

MERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND - RESPONSES BIDDING ROUND 2019-1

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TB10	Merton Priory Trust (Andrew Judge)	'Anima Una' or 'One Soul' Merton Priory Trust - internal paving = £15k - Electrical equipment will be obtained and fitted for the performance space = £14,930 (Lighting £6,340 Audio £3,070 Installation £5,520) - Seating for performance space = £6k (200 folding chairs estimated at £30.00 each). - funding shortfall unbudgeted conservation and legal works = £8.5k - Estimated extra cost of contractor returning to site to finish service connections = £2k Our Vision: One heart and soul in Merton (Adapted from the Augustinian motto "Anima una et cor unum in Deum": Translation: "One heart and soul in God") Promoting dialogue, drama and debate Our purpose: offering a unique venue to bring young people together, offering them space for personal development as well as building Merton's community spirit This bid is made of behalf of Merton Priory Trust https://www.mertonpriory.org/ with the support of the Trustees. ne of the most significant heritage sites in London: it was part of the site of a medieval Augustinian foundation of considerable influence, wealth and importance. This was a place for discussions of politics and learning, not just of the former priors and canons, but of monarchs and lords from the time of King John to that of King Henry VI. The first Act of Parliament, the 'Statute of Merton', was framed here. Now, following considerable work by the Trust and Merton Council, the site has been prepared for use as a visitor venue: equipped with a new entrance and glazed facade, meeting and exhibition space, a full suite of toilets and a kitchen. The only constraint on its use is a seasonal one. Because it is located under a concrete road bridge belonging to TfL, it cannot be heated, so that its use is effective from May to October. It is intended to showcase and explain the history of the Priory together with the works of William Morris and Arthur Liberty to local schools and residents.	£ 46,430	Supports the development of the heritage centre at Merton Priory Chapter House which celebrates one of the most historically significant sites in south London. • Promotes Merton as a culturally vibrant and rich place to live, work and invest. • Legacy towards various priorities supported by the neighbourhoods including Community Facilities	46,430.00	Approve. Caveats regarding double counting with s106 balance remaining re. £8.5k conservation & legal work and £2k service connection.
TC6	Hubert Child (on behalf of Merton Park Ward Residents Association)	Path - Dorset Rd to Morden Rd Tram Stop Cost for completing the path £20k "So nearly there..." The project is to complete a short section of footpath that will open up a pedestrian route from Dorset Road to Morden Road Tram stop. Most of the footpath has been constructed, the distance remaining from the point where the path ends to the northbound platform of the Tram stop is approximately 10m. The cost of completing the path is estimated at £20,000. The benefit tram users will derive from gaining access via this link is out of all proportion to the cost. Starting from the entrance to the path on Dorset Road, at present users must walk 300m to the end of the road and over the bridge on Morden Road to descend 27 steps to the south bound platform, then cross the tracks to reach the north bound platform. Morden Road bears heavy traffic and NO2 levels are well above legal limits on the bridge. Wheelchair users must travel a further 200m as far as Parkleigh Road to gain level access - 500m in total. The value of the project is officially recognised with the publication of the Draft Third Local Implementation Plan: Transport Plan. Para 5.17 states: Morden Road Southern Access: The development of a step free access from Dorset Road to Morden Road Tram stop is a long standing borough aspiration. Most of the proposed route has been safeguarded via s106 agreement together with around £20,000 of funding. However a very small triangle of land is needed from the adjoining cadet site to complete the path, which would need to be secured through negotiation with the land owner. TfL have made a preliminary assessment and confirmed that the project could be deliverable, subject to some equipment/infrastructure modifications on the stop itself. The proposal would support future tram growth and accessibility objectives. However, work to complete the path is not scheduled until 2022-24, to coincide with construction of the Sutton Link. This ambitious project has yet to apply for planning permission and the cost is estimated at £350m-£4	£ 20,000	Not appropriate for NFund due to uncertainties over costs/funding and deliverability given need to secure land.	-	Refuse.
TC 1	Wilmore End Residents Association	Merton Park Green Walks - new surface on footpath The project is for a new surface of coxwell gravel for the footpath on the Merton Park Green Walk. The cost is estimated to be about £38k. This involves replacing the edges and sub-base and laying a coxwell gravel surface. We have obtained this estimate from lilverde via , Andrew Kaufman , who have experience of dealing with many similar projects .06	£ 38,000	The Green Walks is a natural oasis in this part of Merton and the proposal would enhance the experience for walkers and nature lovers, and attract residents of the many developments recently built and proposed in the area. • Supports development (CIL statutory requirement). • Meets Community Plan priorities of Keeping Merton Moving and a Healthy Fulfilling Life. • Neighbourhood priorities would be supported through the supporting the functions of open spaces and community facilities.	13,000.00	Approve. £13k allocation (£25k S.106 funding already secured).
TB4	Jeff Gunn	Haydon's Road Rec items - Path resurfacing = £14k - Painting railings & associated costs = £13.5k - Tree planting £200/tree What we are proposing in the Haydon's Road Recreation Ground is as follows: A section of tarmac path along the northern side of the park is in need of urgent resurfacing. The current path is cracking up and there is a danger that it will be roped off for health and safety reasons, breaking the existing circuit that joggers/runners and dog walkers use to measure their daily exercise Of course the path also provides access to the northern section of the park which is currently under utilised and will assist accommodating new residents in our borough. Jonathan Turner from Parks has based his estimates on recent work carried out elsewhere in our borough and has provided a figure of £14,000. The railings in the park have not been painted for over 12 years and have started to rust. They are badly in need of painting to ensure that they retain their structural integrity. FoHRRG have planted hawthorn hedge along the Quick's Road side of the park and whilst this has provided some protection for the metal railings this will also potentially increase costs when it comes to painting. We are suggesting that this work takes place this Autumn 2019 after the last cut of the hedge by lilverde. That will limit the time available for this work to the second half of October until mid-December as it is important that this work is carried out in a frost free environment. We suggest that contractors use plywood boards to ease any foliage away from the railings to allow preparation of the existing surface and painting moving the boards along as the painting progresses. Jonathan has used costs for other such painting projects as his base and added a bit more to allow for the hedge obstruction slowing the painting process down to produce his estimate of £13,500. Dave Lofthouse has indicated a rough estimate for each tree would be about £200 but this would depend upon the species and size of the tree to be plante	£ 32,500	The Recreation Ground with a number of football pitches and facilities for cricket and bowls as well as unstructured activities such as jogging/running and dog walking provide additional opportunities for existing and new residents to exercise and improve their quality of life. • Supports development (CIL statutory requirement). • Meets Community Plan priorities of Keeping Merton Moving and a Healthy Fulfilling Life. • Neighbourhood priorities would be supported through the supporting the functions of open spaces and community facilities.	32,500.00	Approve, subject to ward cllr support. Allow flexibility.
