



Reigate and Banstead Borough Council Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy

Strategic Infrastructure Programme (SIP) 2023 – 2027 Funding Application

Guidance Note

Background

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a tariff on new development built in the borough, which secures money from developers to help the Council and its infrastructure partners to fund new and improved infrastructure.

The Strategic CIL must be used to fund (or part fund) infrastructure projects that involve the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure to support the development of the borough over the next 5 years (2023- 2027).

The Infrastructure List (set out in the Council's Annual Infrastructure Funding Statement) below sets out the types of infrastructure, or infrastructure projects, which the Council intends to fund (wholly or partially) using the strategic CIL funds

Infrastructure List

Highways and transport including improvements to -

- The Strategic road network
- The Local road network
- Public transport, including bus shelters and improved services
- "Active transport" Pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure - including segregated cycle and footpath routes, and cycle storage facilities

Off-street parking including public car parks

Electric car charging points: on- or off-street

Education facilities and infrastructure at -

- Primary schools
- Secondary schools
- Post 16 education (schools and colleges)
- State-funded early years

Healthcare -

- Medical centres and GPs practices buildings

- Acute care including hospitals

Emergency Services premises

Community buildings -

- Community halls and or hubs and or wellbeing centres

- Scouts and Guides meeting huts

- Libraries

Digital infrastructure

Security and anti-crime infrastructure including CCTV and street lighting

Public realm improvements, place making and wayfinding and or signposting

Leisure centres

Open space, green infrastructure, sports and recreation including -

- Outdoor sport and recreation, including football and other sports pitches

- Improvements to parks and open spaces, including paths, boundary treatment, lighting and security, shelters

- Outdoor gyms

- Children and young people's play and recreation areas

- Pavilion improvements

- Allotments

- Tree planting and forestation

Biodiversity and habitat protection and enhancement

Cemeteries and crematoria

Sustainability and Climate change initiatives

Flood risk reduction schemes

Waste and recycling collection and management facilities

All applications for funding must be received by **11.59pm on Sunday 25 September 2022**

Should your application for funding be successful, the Council is likely to attach conditions to any offer of funding.

Where CIL has been identified as match funding, CIL will only be made available if the other project funding needed has been confirmed and committed, and it is clear to the Council that the project is ready to commence delivery.

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In order to retain the allocation of strategic CIL funding between annual reviews of the SIP, projects which are offered funding will be required to report quarterly on project progress, every January, April, July and October until the project is completed.

All strategic CIL funding offered through the Council's SIP will be index-linked to the CIL index (or other similar index) to account for changes in construction costs between application for funding and delivery of each project.

Next Steps

Screening of applications for funding

Following closure for applications, each application for funding received will be checked through to ensure it meets the **Qualification Criteria** for strategic CIL funding, which requires that projects must:

1. be for one of the types of infrastructure included on the Council's 'Infrastructure List'
2. support development in the borough
3. be commenced within the SIP period 2023-2027
4. be for at least £10,000 of strategic CIL funding contribution

The time required to do this will depend on how many applications have been received.

Each applicant will then be advised whether their application(s) meets the essential criteria.

Should any further information or clarification regarding submitted information be required, Council Officers will request this directly from the applicant.

Assessment and prioritisation of applications for funding

Projects meeting the essential criteria will then be assessed, scored, and prioritised against the following *Appraisal Criteria* in order to decide whether the Council will include them in the 5-year SIP programme for 2023- 2027:

Supporting Growth:

How, and to what extent the project would support development in the borough (The borough's '[Development Management Plan 2019 Annex 6: Infrastructure Delivery Schedule](#)')

Benefits to the borough's residents, economy and environment:

Benefits of the project to the borough, and support for its delivery (The Council's five Year Plan "[Reigate & Banstead 2025](#)")

Deliverability:

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The project must be demonstrated to be feasible including submission of initial design and or specification, and the likelihood of any match funding needed being made available at the required time.

As CIL cannot be used to fund initial feasibility and design studies, the project must have already passed the initial feasibility and design stage for CIL funding to be offered.

Value for Money and Match funding:

The amount of CIL requested measured against benefits of the project's delivery for the borough's economy, residents and or environment, any other funding sources available. Contribution of the application organisation towards the project, and the need for CIL funding.

Drawing up the Strategic Infrastructure Programme for 2023-2027 and its formal approval

Once all the project applications for funding have been assessed and prioritised, Council Officers will draw up a programme of deliverable projects, which will be reported to the Council's Executive for its approval. This is currently anticipated to be in November 2022.

Any Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the application process, or want to discuss any potential project applications before submission, or check on progress, please contact the Council's Principal Policy Officer, Tanya Mankoo-Flatt at CIL@reigate-banstead.gov.uk (subject: "SIP") or phone 01737 276 402