

**Report for:** Cabinet - 10 March 2026

**Item Number:** 18

**Title:** Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Spending Round 2

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**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Report for Key/  
Non-Key Decision:** Key decision

**1. Describe the issue under consideration.**

- 1.1. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge based on the floorspace of new buildings to help fund infrastructure needs arising from new developments. Haringey's CIL has been in effect since 2014.
- 1.2. Legislation allows 15% of CIL collected to be spent on infrastructure or 'anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area', and this is called Neighbourhood CIL (NCIL). In places with an adopted Neighbourhood Plan, this increases to 25% of CIL collected in that area.
- 1.3. In March 2020 the Council approved the spending of £2,249,265 on 41 'Round 1' NCIL projects. Most of these have now been delivered and have made a major contribution to new and improved local infrastructure in Haringey. Approval is now sought to spend £1.73m on 22 'Round 2' NCIL projects. The selection of proposed projects is informed by responses to a Round 2 consultation on NCIL spend and accord with the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) (the "Regulations") and the criteria in the Council's CIL Governance document for prioritising infrastructure projects to be funded by CIL.

**2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

- 2.1. The CIL is a charge on developers based on the floorspace of new buildings to help fund infrastructure needs arising from new development. Legislation allows 15% to 25% of CIL collected to be spent in neighbourhoods on infrastructure which addresses the demands that development places on an area. This is called Neighbourhood CIL (NCIL).
- 2.2. In 2020 the Council approved the spending of £2.2m on 41 'Round 1' NCIL projects. Most of these have now been delivered and have made a major

contribution to new and improved local infrastructure in Haringey including to the delivery of:

- Rising Green Youth Hub in Wood Green
- Investments in Springfield Park, Bruce Castle Park, Hartington Park, Woodside Parks and the tennis courts in Downhills Park
- A new pedestrian crossing by the junction of The Roundway and Lordship Lane
- 13 bike hangars as part of a much wider programme of installing on-street bike hangars on residential streets in Haringey with over 200 bike hangars delivered so far to meet the demand for secure residential cycle parking
- 13 re-deployable CCTV cameras to help capture and deter crimes such as fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour with cameras located in areas where these types of crimes are known to regularly happen
- 14 on-street waste containment schemes to keep busy streets kept clean of rubbish

2.3. The report sets out recommendations for the spending of a further £1.73m of NCIL on 'Round 2' NCIL projects. The projects will deliver local improvements that help ensure neighbourhoods feel some of the benefits of new development in their area.

2.4. The overwhelming feedback from local residents was to see more investment in trees, parks, green spaces and public realm. The chosen projects are informed by recent community consultation on the spend of NCIL and a key example of our commitment to the Haringey Deal in terms of involving residents making decisions about their neighbourhoods. The chosen projects include projects specifically suggested by residents and community groups, alongside projects that support suggested community priorities for neighbourhood investment. These priorities are:

- Tree planting and green spaces
- Street and kerbside improvements
- Play spaces and facilities
- Community safety measures
- Cultural facilities
- Cycling facilities
- Traffic calming measures
- School grounds and buildings

2.5. Based on these community priorities, the following projects are being funded in Round 2.

**Tree planting and green spaces:**

- Tree planting and environmental improvements in St Ann's
- Parklet in Pembury Road area
- Tottenham Green Streets tree planting
- Brunswick Park enhancement
- Greening in Highgate
- Crouch End Open Space improvements

- Belmont recreation ground sustainable urban drainage

**Street and kerbside improvements:**

- Parklet in Pembury Road area
- Queen’s Wood footpath improvements
- Parkland Walk footpath improvements between Stapleton Hall Road and Finsbury Park entrance
- Reconstruction of Park View Road footway
- White Hart Lane benches
- Crouch End town centre and urban realm improvements

**Play spaces and facilities:**

- Alexandra Park play improvements
- Finsbury Gardens playground improvements
- Tower Gardens play area
- Broadwater Farm Manston and Lympe Play Improvements
- Bruce Castle MUGA (all-weather sports pitch)

**Community safety measures:**

- Wood Green lighting improvements

**Cultural facilities:**

- Green Lanes festival as part of London Borough of Culture
- London Borough of Culture ward murals

**3. Recommendations**

3.1 That Cabinet:

- 1) Consider all the responses received regarding the consultation on spending the Round 2 Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy set out in Appendix A to this report.
- 2) Approves spending Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy on Round 2 projects as set out in Table 3 of this report.