TC 4	Age UK Merton	Upgrading (refurbishment) of Elmwood Centre Quoted breakdown of costs yet to be sought/secured. Established in 1950, Age UK Merton is an independent charity operating within the national Age UK network to provide services for older adults in the London Borough of Merton. Our role is to ensure that older adults can access the advice, support and care they need as they get older. We aim to enable older adults to age well, enjoy later life and get the right support at the right time, thus working towards our mission of making Merton a great place to grow old. Our comprehensive services help over 3,000 individuals each year and are carefully tailored to meet the varied and complex needs of older adults across Merton. Our priorities With a strong foundation in place we are seeking to move forward with our three key strategic priorities, improving health and wellbeing by: 1. Providing high quality advice and practical support 2. Building social connection 3. Creating opportunities for lifelong active ageing. Age UK Merton is seeking funding to invest in the development of its well-used Elmwood Centre. The property itself is owned by Merton Council but has been used for older people's services since it was built and is recognised throughout Merton as the home of Age UK Merton. We have sought the approval of Howard Joy at the Council to submit an application for an upgrade through the Neighbourhood Fund and received endorsement for our approach. In due course we will also contact the planning department to ensure our plans are compliant. Structurally, the building itself is in a good state but the interior of the property is tired and becoming unfit for purpose. We are seeking support for a significant upgrade of the facility which will comprise improvements to; entrance, reception and activity centre areas to create a warmer, more navigable entry to the building and a more enjoyable experience for all users; improvements to staff and volunteer work spaces to improve wellbeing and experience; and improved storage facility to improve health & safety, sp <END OF RESPONSE>	£ 50,000	This bid is premature - the bidder is yet to look at other funding sources and detailed costing. Strong promotion - meeting priorities for a broad section of the community - but premature and lack of clarity as to whether the funding is required, how much is needed and what for.	-	Refuse - suggest future bid.
SK 1	South Mitcham Community Centre	Signage for South Mitcham Community Centre We would like to put proper professional signage on the walls of the South Mitcham Community Centre to enable customers, clients and patrons to more easily recognise where the centre is and to put the Community Centre well and truly on the map with a more corporate but welcoming aesthetic and feel with our name and logo.	£ 1,500	enable customers, clients and patrons to more easily recognise where the centre is and to put the Community Centre well and truly on the map with a more corporate but welcoming aesthetic and feel • Supports development (CIL statutory requirement). • Meets Community Plan priorities of Bridging the Gap. • Neighbourhood priorities would be supported through the supporting the functions of community facilities.	1,500.00	Approve

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SK 9	Deen City Farm & Riding School	Deen City Farm The project is a package of three essential measures (resurfacing of riding arena £20.790k; upgrade LED lighting/wiring £14.755k; muck heap upgrade £4.8k) which will support Deen City Farm's continued ability to offer a range of free and low-cost activities and benefits to existing and future residents of Merton. The package has a total cost of £40,345 and would provide estimated annual savings of £10,940. (1) Resurfacing of the Riding School's Arena. The Arena is a fenced area, 20m by 40m, surfaced with layers of sand and rubber chips. It is where most of the Riding School's activities take place: principally riding lessons (8,000 opportunities to ride each year) but also exercising horses and running competitions and events. The current surface was installed in 2005 with an expected lifespan of 5-10 years. Repairs in 2015 extended its useful life, but the surface is no longer fit for purpose and further repairs are not possible. Over time the layers have become mixed to the point where neither the sandy drainage layer nor the rubber riding surface function properly. More and more lessons are being cancelled during and after bad weather, and the Arena needs a new surface before next winter. Dust development is a well-known problem in riding arenas. Low humidity and intensive usage leads to dust and fine sand blowing up and through the arena. Riding under these circumstances is not pleasant nor very healthy for horse and rider. Resurfacing provides an opportunity to install under-surface irrigation using a network of porous rubber pipes, usable whilst lessons taking place and able to target specific areas that need watering. The ability to target watering minimises water use and eliminates wastage. The total project cost has been reduced as the rubber chip/sand mix from the old surface can be used on site to help improve the evenness of our outdoor riding track, saving on removal costs. Equestrian arenas are laid by specialist contractors, and the best estimate we have received is from Witham Vale Arenas (resurfacing) and Leaky Pipe Systems Ltd (irrigation). (i) SEE BID FOLDER FOR MORE INFO	£ 40,435	This would support Deen City Farm's continued ability to offer a range of free and low-cost activities and benefits to existing and future residents of Merton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting development (CIL statutory requirement) • Bridging the gap, Better opportunities for youngsters and A healthy and fulfilling life (Community Plan) • Provision of a community facility (neighbourhood priorities) 	40,435.00	Approve on basis of securing a £5k reduction to revenue support grant.
TC 10 (see also TC 11 Love Wimbledon; TB 9 Haydon's Road; TB8 Parades Programme Manager)	London Borough of Merton - Future Merton Economy	Merton Parade Refurbishment - 3 parades Merton High Street (10 buildings) = £320k Bramcote Parade (4 buildings) = £50k Wimbledon Town Centre (9 buildings) = £112.5k High streets lie at the heart of our communities and local economies. They create, jobs, nurture small businesses and injecting money into our local economy. Current local commercial vacancy rates are approximately just over 10% and in 2017 the residents of Merton expressed their desire to create better high streets by improving the appearance of the shops across the borough through a survey. As a result, the London Borough of Merton responded to this local requirement by commencing a parade improvement program across the borough, which has been very popular and achieved great results. To follow on from this work Future Merton have developed a 5-year parade improvement program which will significantly change Merton's High Streets. This improvement works could potentially save important and historic buildings from being converted into residential conversions and creating 'ghost town' high streets. The work on all proposed parades include improvements to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shopfronts • Fascia Signs • Awnings • Projection signs • Planting • Brickwork cleaning and restoration • Pointing replacement • Downpipes and guttering 	£ 482,500	Allocation will help transform Merton's most neglected (but most characterful) buildings and shops into our elegant, useable and attractive parades useable for the whole community and help boost trade, footfall, vibrancy and jobs. This will continue Merton's parade improvement program across the borough, which has been very popular and achieved great results Improving the appearance of local parades helps to encourage footfall and promote an active, attractive, viable high street, meeting statutory CIL Requirements and keeping Merton moving in accordance with the Community Plan. The improvements to Haydon's Road Parade responds to the demands the Wimbledon Stadium development places on the area. The Bramcote Parade improvement would contribute to the revitalisation of the Cricket Green area of Mitcham, helping to bridge the gap.	50,000.00	Approve: 1st parade 19-20 FY - Haydon's Road parade 2nd parade 19-20 FY - Bramcote Parade
TB8	Future Merton Economy (Sara Williams)	Parades programme management - To fund the Town Centre Officer post in the future Merton Business and Economy team. The cost of the officer including on costs is £50k p.a. for 3 years. The front line officer post will manage the delivery and implementation of projects that improve, promote our town centres and parades to ensure the sustainability and economic prosperity of our town centres.	£ 165,000	The front line officer post will manage the delivery and implementation of projects that improve, promote our town centres and parades to ensure the sustainability and economic prosperity of our town centres. This allocation of CIL would be would enable the delivery of the Parades Programme, meeting the assessment criteria as set out above, for three years.	165,000.00	Approve.
