

Applications for North Capital Investment Programme**Application No. 1**

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme
Name of Project	The Castle
Lead Organisation	Hylton Castle Trust

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NCIP Application
£200,400	£100,400	£100,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
One Year	July 2021	July 2022

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATION**Project Description:**

The Castle at Hylton Castle has recently undergone a significant restoration over the last three years which in summary included a steel structure being lifted into the existing walls, a roof covering and floors created, alongside windows being fitted. This has enabled the internal use of the Castle structure so residents and the wider visiting public can engage with this significant heritage asset, viewing the remaining historic structure while also reliving some of the historic past of the site and local area.

Capital works to the Castle structure are complete and full building control sign off was granted on 26th May, 2021. The second phase of site development aims to bring the expansive external grounds into the visitor offer. £110,000 has been secured from National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) Covid-19 support fund to enable the installation of temporary fencing and a marquee to the rear area of the Castle site.

This application to Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme builds on that proposal and seeks to secure funds to equip the marquee, including suitable matting, alongside installing a suitably sensitive fencing structure to the boundary wall of the site and a lower fenced area around the current car park to act as a visual barrier to children running from the grassed areas into an area of vehicular movement. This will serve to protect the site from vandalism and anti-social behaviour and will also improve the ability to manage crowds at events and activities held in the grounds, improving crowd safety and visitor experience which will in turn support the sustained future of the HCT financial model through repeat visits to a high-quality offer at the site.

The proposal also seeks support to protect the ground from damage caused by the public gathering at events and provide for the need to extend car parking facilities. This will be achieved by providing ground matting that protects sensitive sites, specifically at the Castle this relates to the ruins of the site below the grassed areas.

The location of all fencing and matting will be informed by support from an accredited architect and SCC Heritage Planning Team who will aid discussions with Historic England to enable the submission of Schedule Monument and Planning applications.

This application also seeks to commence investigations into the feasibility of options to develop other aspects of the Castle site, specifically opening up the cellars, creating a rear entrance/exit point from the tearooms area and testing the feasibility of a cabin structure being situated in the embankment area. This work will be led through the selection of an Accredited Conservation Architect who will work with the Hylton Castle Trustees to map the necessary aspects of the investigations and associated costs. It will also be necessary to test quotations gathered ahead of

agreeing works as we understand that prices are fluctuating and varying significantly across suppliers as a result of material shortages connected to the pandemic.

The application lead has worked closely with the North Neighbourhood and Community Board Task and Finish Group in order to develop this application to meet the requirements of the North Area Committee agreed North Area Delivery Plan

Some of the proposed works will require planning consent and funds have been allocated in this application to engage support from a Conservation Architect to work with Hylton Castle Trust to produce the relevant documentation to gain the necessary permissions from such as Historic England to submit the planning applications and also to liaise with the planning department in Sunderland City Council.

All maintenance of the capital works will be undertaken by Hylton Castle Trust in liaison with the relevant Organisations such as Historic England, SCC planners etc.

Hylton Castle Trust works in close partnership with North Area Committee and Neighbourhood and Community Board, Gentoo, England Heritage, Historic England, a number of Sunderland Council Neighbourhood Directorate departments including Environmental Services, Heritage and Culture, and Community Resilience. The Trust recognise the importance of working with the local community and projects and actively communicate with, and work to deliver services in partnership with, Friends of Hylton Dene, Castle and Redhill Raising Aspiration Projects, local primary and secondary schools, training providers including Springboard and Castle in the Community. We also work very closely with our operational management partner SNCBC/Community Opportunities who we see as being key in delivering the project outlined in their application, having 34 years experience of community business services delivery including overseeing and managing capital projects.

Financial Breakdown:

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NCIP Contribution
Marquee	45000.00	45000	0
Marquee Furniture and Matting	18000.00	0	18000.00
Fencing - temporary	44976.30	44976.30	0
Fencing – Permanent boundary wall	26967.66	10423.70	16543.96
Fencing – car park, container, to boundary wall	21785.68	0	21785.68
Car park matting	15900.00	0	15900.00
Conservation Architect – planning and SMC for fence	6000.00	0	6000.00
Conservation Architect – condition and SMC for cellars/rear door exit, embankment container, fence planning permission	18000.00	0	18000.00
Contingency	3770.36	0	3770.36
Total	£200,400.00	£100,400.00	£100,000.00

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the North Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of **Communicate Heritage Assets and Delivery Heritage Activities to Improve Health and Wellbeing and Improve Community Cohesion**

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme
Name of Project	Thompson Park Places to Ride
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NCIP Application
£40,000	£15,000	£25,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
10 Months	July 2021	March 2022

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATION

Project Description:

In December 2020 the following was agreed by North Area Committee:

- North Community and Neighbourhood Board recommend the alignment of **£200,000** for the Regeneration of Thompson Park and **£25,000** of this to be a match to Places to Ride Application with full applications to be presented to future Board and Area Committee.

In May 2021 notification was received that the Places to Ride Application was successful with **£15,000** secured to support the installation of a new free and accessible learn to ride track and skills area within Thompson Park. Included within the delivery of the project is the installation of a modular building within Sunderland Home Grown venue for Sunderland Young Peoples Bike Project to deliver workshops, cycle hire and community hub elements of the project

This project will provide a community hub in the heart of Thompson Park with an opportunity for all to cycle in a safe traffic free environment and in turn offer residents of all ages the opportunity learn, increase confidence and enjoy riding.

The cycling hub, learn to ride area and skills are part of a larger regeneration plan for Thompson Park with the intention of providing a go to destination where residents can be active and choose from a number of opportunities.

Appendix 1 provides details of location of the skills area

Financial Breakdown:

- Plastic markings/White lining of existing tarmac basket ball court = **£2,500**
- New compacted loose gravel footpath including Excavation sub-base, gravel and edging = **£21,000**
- Alteration to footpath access = **£1,500**
- Professional fees and contingency = **£5000**
- Modular Building = **£10,000**

Total **£40,000**

Match Funding Places to Ride **£15,000**

Total Applied for **£25,000**

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the North Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of **Invest in Parks, Play Areas, Cycle and Walking Routes**