**4. Reasons for decision**

- 4.1. The collection and spending of CIL including NCIL is governed by the Planning Act 2008 and the Regulations. The Government provides further guidance on CIL and NCIL in the form of Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).
- 4.2. The Regulations enable the Council to set aside 15% of CIL receipts (25% in areas with an adopted Neighbourhood Plan) to support the development of the relevant area by funding— (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. This portion of CIL is known as NCIL.

- 4.3. The Council's adopted approach for the spending of NCIL set out in its CIL Governance document (2020). This provides that NCIL is to be spent on neighbourhood projects and that the Council will pool the neighbourhood proportion of CIL receipts raised from across the borough (except in Neighbourhood Forum Areas). It further provides that for NCIL purposes the borough will be divided up into 9 areas, that consultation within each NCIL area will be undertaken, and that the Council will then determine how neighbourhood CIL receipts raised are spent against the list of projects compiled for each area having regard to the consultation responses.
- 4.4. The Council undertook a consultation in December 2025 and January 2026 to identify the NCIL spending priorities of the 9 NCIL areas. Consultation feedback and suggested projects have been reviewed and a proposed package of locally supported projects are proposed for delivery, consistent with the Haringey Deal and subject to spending approval. These are compatible with the Regulations and the CIL Governance document criteria, align with the Haringey Vision 2035 and have been agreed with relevant service delivery areas within the Council.
- 4.5. The Governance process for identifying projects to be delivered in Neighbourhood Forum Areas is slightly different. Projects within the borough's two Forum Areas have been informed by consultation with the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum and Crouch End Neighbourhood Forum, and having regard to the other considerations listed above.

## **5. Alternative options considered.**

- 5.1. Do not spend NCIL consistent with community priorities: The option of not spending NCIL in line with community priorities has been dismissed. The Council adopted in its CIL Governance to identify NCIL spending priorities in consultation with local communities and implement the same. The Round 2 Consultation yielded over 2,700 responses and provided a range of appropriate project types and priorities for potential NCIL spend.
- 5.2. Delay allocation of NCIL: The option of delaying the spend of NCIL income on Round 2 NCIL projects has been dismissed. Most projects funded as part of NCIL Round 1 have now been delivered and further funding is available to invest in new and improved infrastructure in Haringey.

## **6. Background information**

### *CIL*

- 6.1. The CIL is a charge on developers based on the floorspace of new buildings to help fund infrastructure needs arising from new development. Receipts from CIL differ from other local contributions for development (i.e. Section 106 planning obligations) in that these are not site specific and can be used to support wider community infrastructure needs. The charging authority sets its own levy rates in a Charging Schedule.

6.2. On 21 July 2014 the Council approved the first Haringey CIL Charging Schedule (HCIL1). HCIL1 took effect on 1 November 2014. On 14 March 2022 and following a CIL Partial Review, the Council approved the Haringey Revised CIL Charging Schedule (HCIL2) which included increased CIL rates chargeable to developers. This took effect on 1 September 2022 and on the same date HCIL1 ceased to have effect.

#### *NCIL*

6.3 The Regulations provide that up to 15% of CIL collected in an area can be spent in the area on infrastructure projects or 'anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.' This is known as NCIL. This increases to 25% where there is an adopted Neighbourhood Plan in place, (currently the borough only has one adopted Neighbourhood Plan in Highgate). In both cases, the Council must consult with the community on how to spend NCIL.