TB9	Wimbledon Park Ward Councillors (Clr Gretton)	The Parade at Haydon's Road £32k per building facade. Application by: Ward Councillors (Wimbledon Park) endorsed by: Wimbledon Park Residents Association, Haydon's Road North community site, WP Community Trust The context of this Proposal is: i) the location & its current state of decline and neglect ii) the adverse impact suffered from the high levels of traffic, engine emissions and HGV pollution iii) the imminent major impacts on the local community from the new stadium and the impact of weekly football crowds of c.20,000 fans iv) the community impact and the needs arising from the ongoing major residential developments (Galliard Homes, c.700 new units with 100s / 1000s of new residents, now enhanced to include levels of affordable /social housing; significant housing capacity will also increase demands on the local community v) regular fly-tipping deposited illegally at this local centre vi) the positive opportunities presented by the underlying historical characteristics of The Parade vii) the opportunity to improve this area as a 'Gateway to Merton' for the increasing visitor footfall arising from the Stadium development viii) an increased sense of local community with the arrival of the new residents at the Galliard Homes developments, and the common goal of facilitating positive neighbourhood improvement measures The Future Merton Team has responded positively to this Proposal in terms of viability and need, subject to approval, and has confirmed willingness to support the Project for the community in the face of the major developments. Responses from local freeholders: Ward councillors have held discussions with shopkeepers, freeholders & residents, who have expressed support for the re-establishment of The Parade faced with the new developments. The Proposal has also been publicized on the Haydon's Road North community website and received strong support.	£ 224,000	Approved as a priority for the Parades Programme - see TC 10.	224,000.00	Approve. See TC 10
TC 11 (see also TC 10 Parades; TB 9 Haydon's Road)	Love Wimbledon	Love Wimbledon Town Centre - Pavement Parade = 120k (duplication with TC10) - Railway path = £10k - The Broadway facades = £100k - New Wimbledon Theatre side façade = £35k - Hartfield Walk £50k Wimbledon town centre has recently undergone a vast amount of development which has affected the town centre. The Community Infrastructure Levy fund will have received significant financial contributions from these developments. There are further areas that have successful planning applications for which we also need to prepare to mitigate the impact now. There are areas of Wimbledon that could benefit significantly from a little investment to help the economic heart of the borough maintain its appeal to residents, shoppers, theatre goers, employers and employees. Feedback and communications from the recent masterplan consultation have identified areas that are enjoyed and loved and others that need further help. The projects we are proposing will help Wimbledon to retain its identity as a strong business base and at a time of economic uncertainty our Wimbledon town centre needs all the support it can get. This would help to ensure it has the ability to maintain its vitality through the challenging times that all town centres and retail centres are experiencing as it evolves. The recent restoration of the shopping parades on The Broadway, in Colliers Wood and Morden have demonstrated how successful a small investment can be on the historical presentation of the area. We are looking to emulate these examples in a couple of parades in Wimbledon, whilst smartening other 'forgotten' and neglected sites that require attention. This would ensure that Wimbledon continues to live up to its name and reputation. Love Wimbledon is proposing 5 key projects that are all related to the vitality of the town and its businesses, as well as improving its streetscape and providing a strong social environment to be the heart of the local community for all to enjoy. The Pavement parade - Worpole Road - £120k We currently have a parade of 7 independent shops in Worpole Road. The businesses and properties are locally owned and employ many local residents, particularly from Mor <END OF RESPONSE>	£ 315,000	Wimbledon Theatre facades, could be supported but is not a top priority for Parade Programme, so currently not deliverable but could be prioritised on the back of Wimbledon Stadium income for delivery in future years. Pavement Pde - Due to its reasonable condition, this parade is currently not a priority for investment Broadway facades - conservation areas but ongoing landowner's issue preventing delivery. Hartfield Walk - same function as St Marks Place project - priority is St Marks in terms of delivery resources. Railway Path - Not best use of council resources as outside town centre so no help to business rates retention and keeps getting graffiti.	-	Refuse. See parades TC 10 - support future bid for Wimbledon Theatre facade. Public realm proposals - refuse.
