

Annex 1

Project Title:
Working with the Community to Regenerate Hetton Downs
SIB Requested:
£35,970

Section 1: Application Requirements

1.1
<p>Please note that this application will be presented to the relevant Area Committee for its consideration when determining your SIB Grant Application. The Agenda and the Minutes of the Area Committee Meeting will be available for inspection by members of the public. Please therefore ensure that your organisation is agreeable to the content of the information that is set out in the form.</p> <p>The Application Form should be provided in either electronic (e-mail or floppy disc) or typed format.</p> <p>If you have a problem with returning this form in either electronic or typed format, please contact the appropriate Area Regeneration Officer. Contact / address details are provided on the covering letter and in the Guidance Notes and Criteria and Project Guidelines.</p> <p>Please note that a representative of your organisation must be available to attend the pre-agenda and main committee meeting(s) to which this application is presented, as they may be required to answer questions. Failure to attend the meeting(s) may result in your application being deferred or rejected.</p> <p>Dates and Venues of future meetings are provided as supporting information.</p>
1.2 Which Area Regeneration Framework(s) does your project cover? (please tick)
Coalfield <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> East <input type="checkbox"/> North <input type="checkbox"/> Washington <input type="checkbox"/> West <input type="checkbox"/> South <input type="checkbox"/>

Section 2: Sponsor Details

2.1 Name of Lead Organisation / Group:		
Sunderland City Council		
2.2 Address of Lead Organisation / Group:		
PO Box 102, Civic Centre, Sunderland. SR2 7DN		
2.3 Contact Name for Project:		2.4 Position in Organisation:
Keith Hamilton		Deputy Manager, Landscape and Reclamation
2.5 Tel. Number:	2.6 Fax Number:	2.7 E-mail Address:
5538786		Keith.Hamilton@sunderland.gov.uk

2.8 Day to Day Contact Name / Details: (if different to 2.3 above)	
Ian Hall telephone 0191 5538780	
2.9 Legal Status of Organisation:	2.10 Registered Charity Number (if applicable):
Local Authority	Not applicable
2.11 Does your organisation have a bank account into which funds can be paid?	
Yes	
2.12 Has the organisation received SIB support previously?	
Yes [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>]	
If 'Yes' please provide details:	
Salisbury Street Improvements	
2.13 Are any trustees / members of the organisation employed by or are Elected Members of the City Council?	
Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]	
If 'Yes' please provide details:	

Section 3: Project Details

3.1 Project Title: (please re-state title as per front sheet)	
Working with the Community to Regenerate Hetton Downs	
3.2 Project Start Date:	3.3 Project End Date:
June 2007	June 2009
3.4 Please Describe the project:	
<p>This project will kick start the delivery of the Hetton Downs renewal process which is currently in its preferred option stage of the Area Action Plan. This project will build on the existing consultation processes that are already in place by delivering environmental projects that will visibly improve the area and make the area more accessible. This work will complement the housing led renewal that is currently occurring in the Hetton Downs area.</p> <p>The SIB contribution will focus on improving the retail and service of the Market Street area and the Stephenson Trail to open access to Houghton and Copt Hill for the Hetton Downs area and vice versa. The project can be divided into two parts:</p> <p><u>1. Accessibility Issues including the Stephenson Trail, access to country park by disabled people and dropped kerbs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Stephenson Trail – Cycle and Pedestrian Track</u> <p>The SIB contribution would part fund physical works for the trail to incorporate an unsealed 3m-wide surface from All Saints Drive to Copt Hill PH (with spur to Wood Lea) with leverage being provided by the LTP cycling budget. Additionally, the quality of the overall trail would be raised by improving signposting and the trail feature at the Methodist church. The benefit</p>	

of these works is to improve accessibility for people visiting the renewal area, including the country park, but also to improve access from the area to neighbouring communities and travel to work sites such as Houghton-le-Spring. The improved signage will not only promote accessibility by making cycling and walking routes more visible but will also lift the image of the area, enhance its cultural and industrial heritage and raise confidence in the area by both residents and visitors.

- Urwin Street Barrier

Presently, Urwin Street is a well used route into the Country Park, however, the Preferred Option of the Area Action Plan has identified that accessibility into this regional resource is extremely poor in general and this specific entry, is presently inaccessible to wheelchair users, as well as pushchairs. Although a well used entry into the park for residents and visitors, the entry presently gives the impression of “a back lane”. Not only will the park become more accessible to disabled people and parents but the whole status and image of this route into the park will be enhance of the provision of a new barrier which meets the criteria of the Disability Discrimination Act.

