

## Applications for North Neighbourhood Fund & North Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme

### Application No. 1

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Fund</b>
<b>Name of Project</b>	Playzones
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Sunderland City Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£10,000	£0	£10,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2 Months	December 2022	February 2023

### Project Description

The full project description is detailed below:

**(verbatim from application)**

PlayZones are safe, inclusive, and accessible outdoor facilities that bring communities together through recreational forms of football and a range of other sports and physical activities. They are Football Foundation's exciting new capital investment programme, using investment from the Premier League, The FA and the Government through Sport England, the PlayZones Programme aims to engage with local communities across the country to create outstanding sports and activity spaces and tackle inequalities in participation.

A successful expression of interest was submitted to the football foundation to allow the city support a portfolio of projects to a full application.

Funded up to 75% by the Football Foundation they aim to focus on communities with the greatest need, aiming to deliver new or refurbished spaces that enable priority groups to be more active.

PlayZones provide an inspiring and inclusive space for the community to gather, play sport and be active. The spaces need to be inspiring, accessible, engaging and welcoming for all priority groups. As such PlayZones have been designed to be attractive, modern, and safe spaces that communities want to use, with branding and colour schemes to support that. The design below has been produced for illustrative purposes only.



The difference between a PlayZone and a general Multi Use Games area is that the positioning and delivery will be targeted, they will be able to be bookable to ensure we reach priority groups. In addition to be flexible and enabling some groups who feel comfortable to do so to simply to be able to turn up and play, There will be an element of open access, but a combination of focused activity is required to support more people being more active. Each PlayZone therefore requires a site Activation Plan that includes programmed delivery of activities on a weekly basis.

Priority groups across the country face stubborn inequalities in activity levels and access to sports facilities. The programme intends to offer safe and inclusive facilities that will help local communities overcome the challenges.

There are four main groups facing the greatest inequalities which the new facilities will be targeting

- Lower socio-economic groups
- Women and girls
- Disabled people and people with long-term health conditions
- Ethnically diverse communities

### **Front Runner Project**

Opportunity has arisen to be part of the Front Runner programme. The Front Runner project identified for Sunderland is an unused and derelict multi use games site in Southwick which has very recently transferred to Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project.

A Front Runner project is identified to become a trailblazer, a project that will help develop the blueprint for the others and be the learning for the Playzones nationally, of which ideally building will commence early in the new year, the other projects have a timeline of 2025.

Criteria would be

- Existing site where the PlayZone project is a refurbishment of a hard court / MUGA
- Ideally already floodlit, with no significant restrictions on hours of usage
- In a place where good community connections already exist, meaning engagement could be built quickly

- Strong multi-sport activation partners present in the place

This original rough timeline proposed for the front runner projects, although this may have slightly shifted:

- End Sept – agreed front runner project
- Mid – Oct – technical design consultants appointed to lead site investigations, feasibility, drawings etc.
- Mid – Oct – community engagement plan agreed with FF & first stage of FF application submitted
- Late Nov / early Dec – site feasibility, final drawings etc. provided
- Late Nov / early Dec – community engagement used to confirm design and activation requirements
- End Dec – full application FF application submitted
- Early 2023 – application decision and construction

To proceed to the next step the technical design consultants need to be appointed to lead site investigations, feasibility, drawings etc. This will run in parallel with the community engagement to ensure the design of the facilities reflect community need. The results of both actions will inform the full application which will be submitted to the Football Foundation.

To enable the project to move forward to the next stage of the process, we are requesting funding from North Area Committee.

### Project Stages & Costs:

Stages 1 – 4 would need completing before any final funding application would be ready for submission.

Post submission the project would then have stages 5 & 6 to complete, this would cover construction & handover/close out of the duties for reference as well as any other miscellaneous tasks.

#### Item Description of Duties

<b>Stage 1 – Preparation and brief</b>	
	Topographical Dimensional Survey
	Site Inspection/Feasibility Report
	Obtain site information
	Risk Register – Prepare for client
<b>Stage 2 – Concept Design</b>	
	Initial design
	Bill of quantities
	Obtain Statutory Approvals
<b>Stage 3 – Developed design</b>	
	Prepare contractual drawings
	Preparation of detailed programme/Timeline
	Procurement Strategy/Tender Assessment Procedure (ITT)
<b>Stage 4 – Technical design</b>	
	Preparation of Employer's requirements (Technical Specification)
	Preparation of Contract Particulars (Prelims/Contracts)
	Preparation of Pre-Construction Health and Safety Information (CDM Design Duties)
	Tender evaluation

**Total Request from Neighbourhood Fund £10,000**

**Recommendation:**

This application is to be considered at the North Neighbourhood & Community Board on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and the recommendation by the Board for Area Committee will be presented on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December

## Application No. 2

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Fund &amp; North Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme</b>
<b>Name of Project</b>	Thompson Park
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Sunderland City Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>	<b>Total NICP Application</b>
£575,000	£300,000	£100,000	£175,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	
2 months (Phase 1)	February 2023	March 2023 (Phase 1)	

### Project Description

The full project description is detailed below:  
**(verbatim from application)**

This project will deliver phase 1 of the Thompson Park Regeneration Plan with the following to be installed by March 2023:

- Inclusive Toddler Play
- Adventure Play
- Trim trail
- Fencing, planting and new footpaths
- CCTV

Full plans to support this application are included at **Appendix 1**.

Overall cost of the full regeneration plan for Thompson Park is included in this application and Area Committee will be kept fully up to date on the delivery and content of future phases

### Recommendation

November Board recommended Approval as part of the area priority:

- Parks, Play, Cycle & Walking Routes