TC 6	Polka Children's Theatre Ltd	Polka Theatre redevelopment £95k Contribution towards the final 7% of partnership funding yet to be secured to unlock Arts Council and Mayor of London Good Growth Funding. Polka is in the final stage of fundraising towards the first major capital redevelopment of our much-loved Merton home of 40 years. Our approved plans (ref 16/P4619) will enable us to make essential improvements to our venue, help to retain our standing as a leading national theatre for children and Arts Council National Portfolio Organisation (with the substantial funding this brings to Merton's cultural offer) and develop our site as an important cultural hub for over 100,000 visitors per year including children, families, artists, community groups and schools from across the Borough. To date, we have raised over £6.5m towards total project costs of £7.037m. Merton Borough's £300,000 contribution (including Section 106 funding) has been an important catalyst in drawing investment into Polka and therefore the Borough. To secure the future of the project and maintain our budget and schedule we must now achieve 100% of the partnership funding required by July 2019 to unlock the £3.7m pledged by our largest funders - Arts Council England (£2.5m) and the Mayor of London's Good Growth Fund (£1.2m). Our plans will: enable Polka to continue to create innovative, world-class theatre for children from a venue where the facilities match the quality of the on-stage work; restate our position as an adventurous pioneer of best practice in children's theatre and creative learning; establish Polka as the national centre for Early Years arts; enhance our production partnerships nationally and internationally; develop our vision of a wholly child-centred venue that offers a complete experience; improve access to the building meaning we are continuing to break down barriers for children regardless of ability; offer improved free indoor and outdoor play areas providing fresh inspiration for self-directed play, for children to explore and keep active; and offer the best hire options for community and performance groups and businesses to help address the current shortage of space lo <END OF RESPONSE>	£ 95,000	The development will help to retain Polka's standing as a leading national theatre for children and develop their site as an important cultural hub for children, families, artists, community groups and schools from across the Borough Helps to support demands development places on the borough including Wimbledon Stadium, with the venue a short bus ride from the residential buildings proposed on Plough Lane, which is expected to accommodate many young families with over 350 family sized dwellings. Meets neighbourhood priorities by improving community facilities and streetscape along the Broadway. Addresses Community Plan priorities in particular bridging the gap through enhancing Polka's outreach programme to combat deprivation and improving accessibility to hard to reach families.	95,000.00	Approve

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TC 9	LB Merton CSF	CSF Employability For the 1 yr FTE for the programme officer (including supervision/management) plus £10k for residents work experience vouchers and £7.7k for HGV driver placements. Our project increases access to the labour market for Merton residents aged 16 – 25 by: • sourcing and brokering work trials/placements for live apprenticeship and job vacancies, • commissioning and facilitating access to sector specific training informed by local and national labour market intelligence • delivering and/or coordinating multi-disciplinary, cross sector support to residents pre, during and post placement. • Delivering and/or coordinating bespoke support and advice to employers with a specific focus on increasing their apprenticeship offer. While priority is given to those with characteristics that make them vulnerable to poor economic outcomes, any Merton resident within the age range can access support. For the purposes of this project, Merton residents include those that live in the borough of Merton, Merton care leavers who reside outside of the borough and Merton young people receiving support from our youth offending team and/or special educational needs service who have been placed in residences outside of the borough. Residents taking part in non-salaried activities are allocated gift vouchers of their choice up to the value of £20pd for each full day of work experience completed. On average, residents will complete at least 10days on placement. A fulltime Employer Engagement and Employability Officer, (EEOO), will lead on the operational delivery of the activity described above. The EEOO will ensure opportunities are demand led and suitable to meet the presenting needs and aspirations of the residents who engage. The EEOO will lead on promoting the offer to internal and external stakeholders, (including eligible residents and their wider support networks) ensuring user friendly access that is complimentary to existing referral mechanisms. Funding for the project will ensure the success and learning from Children, Schools and Families department, (CSF), Towards Employment pilot is built on. Towards Employment is a Merton CSF pilot... further detail in email	£ 60,904	The investment will ensure the success and learning from Children, Schools and Families department, (CSF), Towards Employment pilot is built on The project would help support the function of community facilities (neighbourhood priority) that enhance the employability of young Merton residents who need it most, including those finding it difficult managing change due to estate redevelopment, supporting the demands that development places on the borough and bridging the gap (community plan).	60,904.00	Approve.
SK 6	Carol Warren - Vestry Hall	Move More Mitcham £12,480.00 = Personal Trainer fitness programme. Session 2 hr - inc set up, fitness programme, referrals/support, take down. £2,000.00 = Personal Trainer Workshop Delivery 4 X 4 £5,760.00 = Hall hire fitness programme £600.00 = Hall hire workshops £250.00 = Room hire referral service. Confidential 1 to 1 with client. £1,500.00 = Refreshments £750.00 = Referral Service £50 X 15 referrals £1,500.00 = Publicity Material £2,980.80 = Project Management. 10.71% of project costs. promotion, recruitment, enrolment, monitor & record, evaluation, reports etc. The project aims to support Merton residents (primarily Mitcham) and to equip them with the tools & strategies to cope with the negative impact that development has on their wellbeing. Target groups are those with or at risk of developing a mental health disorder. The project has 3 deliverables: 1. Fitness programme: 6 X 16 hours fitness programme delivered to 6 cohorts of 15 people – total 90. Each cohort will benefit from 16 hours of cardio, mindfulness and social interaction. Men and women will be in different groups in order to address the cultural and privacy concerns of individuals. 2. Nutrition Workshops 4 X 4 hour workshops to 4 cohorts of 15 people – total 60. Workshop contents - the positive and negative affect that food and drink has on our wellbeing. Eat yourself healthier & happier. 3. Referral programme A seamless referral system for 15 (10% of 150) Merton residents on early detection of additional support needs that are outside the project deliverables. The project will work with members of the community aged over 16 years who have or are at risk of developing a mental health disorder and focus on those who have the greatest difficulty in accessing mainstream fitness provision. Fitness programme Participants will be invited to form 'exercise buddies' and fitness focussed peer-support networks will be encouraged through social media and time after sessions (social interaction). The exercise session will be highly inclusive and designed with specific considerations. They will take the form of circuit-classes consisting of various functional movements that will help with daily living and improve overall strength and flexibility. There will be mindful movements focused on breathing and stress management. Weather permitting the fitness programme sessions will be delivered outside the building on the Cricket Green. Nutrition Workshops Coupled with the Fitness programme t <END OF RESPONSE>	£ 27,820	The project aims to support Merton residents (primarily Mitcham) and to equip them with the tools & strategies to cope with the negative impact that development has on their wellbeing The project would help support the function of community facilities (neighbourhood priority) that enhance the resilience of Merton residents who need it most, including those finding it difficult managing change due to estate redevelopment, supporting the demands that development places on the borough and bridging the gap (community plan).	27,820.00	Approve.