6.4 Planning legislation states that the definition of 'infrastructure' includes but is not limited to:

- Roads and transport facilities
- Flood defences
- Schools and other educational facilities
- Medical facilities
- Sporting and recreational facilities
- Open spaces

6.5. The Government's Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) on CIL is clear that NCIL can be spent on a wider range of things than the rest of CIL, provided that it meets the requirement to 'support the development of the area'.

6.6 PPG on CIL states that the charging authority "should engage with the communities where development has taken place and agree with them how best to spend the neighbourhood funding. Charging authorities should set out clearly and transparently their approach to engaging with neighbourhoods using their regular communication tools e.g. website, newsletters, etc. The use of neighbourhood funds should therefore match priorities expressed by local communities, including priorities set out formally in Neighbourhood Plans".

6.6 The PPG further clarifies that "the law does not prescribe a specific process for agreeing how the neighbourhood portion should be spent. Charging authorities should use existing community consultation and engagement processes."

#### *Haringey CIL Governance*

6.7 The Council's CIL Governance (originally adopted in 2014 and subsequently updated in 2017 and 2020) sets out how the Council will spend NCIL. It sets out that in Haringey NCIL is to be spent on neighbourhood projects and that the Council will pool the neighbourhood proportion of CIL receipts raised from across the borough (except in Neighbourhood Forum Areas)

- 6.8 National CIL guidelines are not specific on what constitutes a neighbourhood area and hence allow the Council to decide its own definition of NCIL areas. The Haringey CIL Governance document divides the borough into 9 areas for NCIL purposes, two of which are Neighbourhood Forum Areas. The nine areas are as follows:
- Area 1: Fortis Green, Muswell Hill and Alexandra
  - Area 2: Hornsey and Stroud Green
  - Area 3: Bounds Green and Woodside
  - Area 4: Noel Park and Haringay
  - Area 5: White Hart Lane and Northumberland Park
  - Area 6: West Green, St Ann's and Seven Sisters
  - Area 7: Bruce Grove, Tottenham Green and Tottenham Hale
  - Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Area
  - Crouch End Neighbourhood Forum Area
- 6.9 The designation delineation of the areas derives from a Housing and Scrutiny Panel report on NCIL in 2015, the recommendations of which were subsequently agreed to be taken forward by Cabinet on 17 May 2016. Except for the Neighbourhood Forum Areas, the NCIL areas derive from the ward boundaries which existed as of the same date. Consequently, the NCIL areas are not consistent with the existing ward boundaries in Haringey which came into effect on 5 May 2022. This will be reviewed in an updated CIL Governance document via a future Cabinet decision in advance of a future Spending Round 3 as set out in section 7 of this report.
- 6.10 The CIL Governance document sets out that consultation within each NCIL area will be undertaken and that the Council will then determine how neighbourhood CIL receipts raised are spent against the list of projects compiled for each area having regard to the consultation responses.
- 6.11 In March 2020 the Council agreed, following consultation, to update the CIL Governance document to allocate NCIL to NCIL areas via a new methodology as follows:
- The Neighbourhood Forum area amounts remain ringfenced. Of the remaining NCIL available:
    - 15% is allocated to areas based on the amount of development in an area
    - 10% is allocated proportionally to the Tottenham areas (Areas 5 and 7) based on the number of wards in the areas
    - 75% is allocated proportionally to Areas 1 to 7 based on the number of wards in each area

