

**SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND
SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**



SPELTHORNE JOINT COMMITTEE

DATE: 20 MARCH 2017

LEAD OFFICER: JOHN BROOKS

**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) TASK GROUP
RECOMMENDATION FOR CIL FUNDING FOR THE WIDER
STAINES SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT PACKAGE (STP)**

AREA(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

To consider the CIL Task Group's recommendation to support an application for CIL funding of £365,000 toward the total costs of the Wider Staines STP of £4.95m.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Spelthorne Joint Committee is asked to agree the allocation of £365,000 of CIL monies to the Wider Staines STP for the financial year 2019/20.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The CIL Task Group is satisfied the application meets all the criteria in the Joint Committee's 'Framework for Decision Making' on CIL, has significant merit and represents substantial financial leverage.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The Joint Committee has as one of its functions a role in allocating money for CIL projects. CIL monies are allocated to the Committee by the Borough Council which has the overall statutory responsibility for CIL. The Committee has received an application for CIL money for the Wider Staines STP from Surrey County Council's Transport Policy Team. This application has been considered by the Committee's CIL Task Group whose role is to advise the Joint Committee on applications for CIL monies. The Task Group's minutes of its meeting on 21 February 2017 are attached as Appendix 1
- 1.2 The Wider Staines STP deals with an area from Staines upon Thames town centre through Stanwell to Heathrow providing a range of walking, cycling and public transport improvements to a value of £4.950m. (See Appendix 2 to this report which is the application for funding from Surrey County Council and which provides significant background detail.)

- 1.3 The proposal fully complies with the policies of both the Borough and County Council (see response to question 12 in the application form – Appendix 2).
- 1.4 The ‘package’ was approved by Surrey County Council in December 2016 and has been agreed by Enterprise M3 and government for government funding of £3.712m subject to the remaining balance of £1.237m (25% of the costs) being ‘locally’ funded. Heathrow Airport Ltd is contributing £549,000 (contingent on the remaining ‘local’ funding being made available) and £323,000 of available Section 106 monies is to be used. A final sum of £365,000 of CIL monies is applied for to make up the difference – representing just under 7.5% of the total costs.
- 1.5 Implementation is spread over 3 financial years and the CIL allocation is required in the financial year 2019/20.
- 1.6 The Task Group is satisfied the application for £365,000 meets all of the criteria in the Joint Committee’s ‘Framework for Decision Making’ on CIL applications, has significant merit and represents substantial financial leverage.
- 1.7 This report is for Executive decision.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The key issue in this case is that the Wider Staines STP has significant technical merit but, without the CIL monies applied for, neither the government nor Heathrow Airport funding will be made available and the project will be unable to proceed. There are no other sources of funding available to otherwise meet the shortfall as confirmed in the attached application form at Appendix 2. CIL monies are intended for just this sort of capital infrastructure as defined in the Borough Council’s Regulation 123 list of types of projects to be funded.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 There are no alternative funding options to meet the funding gap for the Wider Staines project. If the required final element of funding from CIL were not to be made available the project would not proceed.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 The Wider Staines STP was subject to public consultation in April/May last year, and widely supported. The CIL funding decision however does not require any further consultation with any party and the decision is now for the Joint Committee to make.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The sum of £365,000 has already been allocated by the Leader of Spelthorne Borough Council to the Joint Committee from which to make CIL allocations and therefore the Committee is financially in the position to make a positive decision. It should be noted that actual payment of monies is only made by the Borough Council on satisfactory completion of work.

6. WIDER IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 Question 9 of the application form at Appendix 2 identifies a range of wider benefits of which the more significant relate to public health by firstly assisting in reducing levels of air pollution, caused in particular by congestion, and secondly the personal benefits of healthier travel options. There are general sustainability benefits and equality benefits for those without access to private motor transport.

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications
Equality and Diversity	Significant implications
Localism (including community involvement and impact)	Significant implications
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	Significant implications
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications
Public Health	Significant implications

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 7.1 The CIL Task Group has concluded there are significant public benefits of the Wider Staines STP and it is just the type of capital project for which Spelthorne Borough Council's CIL arrangements are designed for. The CIL contribution of £365,000, at only 7.5% of the total costs, effectively secures an additional £4.585m representing substantial financial 'leverage' and therefore value for money.
- 7.2 The CIL Task Group recommends the Joint Committee to allocate £365,000 to the Wider Staines STP for spending in the financial year 2019/20.

8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 8.1 The CIL monies recommended will be required in the financial year 2019/20 and will be paid on satisfactory completion of the work. A detailed timetable for the implementation of the Wider Staines STP is set out at the end of Appendix 2.

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Consulted: N/A

Appendices:

1. Appendix 1: Minutes of the CIL Task Group 21 February 2017.

2. Appendix 2: Community Infrastructure Application form from Surrey County Council Transport Strategy Team.

3. Appendix 3: Background Paper

Community Infrastructure Levy – Framework for decision making by the Spelthorne Joint Committee.