TC 12	Commonside Community Development Trust	Supporting Commonside Community Development Trust £50k- Financial support to help the service provision to Vulnerable People including booked appointments, drop-in support and other support - increasing capacity of team, training, staff support, supervision, explore opportunities to work with Merton Community Transport. Some capacity to provide services to support voluntary sector supporting Clarion estate regen. Booked appointments run by trained staff covering a wide range of areas in going about their everyday life where vulnerable people struggle. Drop-in sessions host guests from partner organisations such as Age UK Merton, Wimbledon Guild, Merton Vision, Carers Support Merton, Better Sports and Leisure services, linking people to the strong network of services and support that exists in Merton and helping to shape how and where this is best delivered. Other support covers a broad remit of areas from partnerships with Fulham Football Foundation, children's cooking classes to support in dealing with institutions or returning to work. £40k -Creating a sense of place - Supporting creating engagement in providing opportunities for work experiences in volunteer work including creating spaces within the courtyards Pollards Hill Estate and building upon this engagement by introducing pathways into work - working with football groups expanding Pollards PASS offer to include dance and performing arts and to recruit - support Pollards Graduates in variety of fields as civic ambassadors - and local community champions - Events celebrating diversity of language and at the same promoting ESOL classes (English classes). Three delivery strands: i) Pollards PASS and Graduates - partner driven approach working with over 20 partners in providing hope, ambition and opportunities to young people in Merton (from enhancing engagement through cadets membership to work experience for young journalists and DIs (at the local radio station)) - Design and delivery of this programme can be coordinated and communicated by the Pollards Hill Community Forum, led by PH Youth services; ii) Social Capital and Community Champions - creating and running volunteer opportunities, in partnership with Moat Housing in the local area and with MVSC's Volunteer Service to generate social capital, in particular for those wishing to become community champions, block gardening champions, school governors, PTA members, Library Readers etc. Organising thank-you events for the volunteers with partners - which will help to publicise the programme; iii) A special, multi-lingual place - 5 community events to celebrate linguistic diversity in partnership with PH Library, ESOL Learn English Together project, Adult Learning, Migrant Welfare Group and South Thames College £40k - Local Economy. Providing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) activities to match the demands of the regional London economy over the next 15 or so years, alongside up-skilling workshops for parents and carers who may be in low-paid employment. In partnership with local schools and colleagues, focussed preparing for the world of work building understanding of the opportunities and fostering ambition and drive. Includes bringing more employers and industry sector representatives to open community events to share first-hand experience (with learners and job seekers of all ages) of their careers and where opportunities are now and may be in the future. Self-employment/working from home support in partnership with Merton Chamber of Commerce. Running a course with the help of Delrose Earl to help people to declutter as part of local clean-up campaign. To develop a local newsletter raising awareness/advertisises small businesses based in the New Horizon Centre.	£ 130,000	The project aims to build resilience of Pollards Hill Residents introducing pathways into work and building civic pride. The project would help support the function of community facilities (neighbourhood priority) that enhance the resilience of Merton residents who need it most, including those finding it difficult managing change due to estate redevelopment, supporting the demands that development places on the borough and bridging the gap (community plan).	130,000.00	Approve
TB2	Sustainable Merton (Diana Sterck)	Air pollution mitigation campaign with schools No cost breakdown provided. (original bid proposal - see Appendix A of report/overall assessment of bid for amended proposal) We will work with 15 schools in Merton (5 schools per term) to run an engagement programme with each school to help the parents, children and staff fully understand the problems that poor air quality brings and the steps they all can take to reduce their exposure. We will work with the Council to select schools from the areas suffering from poor air quality, such as schools near or on main roads. Schools that are proactive in asking for support will also be supported. We will run a programme of engagement with each school that will include a school assembly on air quality, hands on air quality measuring with the older years and the development of a clean air route to school in partnership with schools governors and parents, which will be broadcast through school newsletters and conversations with the parents as they wait to collect their children. We will work to influence parents to adopt sustainable travel options, to avoid driving their children to school if they can, or if they do have to drive, to make sure they do not idle	£ 27,233	The bid as amended - i.e. funding the costs of an additional post working in Future Merton Commissioning to help raise awareness of sustainable modes of travel in support of anti-idling measures to combat poor air quality through pupil engagement in the STARS schools accreditation scheme to deliver a key recommendation of the Road Safety Task Group - would inspire young Merton school pupils to travel to school sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing walking, scooting and cycling. This proposal would accord with bid selection criteria, in particular: • Supporting the demands of new development by combatting poor air quality around schools • Helping to keep neighbourhoods clean and tidy – tidy streets are more attractive to prospective residents/users of new development • Meets various community plan priorities including a healthy and fulfilling life • Addresses neighbourhood priorities supporting community facilities	27,233.00	Approve in a different form to pick up the costs (or part thereof) of another post working in Future Merton on Road Safety, as per the Road Safety Taskgroup, to deliver the outcomes promoted by this bid. The bid amount could fund someone working 3-4 days per week for a year (depending on grade).
TB3	Sustainable Merton (Diana Sterck)	Community Champions No cost breakdown provided. This is a borough wide initiative involving 50 Community Champions and 100 Street Champions, all working as volunteers to make Merton cleaner, neater and tidier. At least 2500 residents will be educated and informed and actively using the Council's waste collection system in the proper way to support increased targets for recycling and use of food waste system. The funding supports Sustainable Merton to take forward work, using our Community Champion model and the Council's Street Champion model, in the area of waste and environmental improvement. Specifically we will: Continue to use the theme of waste, recycling and food waste collections at the Environment Sub Group (reports to the Merton Partnership's Sustainable Communities and Active Transport Group, as well as introducing the theme of the circular economy, re-use strategies and air quality to raise awareness, share information and extend communication channels through the partnership groups and others who attend these meetings. Train Community Champions (Sustainable Merton volunteers) and Street Champions (LB Merton volunteers) to: (i) increase their knowledge of waste to support residents to correctly use the waste collection system in order to minimise contamination and meet the Council's targets for recycling, food waste and reduction in landfill (ii) be the eyes and ears of local communities by collecting light litter and reporting graffiti to make Merton's streets cleaner and tidier (iii) become waste coordinators in block of flats, housing estates and/or localities to support residents in using the waste collection system correctly and to increase the take-up of food waste collections Encourage and inform Community Champions (Sustainable Merton volunteers) and Street Champions (LB Merton volunteers) to adopt local trees to water them if required and to plant bedding plants around the trees to make Merton's streets more attractive	£ 30,000	This will help new residents and businesses understand what it means to be sustainable in Merton This proposal would accord with bid selection criteria, in particular: • Supporting the waste demands of new development • Helping to keep neighbourhoods clean and tidy – tidy streets are more attractive to prospective residents/users of new development • Meets various community plan priorities and will focus on areas of most need helping to bridge the gap • Addresses neighbourhood priorities including maintaining the street scene and supporting community facilities and recycling	30,000.00	Approve subject to the condition that the bidder works with Neighbourhood Client Officers in the council's Waste Services to deliver one programme.

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TS7	Sustainable Merton (Diana Sterck)	The Library of Things No breakdown of costs provided. This is an initiative developed by Upper Norwood Library with the aim of making borrowing better than buying. The initiative has been running for 2 years and the Library of Things is now looking to expand their offer in London working in partnership with 10 local leaders and host sites by 2021. This proposal is being submitted by Sustainable Merton who would be the local leader, working with LB Merton who would host the Library of Things in Morden library. The local leader is defined as a group of well networked people with large local networks who can galvanise volunteers to get involved as well as the community to take up the offer. The host space is defined as somewhere that has at least 10m x 1.5m space along a wall and is able to provide the space at low or no rent for at least 2 years. Over the 2 years the initiative has been tried and tested and works as follows: Users join for £1 Users can borrow items, reserving them via the web app and can collect the items at their nearest library kiosk. The cost of rental ranges from £1 to £25 per day, with discounts available to those less able to pay. Currently the breakdown of users is 40% young families, 35% young people, 20% low income and 5% community groups. The pay per use pricing is set at less than 10% of the recommended retail price. A sewing machine or a circular saw would cost £7 a day as an example. There are 70 high quality Things to borrow, with an average borrowing price of £10. To take the initiative forward in Merton, the Library of Things operates the fully insured Thing borrowing service and takes on the majority of the risk and responsibility in the first 2 years	£ 37,320	This proposal builds on the proposition of why buy when you can borrow? It supports the development of a circular economy in Merton, recognising that, in many new housing developments, people just don't have the space to store items that might only be purchased for occasional or single use. This proposal would accord with bid selection criteria, in particular: • Supporting the waste demands of new development • Helping to keep neighbourhoods clean and tidy – tidy streets are more attractive to prospective residents/users of new development • Meets various community plan priorities including contributing to your community • Addresses neighbourhood priorities including maintaining the street scene and supporting community facilities	37,320.00	Approve.