#### *NCIL Spending Round 2 - Funding*

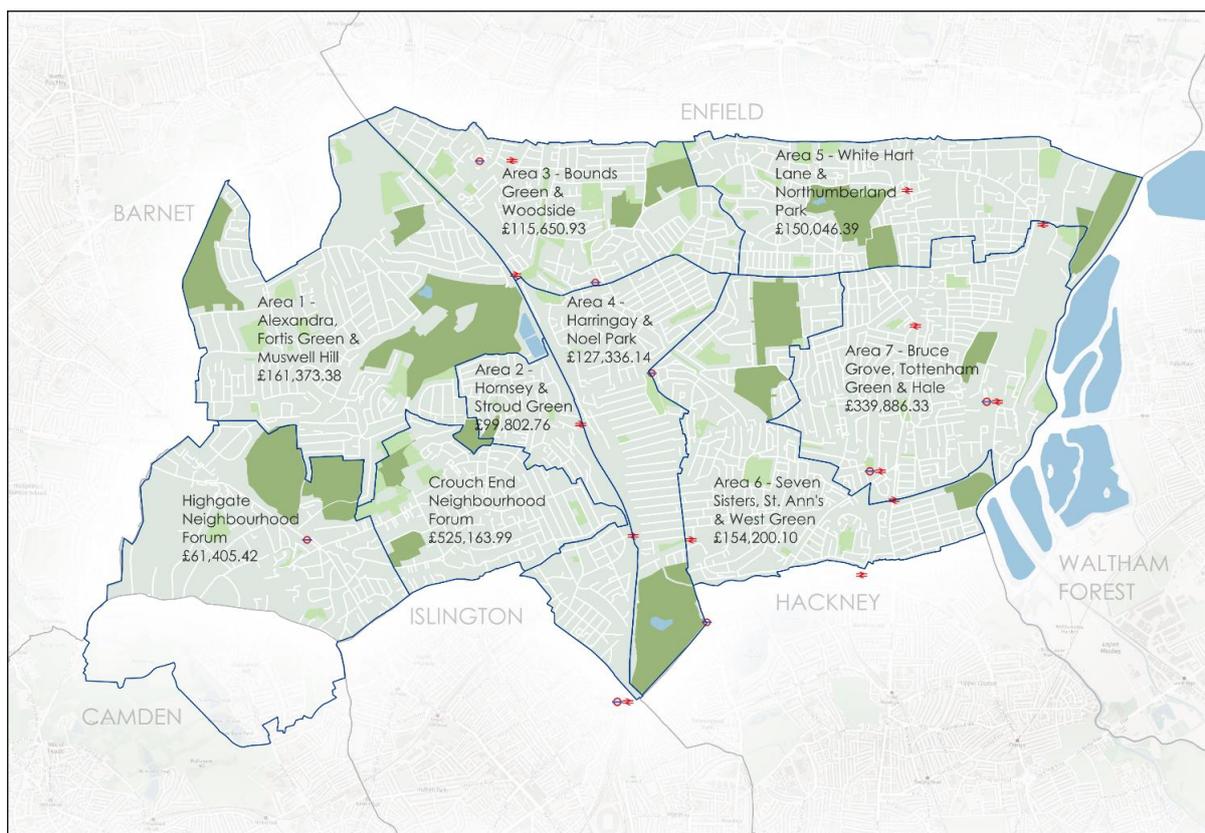
- 6.12 Following a review by the Local Government Boundary Commission of the number of councillors, wards and ward names for the London Borough of Haringey, changes came into effect from 5 May 2022 including an increase in the number of wards from 19 to 21.

- 6.13 As the 9 NCIL areas referred in paragraph 6.8 and the associated NCIL allocation methodology operates based on the old ward arrangements, the Council's existing policy approach in the CIL Governance document needs to be reviewed. The policy approach was effective until 31 March 2022 therefore the Council committed in its Infrastructure Funding Statement 2022/23 to:
- Freeze re-allocated NCIL amounts available to spend at 31 March 2022 and allocate this money as part of NCIL Round 2 with Round 2 project spend to be informed by public consultation.
  - Consult on a revised NCIL policy approach which will apply from NCIL Spending Round 3 and will utilise NCIL monies accrued from 1 April 2022
- 6.14 The re-allocated funding available for spend as part of NCIL Round 2, as per the adopted CIL Governance document, is set out in Table 1 below and shown graphically on Figure 1 below:

**Table 1: Funding available for spend as part of NCIL Round 2**

<b>Area / Forum</b>	<b>Total allocated NCIL round 2 funding</b>
Area 1 – Alexandra, Fortis Green & Muswell Hill	£161,373.38
Area 2 – Hornsey & Stroud Green	£99,802.76
Area 3 – Bounds Green & Woodside	£115,650.93
Area 4 – Harringay & Noel Park	£127,336.14
Area 5 – White Hart Lane & Northumberland Park	£150,046.39
Area 6 – Seven Sisters, St. Ann's & West Green	£154,200.10
Area 7 – Bruce Grove, Tottenham Green & Hale	£339,886.33
Highgate Neighbourhood Forum	£61,405.42
Crouch End Neighbourhood Forum	£525,163.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,734,865.45</b>

**Figure 1: Map showing funding available for spend as part of NCIL Round 2**



6.15 The above funding amounts exclude funding committed to projects as part of NCIL Round 1. The Crouch End Neighbourhood Forum did not want to allocate any spend projects in its area as part of NCIL Spending Round 1 and therefore there is more funding rolled-over and available in that area as part of Spending Round 2.

6.16 Table 2 below details all NCIL collected, allocated and spent to 31 December 2025

**Table 2: List of NCIL income collected, allocated and spent to 31 December 2025**

	<b>NCIL collected</b>	<b>NCIL allocated</b>	<b>NCIL spent</b>
<b>Round 1 Funding</b>	£2,249,265	£2,249,265	£1,530,324
<b>Round 2 Funding</b>	£1,734,865	£1,734,865 proposed	
<b>Round 3 Funding collected up to 31 March 2025</b>	£2,231,010		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,215,141</b>	<b>£3,984,130</b>	<b>£1,530,324</b>

*NCIL Spending Round 2 - Consultation*

6.17 The Council carried out a public consultation on NCIL Spending Round 2 from Friday 5 December 2025 to Sunday 18 January 2026 (6 weeks).

6.18 The consultation had two principal objectives:

1. To identify the general NCIL spending priorities of residents and communities across the borough's 9 NCIL areas; and
2. To obtain specific project suggestions for projects participants would like to see funded as part of NCIL Spending Round 2.

- 6.19 Over 2,700 responses were received to the consultation including 2,672 responses on the dedicated 'commonplace' website and 70 email responses. Responses were submitted from all 9 areas.
- 6.20 On the commonplace website a survey asked participants to rank the following categories of projects in order of how they would like to see NCIL spending spent:
- Street and kerbside improvements
  - Tree planting/green spaces
  - Play spaces and facilities
  - Community safety measures
  - Cultural facilities
  - Cycling facilities
  - Traffic calming measures
  - School grounds and buildings
  - Other
- 6.21 Across the borough the top three general priorities for spend were:
1. Tree planting & green spaces
  2. Street and kerbside improvements
  3. Play spaces and facilities
- 6.22 Tree planting and green spaces was the top priority in 8 out of 9 NCIL areas and street and kerbside improvements was second priority in 8 out of 9 NCIL areas.
- 6.23 Email responses generally replicated the priorities as expressed through the survey with lots of project suggestions relating to green spaces and play spaces.
- 6.24 In relation to specific project suggestions, there were almost 500 comments marked on an interactive map on the commonplace website and over 100 project suggestions via email. In total, several hundred discrete projects were proposed via consultation participants. While many of these were consistent with the top three general priorities listed above, there were also many projects falling outside these categories including traffic calming, cycling infrastructure, school improvements, community facility enhancement, sustainable urban drainage, and cultural activities including markets and festivals. The total value of the projects suggested exceeded £20m compared to available Round 2 funding of £1.73m.
- 6.25 A more detailed summary of Round 2 consultation responses is provided at Appendix A.

