

Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme proposals

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme
Name of Project	Secure the Club
Lead Organisation	Philadelphia Cricket and Club

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£45,576	£7,576	£38,000

Project Description:

The project will install a 10m high, 65m length 'stop the ball' fence to protect adjacent properties from stray cricket balls and enable the Club to secure its future for the benefit of the community.

The Club runs 4 senior teams (which include many juniors), a women's team and 5 junior teams. Due to the current economic climate and the hardships people are facing the Club has decided to offer free membership for juniors for the 2023 season.

Following a recent inspection by Sunderland City Council, the Club's kitchen, clubhouse and tuck shop have all been rated 5* - the highest level possible. The Club has linked up with Sunderland City Council to provide a "warm space" in the clubhouse. The clubhouse will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 pm - 3 pm and on Sundays from 11 am - 3 pm. There is the opportunity to enjoy hot soup, bread roll, tea, coffee and biscuits and company in a safe, friendly environment, free of charge.

Recommendation: Approve. The club provides a valuable asset within the community and the project contributes to 'Improve health and wellbeing' and 'support to voluntary and community organisations' priorities.

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme
Name of Project	Copt Hill/Seven Sisters Environmental Improvement
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
-	-	£20,739

Project Description

The Seven Sisters at Copt Hill is a historically significant and important feature. The site is part of the National Heritage List for England – 'Seven Sisters Round Barrow, Copt Hill, Houghton le Spring' and is important to the local history of the Coalfield area. It is proposed that an environmental improvement programme takes place at the entrance and footpath to the site, to include clearer signage, vegetation and footpath works and a new interpretation board and seating.

The detail of the project including a site plan and costings will be developed with a number of Sunderland City Council colleagues including landscape, ecology and local environmental services, in consultation with Area Committee members.

Recommendation – Approve

The project will contribute to 'celebrate local heritage' and 'improve green spaces' priorities.