TS9	Sustainable Merton (Diana Sterck)	Community Fridge The bid amount is to cover the costs for research/information gathering and generating a report. This proposal sets out a clear and practical mechanism for businesses, organisations and individuals to come together to distribute food that would otherwise go to waste, and to set up a Community Fridge. At present, in Merton there are too many people experiencing food poverty and too much good food being thrown away needlessly. We hope this proposal will go a long way to solving both problems. This proposal has two strands: (i) To connect producers and distributors of good quality food to those in need - thereby making best use of our food, reducing food waste and helping residents out of food poverty. In taking forward the Food Poverty Action Plan it has come to light that the network of giving and receiving is random and it is impossible to know whether best use is being made of surplus food. We therefore propose to undertake a mapping project to find out which businesses (supermarkets, local food producers, local food logistics and distributors and catering companies) are donating food, what they are donating, when and to who. We will also assess the appetite to get involved if they aren't already and what they could donate and how often. We anticipate the mapping will be done using questionnaires and either telephone or face to face meetings. The results of the food mapping survey will be a report that sets out the current situation, identifies new opportunities, addresses gaps and puts a system in place (a register) that matches "givers" to "receivers". The report would be shared with LB Merton Public Health and widely distributed to those involved in the current Food Poverty Operational Group, as well as through Sustainable Merton's website, e news and social media channels. Sustainable Merton will undertake the mapping with businesses using our links with Merton Chamber of Commerce and Business Improvement Districts, and with intermediaries such as MVSC, Faith in Action, Wimbledon Foodbank and lunch clubs to review the beneficiaries.	£ 21,000	The outcome is a report not delivery of tangible public benefits that meet the priorities.	-	Refuse.
TS6	Merton Chamber of Commerce (Diana Sterck)	1 year pilot for South London Partnerships - Enterprise Hub Financing: - Setting up of pop up kiosk (moving around borough across the year - set up at third party sites), branded items and technology £2000 - Promotional activity – website landing pages, links to other websites, in community forums, social media etc., regular communications – e news, social media forums £3000 - Project management, business information and advice, organisation of young people events and mentoring, reporting of findings through business reviews and discussions with businesses, links to available premises, travel and venue costs £20800 this proposal is about establishing an Enterprise Hub that will inform the Council and the Chamber of Commerce of the requirements of home based businesses as they look to move into established business premises and to inform and empower these business to take the next step in their development. The overall aim is to achieve a thriving business base, thereby creating a stronger local economy with more workers and consumers in our town centres. The proposal also forms a test bed approach for the work being undertaken by the South London Partnership on managed workspace, addressing the potential of setting up a hub and spoke approach in the 5 London boroughs it represents. MORE DETAIL IN FOLDER	£ 25,800	This is a 1 year pilot for an idea (for South London Partnerships) so deliverability of promoted benefits is yet to be established. No statement/demonstration of funding/revenue generation. Relies on third party sites for mobile kiosk, with no evidence of agreements with/expressions of interests from third parties to deliver.	-	Refuse
SK 4	Chris Mountford - on behalf of Friends of Cannizaro Park	Cannizaro Park - improvements to entrance & footway Cannizaro Park has an area called the Italian Garden and this is used by many hundreds of families a year for picnics. It is also a popular area for weddings as the whole area is enclosed by walls and can be secured. There are also arts programmes held in the area. The project would be the creation of improvements to enable the public better access through a new entrance for people with disabilities and a dedicated hard surface for a new "temple" like area for the exchange of vows and to improve the visual improvement to the area. The overall costs are estimated at approx. £53,000	£ 52,000	Not appropriate for NCIL at the moment, questions over whether this is prudent use Council funding and weakness in terms of meeting a variety of other priorities. Major question about commercial benefit vs local community benefit	-	Refuse.
TS8	Merton Library & Heritage Service	Improving Merton Heritage Centre Staffing: £75000 Training: £5000 Interactive displays: £29500 Conservation: £6000 Outreach/events: £19500 Printing: £10000 Promotion: £8000 Evaluation: £1000 Contingency: £5000 Total £159000 our project will use Merton's past to inform its future; engaging the community with 100 years of local history and improving Merton Heritage Centre to make collections more representative of Merton's diverse population. Visible storage and interactive displays will increase access to heritage resources, showing how communities have been changed by world war, immigration, housing, transport and industrial developments. Intergenerational teams drawn from Merton residents, schools, community groups and businesses will research the history of different localities. This material will form exhibitions, webpages, school packs, guided walks and high street displays to raise the heritage profile and encourage pride in each area, fostering closer links between new and existing communities.	£ 159,000	Provides cultural community facility so would meet some criteria. However, this is not best use of council resources and there's not enough certainty about whether promoted benefits will be delivered/sustained. The ongoing maintenance and management of the new facility is not secured and on this basis the proposed investment cannot be taken forward.	-	Refuse.