#### *NCIL Spending Round 2 - Projects*

- 6.26 The projects set out in Table 3 are recommended for spending approval as part of NCIL Spending Round 2. Further detail on the projects is provided within Appendix B

**Table 3: List of NCIL Round 2 projects for spending approval, sorted by area**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Ref #</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Area 1 Fortis Green, Muswell Hill and Alexandra	London Borough of Culture ward murals	1a	£19,500
	St James' Viaduct (Parkland Walk North) resurfacing and CCTV	1b	£100,000
	Contribution to Queen's Wood footpath improvements	1c	£10,000
	Alexandra Park play improvements	1d	£31,873.38
	<b>Total for Area</b>		<b>£161,373.38</b>
Area 2 Hornsey and Stroud Green	London Borough of Culture ward murals	2a	£13,000
	Parkland Walk footpath improvements between Stapleton Hall Road and Finsbury Park entrance	2b	£86,802.76
	<b>Total for Area</b>		<b>£99,802.76</b>
Area 3 Bounds Green and Woodside	London Borough of Culture ward murals	3a	£13,000
	Finsbury Gardens playground improvements	3b	£70,000
	Civic Centre communal woodland gardens	3c	£32,560.93
	<b>Total for Area</b>		<b>£115,560.93</b>
Area 4 Noel Park and Harringay	London Borough of Culture ward murals	4a	£13,000
	Green Lanes festival	4b	£50,000
	Town Centre lighting improvements	4c	£64,336.14
	<b>Total for Area</b>		<b>£127,336.14</b>
Area 5 White Hart Lane and Northumberland Park	London Borough of Culture ward murals	5a	£13,000
	Tower Gardens Park play area improvements	5b	£79,546.39
	Bruce Castle MUGA	5c	£55,000
	White Hart Lane benches	5d	£2,500
	<b>Total for Area</b>		<b>£150,046.39</b>
Area 6 West Green, St Ann's and Seven Sisters	London Borough of Culture ward murals	6a	£19,500
	Broadwater Farm Manston and Lypne play improvements	6b	£40,000
	Belmont recreation ground sustainable urban drainage	6c	£50,000
	Tree planting and environmental improvements in St Ann's	6d	£44,700.10
	<b>Total for Area</b>		<b>£154,200.10</b>

<b>Area</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Ref #</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Area 7 Bruce Grove, Tottenham Green and Tottenham Hale	London Borough of Culture ward murals	7a	£19,500
	Parklet in Pembury Road area	7b	£80,000
	Reconstruction of footway on Park View Road	7c	£135,000
	Tottenham Green Streets programme tree planting	7d	£20,000
	Brunswick Park enhancement	7e	£85,386.33
	<b>Total for Area</b>		<b>£339,886.33</b>
Highgate Neighbourhood Forum and Plan Area	London Borough of Culture ward mural	8a	£6,500
	Contribution to Queen's Wood footpath improvements	8b	£10,000
	Greening in Highgate	8c	£44,905.42
	<b>Total for Area</b>		<b>£61,405.42</b>
Crouch End Neighbourhood Forum Area	London Borough of Culture ward mural	9a	£6,500
	Contribution to Queen's Wood footpath improvements	9b	£10,000
	Crouch End Open Space improvements	9c	£30,000
	Town centre and urban realm improvements	9d	£478,663.99
	<b>Total for Area</b>		<b>£525,163.99</b>
<b>Total cost</b>			<b>£1,734,865.45</b>

- 6.27 The total cost of projects recommended for approval is £1,734,865.45. The Council will lead on the design and delivery of all the projects except for Alexandra Park play improvements which will be led on and delivered by the Alexandra Park and Palace Charitable Trust in consultation with the Council.
- 6.28 All projects identified within Table 3 meet the NCIL legislative requirements which state that NCIL funds must be spent on infrastructure or 'anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.'
- 6.29 All projects identified with Table 3 have been assessed against the criteria in the Council's CIL Governance document for prioritising infrastructure projects to be funded by CIL. Appendix C sets out the performance of each project against the criteria. Each project recommended for NCIL spend scores well against the criteria and is therefore a high priority for receiving NCIL funding.
- 6.30 For NCIL areas 1 to 7 the projects listed above are consistent with the general priorities for NCIL spend in those areas identified in the consultation or otherwise comprise well supported projects which were specifically suggested as part of the consultation response.

