

The CIL community capital grant strategy

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge that local authorities can set on new development in order to raise funds to help fund the infrastructure, facilities and services - such as schools or transport improvements - which are needed to support new homes and businesses in the areas.

Aldenham Parish Council would like to introduce the CIL community capital grant scheme for local projects looking for support between £1,000 and £20,000. Applications to be welcomed for capital spending, but core organisational costs such as salaries, rent or utilities will not be eligible.

APC must look at its own projects requirements first and then decide how the CIL funds will be allocated. This will be reviewed twice a year following a receipt of CIL funds from the Hertsmere Borough Council (currently April and October).

CRITERIA:

Grants will normally be given only for schemes that meet the following criteria:

- **projects and schemes must serve the area within the civil boundary of Aldenham**
- **projects and schemes that show a clear benefit to parish residents and businesses**
- **The application should estimate the number of individuals whom will benefit from an allocation.**
- **The funding isn't available for a project that has already been completed.**
- **The funding is for applications between £1,000 and a maximum of £20,000.**
- **The project must be achievable within the funding timescales, but no longer than 5 years.**
- **Does not require on-going revenue funding from the Aldenham Parish Council and has sound business planning in place if there is ongoing revenue requirement such as maintenance.**
- **A Project must be run by a local voluntary organisation, community group, social enterprise - not individuals or businesses**
- **The project has long-term impact. Applications for capital spending will be considered, but core organisational costs such as salaries, rent or utilities will not be eligible.**
- **If match funding is available from other sources this should be detailed.**

Grant applications from organisations will only be considered when accompanied by at least one of the following:

1. Audited accounts; or

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2. Accounts that have been subjected to independent inspection as required by the Charities Act or, where the organisation is newly formed, a case for funding including supporting evidence of fund raising efforts.
3. Project business plan

Below are some examples of expenditure, explaining whether or not they might qualify as capital spend:

Type of Expenditure	Is it Capital Expenditure?	Reason
Construction of New Building	yes	Creation of an asset, which will provide benefit for more than one accounting period.
Replacement roof	yes	A major structural repair, which will have the effect of extending the useful life of the building as well as increasing the economic benefits offered by it - e.g. improved energy efficiency.
Replacing a few roof tiles or a section of a flat roof	no	Repairs only maintain the asset; they do not increase the life of the building.
New plant and mechanical equipment	yes	Creation of an asset, which will provide benefit for a period of more than one accounting period.
Signage for directions to a new pavilion	yes	Can be considered for capitalisation as part of the overall project costs of the new pavilion, which results in the creation of an asset that will provide benefit for more than one accounting period.