SK 10	Sustainable Merton Tim Sargeant, Clarion	Clarion plant nursery for their estates green infrastructure: - Supply and delivery of 50 additional specimen trees including planting boxes, soil and growing agent = £25,000 - Management and maintenance of the additional trees including all site preparation, tools, materials and supplies including water = £15,000 In autumn 2018 Sustainable Merton and Clarion Housing piloted an innovative tree planting project in Merton to support the sustainable regeneration of Merton's housing in the High Path (Abbey Ward) Ravensbury (Ravensbury Ward) and Eastfields (Figges Marsh Ward) neighbourhoods. Hundreds of whips have been planted by volunteers (including Abbey Primary School) in a Merton public park. These whips will form a permanent hedge around the planting area, which by its nature will provide a haven for insect's, birds and contribute to removing carbon from the air, while enhancing the visual effect for the users of the park. We have also containerised planted a first tranche of specimen trees that will be transplanted as larger specimens as part of the second phase of development in the High Path neighbourhood. The hedge and specimen trees are cared for by Sustainable Merton who oversee the health of the hedge and trees until they are ready to be transplanted to South Wimbledon's regenerated High Path estate in future years. Sustainable Merton and Clarion would now like to extend the pilot scheme to bring some disused leisure land back into use as a tree nursery to provide specimen and street trees for further phases of the regeneration programme. We have planted a number of specimen trees that will be transplanted as large specimens into the second phase of development in the High Path neighbourhood. Trees are being grown on spare land within the Morden recreation ground site (StHelier ward). Our aim is now to extend the successful pilot project to provide a semi mature landscape in further phases of the Merton Regeneration on the High Path (Abbey Ward) Ravensbury (Ravensbury Ward) and Eastfields (Figges Marsh Ward) neighbourhoods. Hundreds of saplings have been planted by volunteers (including Abbey Primary School) in a Merton public park. They form a new native species hedge to reflect the historical field he <END OF RESPONSE>	£ 40,000	CIL should not be used to offset developers' direct obligations under planning permissions to provide and sustain onsite landscape including green infrastructure in a sustainable way.	-	Refuse
TC 2	Raynes Park Little League	Raynes Park Little League Replenish Football Kits: We are looking at the neighbourhood fund in order to replenish the kits across all age groups given our now limited funds. The average price for a full kit is: £20 including the RPLL crest - total cost for kit replenishment would be in the region of £6000. The League, which sits in the idyllic setting of Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Ground, has been running since its inception in 1968. We are situated off of Motspur Park High Street, at the end of Marina Avenue, Raynes Park Little League has evolved and developed into one of the most popular and successfully run little leagues around. The League comprises of 3 different age divisions: The Bantams, The Juniors and The Seniors. The Bantams have 10 teams and play 7 aside, The Juniors have 12 teams and play 8 aside while the Seniors have 6 teams and play a full 11 sided match. The Bantams: Years 3 & 4 (100+ Boys & Girls) The Juniors: Years 5 & 6 (120+ Boys & Girls) The Seniors: Years 7 & 8 (100+ Boys & Girls) Total: 320+ kids Matches take place every Saturday from 9.30am to 12.00pm on 6 pitches across the playing fields. The league is a voluntary organisation run on the dedication and graft of many hard working people. Each Saturday between the months of September to May, they give up their mornings to help provide a safe and enjoyable environment for children to play their football: This is at the fore of every volunteer's wishes and is quintessentially what Little League Football should be about. We have been providing this on a voluntary fee basis up till 2018 where any money taken has gone into the purchasing of kits, trophies, insurance and training equipment etc., since the management of the parks has now been handed over to a contractor we as RPLL now have to charge a compulsory fee to cover pitch fees accordingly.	£ 6,000	Small bid (below £20k guideline) and would require project admin for grant agreement etc. Seems to be only very short term gain - only 1 year with top up required (not part of bid) every year but no information to support bid about long term longevity or case put forward to evidence funding streams. When cast against other bids with a broader benefit (vs. providing access to a little league football club in Raynes Park) even in the specific communities that they serve this bid may be considered of a lower priority.	-	Refuse.

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TC 3	St Andrew's Church Wimbledon	St Andrew's Church landscaping & Community "remote working/rest" Space No information on how much of the funding will be spent on each element. Overview This application seeks funding to develop a community space including a co-working and rest place in St Andrew's Church, Herbert Road, SW19 3SH. St Andrew's Church has been a presence in the local community since 1908. In its recent history the late Rev. Dr Andrew Wakefield served the church and community for over 20 years and was a prominent member of the community and led the re-fresh of the Merton Neighbourhood and Community Plan. He was awarded the freedom on Wimbledon following his death in 2016. In 2018 Rev Charles Lamont took up post at St Andrew's and has been working to turn the building into a space that can be used widely by the community for a range of events. Part of St Andrew's vision is to engage the local community, among other initiatives one way is through establishing a community co-working and rest place in the church. We believe this contributes towards Merton's Community Plan; 'A place to work' and 'having a healthy working and fulfilling life' With 50% of workers projected to work from home by 2020 (ONS) Wimbledon becomes 'A place to work' from residential addresses, not just the office. St Andrew's wants to offer a space for remote workers, start-ups and entrepreneurs to get a change of scene, work in small groups, be encouraged and motivated by working alongside others and find a quiet space to put their minds to work. A space in the centre of Wimbledon town for home workers to work, connect & allow them to bring their work to Wimbledon. In addition to supporting Merton as 'a place to work' this initiative could contribute to reducing the impact on transport in the area, by creating an option to remain within Wimbledon to work remotely. St Andrew's also envisage developing the church space as a place of peace and tranquility in the centre of a busy town. This could be used, for example, by visitors wanting a space for reflection or workers wanting time out during a busy day or just a peaceful place for a lu <END OF RESPONSE>	£ 85,000	Benefit is too specific/localised, it is unlikely to attract other faiths and it is not located in a prominent location, rather tucked away in a residential street a long walk from the Town Centre. A significant proportion of the bid is for landscape improvements to the Church forecourt, and there's a lack of detail on how the funding for the community space would be spent.	-	Refuse.