- 6.31 The Governance process for identifying projects to be delivered in Neighbourhood Forum Areas is slightly different to that for projects in Areas 1 to 7. The process for determining and prioritising how NCIL is spent involves the Neighbourhood Forums, in consultation with the Council.
- 6.32 Projects identified within the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Area and Crouch End Neighbourhood Forum Area have been prioritised by the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum and Crouch End Neighbourhood Forum in consultation with the Council. These projects have been selected having regard also to responses to the consultation.
- 6.33 The impact on equalities of the proposed project is set out in Appendix C. It is considered that all projects will have a positive impact on equalities and groups with protected characteristics in the borough. No negative impacts have been identified based on the evidence available.
- 6.34 The different service delivery areas within the Council have been engaged to ensure that the projects are supported in principle although further work will be required in relation to feasibility and detailed design as well as public engagement/consultation.
- 6.35 All projects listed in Table 3 are recommended for spending approval. This is on the basis they meet the NCIL legislative requirements, are consistent with the general priorities for NCIL spend in those areas or otherwise comprise well supported projects which were specifically suggested as part of the consultation (or put forward by the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum and Crouch End Neighbourhood Forum), and are expected to have positive impacts on equalities. The proposed projects will all generally support the 'calls to action' in the Haringey Vision 2035 and thereby support the priorities that residents, communities and partners have indicated are the foundations of the future that we want to build.

*Link to Council's Capital Programme*

- 6.36 Many of the projects listed in Table 3 will support delivery of new and enhanced infrastructure which would not be possible in the absence of NCIL funding. This includes examples where a need has been previously identified for a project/scheme and there has been previous community engagement but delivery has been paused or is not currently possible due to existing budget pressures. The proposed projects also provide some opportunities to reduce costs to the Council of delivering its existing Capital Programme by replacing planned borrowing with external funding.

*Link to London Borough of Culture 2027*

- 6.37 The projects in Table 3 will both directly and indirectly support Haringey's ambitions for its London Borough of Culture year in 2027. The proposed Round 2 spend includes delivery of murals across the borough to create a high-quality cultural presence in every ward as well as a contribution to town centre infrastructure on Green Lanes to support a festival that recognises its importance as a cultural corridor and a vital centre of community life, heritage and entrepreneurship.

*Link to 'Pride in Place'*

- 6.38 In February 2025, Cabinet agreed to allocate and spend £1.5m of Government 'Pride in Place' funding. A number of the projects which have been allocated Pride in Place funding were suggested projects within the NCIL consultation. Where a project has been funded by Pride in Place, it was discounted for NCIL funding. This includes Lymington Avenue improvements to support the new street market, investment in the children's play area within Ducketts Common, and enhancement of public realm at Somerford Grove in the Northumberland Park Estate.

## **7. Future review of NCIL Spend Governance and Round 3 Consultation**

- 7.1 As set out in paragraph 6.13, the changes to ward boundaries on 5 May 2022 necessitates a future review of the Council's existing NCIL Governance. Before the next NCIL Round 3 consultation, the Council will consult on a revised NCIL policy approach which will apply from NCIL Round 3 and will utilise NCIL monies accrued from 1 April 2022. As at 31 December 2025 these monies amount to over £2m therefore this will be the minimum amount available for spend as part of NCIL Round 3.
- 7.2 The projects suggested as part of NCIL Round 2 consultation far exceeded available funding for NCIL Round 2. Projects which scored highly against the Council CIL funding criteria but were not selected for funding as part of NCIL Round 2 have been recorded and added to a future NCIL project bank and will be reconsidered for funding as part of NCIL Round 3, subject to a new policy criteria / CIL Governance approach adopted for Round 3.

## **8. Contribution to the Corporate Delivery Plan 2024-2026 High level Strategic outcomes?**

- 8.1 The decision will directly support an activity within the Place and Economy theme of the Council's Corporate Delivery Plan 2024-2026 which is to "Allocate funding received from developers through Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) to enable delivery of local infrastructure projects".

