £12k from savings in Phase 1 leaving a need for £20k.

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

None