TC 5	Wimbledon Bookfest	Wimbledon BookFest - new accommodation of admin function plus funding Events programme Nov 2019-Nov 2021 New accommodation Wimbledon Library (conversion of 1st floor store) = £30,082.21. Events programme £33,800: - Author & spoken events = £5.4k - BookFest Merton Read (2020 and 21) = £10k - Writing workshop = £4k - Staffing 3-4 days/month = £14.4k Project Vision: Conversion of Wimbledon Library storeroom into BookFest offices that can accommodate administrative and box office sales staff, and delivery of a 2 year programme of related free/low cost literacy based events for the community. Merton's award-winning arts festival, Wimbledon BookFest, seeks a permanent office to run the administrative office and box office service and further expand its cultural offering by developing the partnership with Wimbledon Library. The application also asks for funding to host a rolling programme of literacy based events for the community. These events would be hosted at Wimbledon Library, already developing itself as an artistic hub, bringing together a demographically diverse borough with an innovative new arts programme. Office Facility Conversion of Wimbledon Library Storeroom Into Offices. This will accommodate admin and box office sales staff for Wimbledon BookFest and create a further office for alternative use. To house the admin programming and box office function of the organisation. To date this has been in a sponsor's office, but this is no longer suitable for the Festival operation. Sales have previously been facilitated through Polka Theatre box office which is now closed for redevelopment, hence the need for services to be brought and delivered in-house. The project building proposal delivers 2 offices - one for the Festival and another for a business or community arts organisation to be leased by Merton Libraries. Costs are to deliver the project to convert store room into office space. A feasibility and cost appraisal has been carried out by Merton Facilities Management team for the conversion of the space and they delivered three options. The preferred option is a two office space that has a budget of £30,082.21. (attached) Artistic Programme of Events The location of these new offices would also enable a seamless programme of activities in the library premises and <END OF RESPONSE>	£ 63,882	The funding is considered to be sort to sustain/enhance Bookfest's appeal to existing easy to reach readers/residents. The bid has not demonstrated that it would be best use of Council funding. Bookfest has a large sponsorship/funding base, but the bid has not demonstrated that this has been exhausted for the purposes of supporting the bid. Lack of outreach to support Community Plan priorities including bridging the gap. If the proposal could be amended so that it includes a commitment to Bridging the Gap and community outreach it could be reconsidered for a Neighbourhood Fund grant as part of a future bidding round.	-	Refuse
SK 2	Vincent Leonard - resident of Thurlleston Ave	Morden Park Entrance Improvements The project I am submitting for consideration for the neighbourhood fund is to improve the entrance to Morden Park where Bow Lane, Lower Morden Lane and Hillcross Avenue leads into the park. The lane leading to the park presently is picturesque, but you would not know it was there and once you reach the park it is a soggy meeting with huge steel fence hiding the stream. This work would coincide with the new cycle and pedestrian path being build that leads all the way up to the new Leisure Centre. The work can be broken down into priorities; 1. Actual entrance to the park, preferably an arch with decorative signage. This would be where the concrete path meets the grass/mud/soil 2. Either cover the ugly uninviting fence surrounding the stream with foliage or replace with more a more attractive barrier to the drop off to the stream tunnel. This solution could use the stream as an inviting attraction and not made to look like an electrical sub station. 3. Concrete up to the entrance to the park from the new cycleway 4. Improve the dilapidated entrance to Bow Lane from Hillcross Avenue. There is no obvious signage from the lane that the park is there, the barriers are ugly and the walls crumbling. New signage, repair wall and replace barriers 5. Improve signage to Bow Lane from the Lower Morden Road end, not obvious park is at the end of the path. In terms of costs, this has not been quoted for so indicative prices follow; 1. Archway entrance - £3000 2. Foliage to hide fence for stream - £500 3. Replace fence with better solution £10,000 4. Run cycle path up to entrance - n/a 5. Improve Hillcross entrance inc signage - £3000 6. Improve Lower Morden entrance - £500	£ 15,000	Not currently deliverable. Scheme not worked up or costed, feasibility not investigated and no evidence of support confirmed from the Council's Green Spaces Team or Ward Councillors.	-	Refuse
SK 3	Tracy Fowler - resident of Hawkes Rd	Bond Road School - Fence Painting I would like to see the fences painted at the back of Bond road school London rd Mitcham. To make the traffic aware that there is a school there. Preferably in a bright colour.	£ 3,000	This is just an idea for a very local/small scheme insufficiently formed for appraisal for the purposes of awarding funding and without any evidence in support of the purported benefits of the proposal or support from the school.	-	Refuse
TC 7	London Borough of Merton - Future Merton Economy	The Merton Plant-it Project The expenditure will occur prior to the 1st session- which will be for the purchase of all horticulture and equipment, totalling £11,319 The Merton Plant-it Project is a volunteer programme which proposes to transform and revitalise locations that are in close proximity to the Wimbledon Stadium development - from their varying tired, shabby or uninspiring states into beautiful, rejuvenated areas of greenery. This would be achieved the planting of 30,000 bulbs - of various low maintenance flowers - that will upgrade and brighten the area with colour and, at the same time, enhance biodiversity. Merton Plant-it is proposed to take place over approx. four to six Saturdays or Sundays, with the focus on x2 main sites as well as x3 smaller sites, as detailed below. Site 1 is the walkway along the Wandle River, from the access point near Trewint St, leading towards Wimbledon Stadium. Along the pathway there are specific points to manure and bulb pockets / strips of land and also the fitting of a bench and an information board. The idea is to create a bucolic walkway and to further enhance the route for those who live and work around the area - as well as for the anticipated increase of visitors, in the future, who'll use the path to make their way to and from Earsfield Station to Wimbledon Stadium on match days. Site 2 is the pocket garden on the corner of Durnsford Road, Gap Road and Plough Lane; this site already has some funding for restorative works, therefore, it is proposed that Merton Plant-it will complement these works by creating a mini wildflower / urban meadow, to provide an attractive display of bloom and to enrich the ecosystem within the garden. The proposal for Sites 3-5 comprise of similar requirements - which is to revitalise lacklustre grass bank verges into mini wildflower meadows, providing a striking bloom in and around the area of Haydon's Road Station, namely A) Regents Place B) corner of Haydon's / Kohat Road and C) corner of Haydon's Road and Queens Road. The equipment and costings required for the project is: • x30,000 bulbs (alliums, crocosmia, crown imper	£ 11,319	Project doesn't have the support of the delivery authority, so is undeliverable.	-	Refuse.
SK 7	Keith Atkins - Merton Park Bowling Club	Merton Park Bowling Club - Facilities Improvements. No breakdown of costs provided. The History Merton Park Bowling Club (MPBC) was established in 1926 within the confines of the John Innes Park to provide lawn bowling facilities to the local community. Throughout its history the club has strived to offer the local community the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of the sport within a friendly and welcoming environment. The club offers weekly "turn up and play" coaching sessions as an introduction to the sport to local Merton residents, as well as hosting competitions for local Primary Schools to foster interest in the sport of lawn bowling and to enhance community spirit. The club ground enjoys a wide reputation among other bowling clubs as being one of the most picturesque in the South of England and has hosted Association finals, Surrey County Bowling Association quarter finals and anniversary matches for both County and London Parks, a privilege that the club is keen to continue to promote. The surrounding flower borders of the bowling rink are maintained on a voluntary basis by its members, providing further opportunity for outdoor activity and for the club to take responsibility for its neighbourhood and environment. The Proposal The current facilities within the ground are outdated and very basic and limit the clubs ability to fully realise the potential for increasing its involvement in local community activities. The Committee and Members of MPBC are therefore seeking to improve and extend the facilities within the clubhouse buildings in order that the Club can increase the usage of the buildings throughout the year, extend its membership and its profile within the Community. Currently the site has two buildings - one housing male and female changing rooms, very basic kitchen facilities and a club room, the second building houses male and female toilets. The buildings are of basic timber frame construction and have no heating facility.	£ 102,000	Too local/private and too specific a market. Unclear revenue potential in terms of whether Council funding is necessary or would deliverable a sustainable public benefit.	-	Refuse

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