## **9. Carbon and Climate Change**

- 9.1 The proposed projects listed in Table 3 for NCIL Round 2 spend will contribute positively to reducing carbon emissions, reducing energy usage and responding to climate change adaptation. In particular, they will contribute to this through additional tree planting and greening, more energy efficient street lighting, encouraging active travel and delivering additional sustainable urban drainage.

## **10. Statutory Officers comments (Director of Finance (procurement), Director of Legal and Governance, Equalities)**

### **10.1. Finance**

The report seeks Cabinet approval to spend the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) on projects as set out in Table 3 of this report.

The CIL is a charge against development based on the floorspace of new buildings to help fund infrastructure requirement arising from new developments. The contribution to NCIL is 15%, however this proportion increases to 25% for an adopted Neighbourhood Plan.

CIL Regulation came into effect in 2010, and Haringey has been collecting CIL since 2014. £6.2m of external NCIL income has been collected to date and £2.2m has been allocated to spend on projects. Out of this allocation, £1.5m has been spent to date to support the developments in the borough. The balance remaining of £2.2m is available to fund the projects set out in Table 3 to support the development of the area by addressing the demands placed on it, in consultation with the local community.

## 10.2. **Procurement**

N/A

## 10.3. **Director of Legal & Governance**

The Director of Legal & Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

Where a new development does not fall within the area of a parish council like in the Council's area, the neighbourhood community infrastructure levy may be used by the Council for the same purposes that a parish council could have spent that levy on pursuant to regulation 59F of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010.

The National Planning Practice Guidance regarding the community infrastructure levy provides at paragraph 145 that Councils should engage with the communities where development has taken place regarding how to spend the neighbourhood community infrastructure levy, which it is stated in paragraphs 6.17 to 6.25 of this report has been done.

When a consultation has been undertaken, the Council must take into account the representations received in response to that consultation before taking a decision. The representations received in respect of the spending of neighbourhood community infrastructure levy are set out in Appendix A to this report. A judgment is to be exercised as to how much weight each representation should carry and whether or not to approve any of the measures in the proposals in light of those representations.

The Courts have held that a decision maker must consider consultation responses with 'a receptive mind' and be prepared to change course if persuaded by a response, but is not under a duty to adopt the views of consultees.

The decision to approve the spending of neighbourhood community infrastructure levy in section 3 of this report is an executive decision that can be taken by Cabinet in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

#### 10.4. Equality

The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.

The three parts of the duty apply to the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, race, religion/faith, sex and sexual orientation. Marriage and civil partnership status applies to the first part of the duty.

Each of projects identified in Table 3 for NCIL Round 2 spend has been assessed in Appendix C in terms of its likely contribution to equalities. Overall, this shows that the proposed projects will have a positive impact on equalities and individuals and groups with protected characteristics in the borough. No negative impacts have been identified based on the evidence available.

Of note:

- The proposed play improvement projects at Alexandra Park, Finsbury Gardens, Tower Gardens Park, Broadwater Farm, and Brunswick Park, will have positive impacts for young people.
- Resurfacing works to Parkland Walk, footpath improvements in Queen's Wood and reconstruction of Park View Road footway will have positive impacts for older people and people with accessibility needs.
- Lighting improvements in Wood Green and investment in Bruce Castle multi-use games area will have positive impacts for women and girls.

#### 11. Use of Appendices

Appendix A Summary of NCIL Round 2 consultation responses

Appendix B NCIL Round 2 project descriptions

Appendix C Assessment of NCIL Round 2 projects against NCIL criteria and equalities legislation

#### 12. Background papers

[Leader decision \(20 March 2020\) Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy – distribution and Round 1 spend](#)

[Cabinet \(10 February 2026\) Pride in Place Funding](#)

[Haringey Infrastructure Funding Statement 2022/23](#)

[Haringey CIL Governance Document 2020](#)

[Haringey Vision 2035](#)

[Community Infrastructure Levy Planning Practice Guidance, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government](#)