

Area Board Project/Councillor Initiative

1. What is the project?

Queensway Play area has recently received new adventure equipment from Wiltshire Council's Play Builders fund. However, this fund does not provide fencing for the play areas.

The play area previously had dog-proof fencing which allowed the children to play safely and securely. This fencing has now been lost in the new project.

The Community has come forward to their local member, Councillor Davis and asked that this fencing be restored.

2. Where is the project taking place?

Queensway Play Area

3. When will the project take place?

As soon as possible

4. Please outline:

- **Community benefits**
- **Evidence of need**
- **Links to Community Plan**
- **Community Issue**

The Community has approached their local councillor about the lack of fencing in the new play area. The community would like to see the fencing restored so that children can play safely and securely. This will encourage all young children to make use of the play equipment. There is evidence of need as previously children have been protected from stray dogs by the fencing. The project is linked to the Community Plan under Culture and Leisure and Children and Young People.

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5. What is the desired outcome/s of this project?

All children including very young children can play safely and securely.
Children have somewhere safe and secure to go.
Families feel able to let their children play in this area.

6. Who will Project Manage this project?

Wiltshire Council's Play and Open Space Manager will oversee the restoration of the fencing.
At the moment, there are no community groups in the area. There is no Tenants or Residents Association. It is hoped that this project might encourage the community to set up such a group so that in the future the area will be able to apply for funding under the Community Grant Scheme and manage their own projects.

7. Please confirm costs and provide quotes

- Total project costs up to and including £5,000 - 1 quote
- Total project costs over £5,000 - 3 quotes

It is estimated that £7,000 should cover the project. Three quotes will be presented to the Area Board at the meeting.

8. Additional information in support of the project

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This project is in line with the criteria attached to Area Board grants led by Members (see criteria attached).

Appendix I: Main Considerations for Area Board Projects

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1. The Area Board may wish to agree to limit the amount of money used for Area Board projects in order to retain a viable grants pot. This might be a set sum or a percentage of the whole budget.

As stated in the Cabinet report/approved in 2010:

In considering requests the Area Board will need to bear in mind the impact this will have on the amount of funding available to support applications from local community groups and organisations.

2. The Cabinet Report stated that any project initiated by a Councillor outside of the Community Grants system must have the approval of the Area Board and should clearly set out one or more of the following:
 - *Evidence of community need*
 - *Clear links to the community plan*
 - *Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System*
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3. The Council is committed to operating transparently so it is suggested that Councillors should provide basic information including:
 - What is the initiative?
 - Where will it take place?
 - When will it take place?
 - What are the community benefits/evidence of need/links to the community plan/logged issue etc?
 - Who will project manage the initiative?
 - Costs/quotes -Total cost up to £5,000 one quote 5k-25k provide 3 quotes

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4. Applications should be shared with the CAM, meeting the same deadline dates as Community Area Grants (if at all possible). This will enable the CAM to check that all the information is provided necessary to make an informed decision at the area board meeting.
5. Councillors are requested to use the special application form for Area Board Projects as this will guide them to collect all the necessary information to enable their area board to make a decision. The application form will form part of the area board agenda.