

CIL SPENDING POLICY

This policy sets out the approach that the Parish Council will take when considering how best to spend its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts.

WHAT IS CIL?

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was introduced by the Government under the CIL Regulations 2010. It is a charge that local authorities can set on new development in the district to help fund the infrastructure, facilities and services such as education, transport, flood defences, green infrastructure and healthcare, which are needed to support new homes and businesses in the area.

As part of the legislation, Burton Green Parish Council receives 25%¹ of all CIL receipts arising from new development located in the Parish, transferred to the Council by Warwick District Council in April and September of each year. The Council is accountable for the way its CIL funds are spent; details of the Council's CIL spending must be reported annually to Warwick District Council and published on the Council's website.

The Council is required to spend its CIL funds within 5 years of receipt; if the CIL funds are not spent within five years of receipt or are not spent in accordance with the legislation then the regulations give Warwick District Council the power to recover those funds.

WHAT CAN CIL BE SPENT ON?

It is up to the Parish Council to determine how its CIL receipts are spent, but it must meet the following criteria as set out by the CIL regulations²:

- The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

'Infrastructure' is broadly defined in the [Parish and Country Planning Act 2008](#). There are three main categories of infrastructure:

- **physical infrastructure** - highways, transport links, cycleways, energy supply, water, flood alleviation, waste management
- **social infrastructure** - education, health, social care, emergency services, art and culture, sports halls, community halls
- **green infrastructure** - parks, woodlands, play areas, public open space

¹ BGPC's Neighbourhood Development Plan was adopted in March 2022

² <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/948/regulation/59C>

CIL funds cannot be used as a replacement for everyday Town/Parish Council expenditure, but it can be used towards administrative costs for a CIL project (up to 5% of the total project spend).

The Council will identify projects on which to use CIL funds in accordance with the Burton Green Neighbourhood Development Plan, community feedback and an understanding of local needs. When deciding a CIL project, consideration will be given to the community benefit, the costs involved, deliverability and environmental benefits of potential CIL projects. Once a project has been approved by the Council, the required amount of CIL funds will be ringfenced. Details of the approved projects will be published in the BGPC Projects Plan.

COMMUNITY APPLICATIONS FOR CIL FUNDING AWARDS

For unallocated CIL funds, the Council will consider applications from local Community organisations/groups for CIL contributions towards their projects. The Council will award funding on the basis of its current priorities and available funds.

Successful projects must:

1. Meet the terms of the CIL Regulations (2010)
2. Reflect the priorities of the Council and the Burton Green Neighbourhood Development Plan.
3. Have proven community backing
4. Support, or mitigate the impact of development in an area
5. Be a one-off project (or identify and agree longer-term revenue implications)
6. Benefit the broadest section of the community
7. Provide value for money

Community groups can apply to the Council for consideration of CIL funding at any time although applications will only be considered if the council has sufficient funds available. *Contact the Clerk for an application form for CIL funding.*

The Council cannot accept applications from individuals and will only grant awards to Community organisations which have a formal legal structure and a bank account held in the name of the organisations.

Community groups should be aware that funds will be accessible only once and will not be awarded for ongoing running costs. Communities are encouraged to seek additional forms of funding to match the amount.

All applications will be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee on merit and in accordance with the requirements of the CIL regulations after which the Finance & GP Committee will make a recommendation to the Full Council.

This policy will be reviewed every two years or sooner if appropriate.



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