- Dropped Kerb Provision

Hetton Downs has a high percentage of elderly and disabled people compared to the city's average. The Hetton Downs Sustainability Report, undertaken as part of the Area Action Plan process reports that there are 20% of residents aged over 65 years in Hetton Downs as opposed to 15% for the wider Sunderland area. Additionally, 32% of residents have a long term illness compared to 24% in Sunderland. There are also a high number of residential homes for elderly people. For this reason, it is essential that there are dropped kerbs throughout Hetton Downs to open access to the transport routes, shops and services in the area. The SIB funding will be used to provide 50 drop kerbs with tactile paving which otherwise could not be funded under LTP or through the Transport and Social Exclusion Through Transport (TSETT) which is only tackling dropped kerbs in the proximity of bus stops. This project will complement the TSETT initiative by providing additional dropped kerbs where they are needed throughout the whole of the Hetton Downs area.

These three projects would significantly contribute to opening up access to and from the area in line with recommendations of the Area Action Plan Preferred Option.

2. Market Street

Market Street is the main retail and service area with a mix of residential buildings. It is a well used street both in the day time and at night and has been identified in the preferred option of the area Action Plan as a street which requires environmental investment. The SIB contribution would be used to provide the following measures to uplift this central area which acts as a hub for the community as well as an important provider of services for visitors from outside of the area:

SIB funding would be used to provide bollards to the bottom of the grassed area adjacent to Nicholas Street to prevent vehicles gaining access to and churning up the newly grassed area. There are some bollards in place at the northern end of Market Street however, they are not fully effective and are of different materials and styles adding to the general neglected appearance of this key area of the community. Another significant benefit of this funding is to replace these in the same style as the new bollards to produce a uniform appearance to the street.

Mature trees planted at the centre of Market Street next to the car park would assist greatly in “greening up” the street and would break up the built up appearance of the street. Mature trees give an instant effect of adding greenery to this central street and the tree guards will

not only add to the aesthetic effect of the trees but will also protect them from vandalism. To complement the trees and to uplift the area further, SIB funding would be used to provide a neat knee rail to the front of the car park to demark it from the general street.

3.5 What service does the organisation currently provide and how will this be complemented by the project?

The Landscape and Reclamation section of Planning Implementation is currently running an extensive programme of environmental improvement works across the City. This project is complementary to those works.

3.6 What additional activity will SIB funding allow to happen (please tick the appropriate statement)

(a)	A project will go ahead which otherwise would not happen at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	A project will be provided to a higher quality / on a greater scale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c)	The funding will accelerate the implementation of the project by 12+ months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(d)	A gap in funding will be filled pending other funding being secured	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e)	Other reason	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please explain your answer:

Without SIB, the environmental improvements proposed would not be able to be delivered this year as no other funding sources are available. The SIB will allow some "quick wins" in the renewal process that will be highly visible, meet the needs of residents who are concerned about accessibility issues and the status of Market Street and thus raise confidence of the community in the whole renewal process. Additionally, LTP funding is available for the cycling and dropped kerb projects but a much better quality of work would be able to be delivered through SIB complementing this funding which befits the status of Hetton Downs as a designated renewal area.

3.7 How will you publicise that you have received support from SIB?

(please refer to Section 3 of the guidance notes)

Press releases will be prepared at key stages of the project which will acknowledge SIB funding. This will be undertaken in partnership with the SIB funded Area Marketing project. Additionally, residents and traders groups (Community Reference Group), which have been set up to advise on the renewal process will be advised of the SIB funding bid. Finally, the Talk-in newsletter for the renewal process which is delivered to every household in the area four times a year will publicise the projects which have been funded by SIB.

3.8 Has there been any consultations concerning the need for this project?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If 'Yes' please provide details:

The proposals are as a result of the Hetton Downs Area Action Plan and is part of a much wider strategic programme of renewal. Community and stakeholder consultation has been ongoing for 2 years and the Community Reference Group established to oversee the consultation aspect of the process has also been consulted. Additionally, relevant officers in Landscape Reclamation, Parks, Lighting, Events and Highways have been consulted as has ward members from the Copt Hill Ward.

3.9 Is there any documentary evidence available to support the need for this project?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If 'Yes' please provide details:

Hetton Downs Preferred Options Report (Draft), Community Reference Group minutes, Hetton Downs Area Action Plan Baseline Report and Sustainability Appraisal.

3.10 Who will benefit from the services provided by the project?

Residents of Hetton Downs community, socially excluded residents (re accessibility), Market Street traders, visitors to Market Street, visitors to the area, including the country park.

3.11 Will there be any implications for Council Services arising from this project?

Yes [☒] No [☐]

If 'Yes' please provide details:

Maintenance and repair work would need to be built into the Council's mainstream budget after the initial environmental works are completed

3.12 Does this project require the support or sponsorship of a Sunderland City Council Directorate?

Yes [☒] No [☐]

If 'Yes' please provide details:

Local Transport Plan funding will need to be made available to deliver the cycle ways and dropped paving project.

3.13 Are any legal and other approvals required?

Yes [☐] No [☒]

If 'Yes' please provide details of type of approval, date secured, or date expected to be secured:

Section 4: Equal Opportunities

4.1 Does your organisation have an Equal Opportunities Policy?

Yes [☒] No [☐]

If 'Yes' please describe how the project will comply with the Policy:

By providing social inclusion through the accessibility works proposed by this project.

If 'No' please describe how your organisation addresses equal opportunities issues:

4.2 Does your project specifically address any of the following issues?

Ethnic Issues Yes [☐] No [☒] (please tick)

If 'Yes' please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Race Relations Act 1976:

Gender Issues Yes [☐] No [☒] (please tick)

If 'Yes' please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Sex Discrimination Act 1975:

Disability Issues Yes [☒] No [☐] (please tick)

If 'Yes' please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995:

Measures to counteract social exclusion are proposed by extending and improving cycleways

and by implementing dropped kerbs where required and by providing an accessible barrier to the entrance of the Country Park at Urwin Street.

Section 5: Relationship of Project to the Area Framework(s)

5.1 Identify which Area Regeneration Framework Action Plan Strategic Priorities this project will address through the use of SIB, and demonstrate how these will be achieved:

This project will address Area Regeneration Framework Action Plan Strategic Priority of making the area more accessible for residents, visitors and disabled people.

5.2 Identify outputs / outcomes against which the delivery of the project can be evaluated. Demonstrate how these will contribute to the Area Regeneration Framework(s).

Improvement to Stephenson Trail and improved access to and from Houghton and Copt Hill.
Increased levels of dropped kerbs for wheelchair users and pushchairs in the Market Street area

Improved access into the country park for disabled people and parents of young children.
Raised confidence in area – survey with Market Street Traders at start and end of project.

5.3 If the project relates to two or more Framework Areas, on what basis have you decided how to share the costs?

Not applicable

Section 6: Management Arrangements

6.1 Describe how the project will be managed:

Landscape and Reclamation section will manage the individual environmental projects as a single programme using PRINCE 2 methodology coupled with the Sections own Quality Assurance Procedures.

6.2 Are there any significant risks or uncertainties that may affect either the timetable of the project, or whether it achieves its objectives?

Timescale of LTP funding
Disruption to Market Street while works are in progress

Section 7: Financial Information

7.1 How much SIB funding is requested?

7.2 Indicate the type of funding requested: (please tick)

Capital [] Revenue [] Both [☒]

7.3 Has funding been requested / allocated from any other sources, including Council Directorates and if so how much?

LTP Cycle Budget - £10,000
LTP Dropped Kerbs - £5,000

7.4 What other funding alternates have been considered and why were these not appropriate?

Council requested to fund from mainstream budgets but nothing is available this year. Additional LTP funding available but work would be carried out to a lower standard ie tarmac instead of good quality surfaces which would not befit a renewal area.

7.5 What are the financial implications for the project should it not receive SIB funding?

The environmental projects would be delivered much later (five years) and possibly to a lower standard.

7.6 When SIB expenditure is complete how do you intend to continue this project?

Maintenance budget would be provided through normal Highways Maintenance Budget for cycleways, footpaths and roads

7.7 Provide a profile of projected costs:

Funding Source	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	Total Cost
SIB:				
Coalfield	20,350	15,620		35,970
Other Sources (please state)				
1) LTP	£7,500	£7,500		£15,000
Total Cost:				

7.8 Please provide details of any 'in-kind' funding (e.g Peppercorn rents), if included within the 'Other Sources' of funding shown above.

7.9 Please provide a breakdown of the Total cost to show the main areas of expenditure:

Cycling surface - £20,000
 Improving signposts and features on Stephenson Trail - £2,500
 Urwin Street Barrier - £1200
 New railings for car parks - £5,500
 Mature trees/tree grills/guards - £5000
 Replacement/new bollards to south of Market Street - £3,500
 C 50 dropped kerbs - £10,000
 SIB Design Fees at 10% - £3,270

7.10 Please provide details of how you will ensure that the procurement and purchasing of services and equipment will be managed in accordance with requirements as detailed in the guidance notes and guidelines. Include any estimates that you have and details of any contractors or suppliers to be used.

The Contracts will be let as per Council Procurement Procedure Rules. Contractors will be chosen from the Landscape and Reclamation Standing List of Tenderers

Section 8: Additional Information

8.1 Please provide any additional information that may be of use in support of your project proposal (Please append additional sheets if required):

This is a Council fronted bid but is being prepared on behalf of community and in line with their wishes which are encapsulated in the draft Preferred Options Report for Hetton Downs which is a result of 2 years intensive consultation with the community and local stakeholders and is part of a much wider and strategic renewal process for the area.

Section 9: Declaration

I declare that the information provided is correct and accurate and that, should this application be successful, the organisation will agree to the terms and conditions of SIB:

Name:

Keith Hamilton

Position in Organisation:

Deputy Manager, Landscape and Reclamation

Date:

4th May 2007