



COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY FUNDING REQUEST

Applications are invited for strategic infrastructure projects to be considered for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding.

To bid for CIL funding, you will need to fill out the following application form and submit relevant supporting material, as necessary. Please ensure the information you provide is correct and complete to the best of your knowledge.

Email: cil@threerivers.gov.uk

Address: Community Infrastructure Levy Officer, Three Rivers District Council, Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth, Herts. WD3 1RL

As part of your application, we require the following or your submission may not be considered: Please refer to the CIL Funding Request Checklist for more details.

1. Community Infrastructure Levy Funding Request to be completed with reference to CIL Bid Scoring criteria and guidance
2. Equality Impact and Outcome Assessment
3. Climate and Sustainability Impact Assessment

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Please Note

Failure to answer all the questions on this form could impact upon the success of your application.

Bid Reference (Internal Reference):	
Section A: Applicant Contact Information	
Name and address of your organisation	Rickmansworth Sports Club & Rickmansworth Cricket Club (Park Road, Rickmansworth, WD3 1HU)
Name and position of main contact	Rickmansworth Cricket Club: Andrew Dalglish (Club Secretary)
Applicant contact details (phone number, email and address)	Andrew Dalglish: 07786 055275 / dalgliea@sky.com / 46 Dickinson Square, Croxley Green, WD3 3EY
Type of organisation (If a charity, please provide registration number)	The cricket club is a Community Association Sports Club (CASC) – Reference CH12941
Describe your organisation's main purpose and regular activities	Provision of sport and recreation (primarily cricket and junior football)
Is the organisation able to reclaim VAT?	No

Section B: Project Overview	
Project Title	Rickmansworth Sports Club & Rickmansworth Cricket Club Infrastructure Improvements
Summary of the project proposal	<p>The Cricket Club (and Sports Club) are faced with a number of significant issues which are ultimately hindering both cricket and other sports from flourishing in what should be a perfect location for team sports.</p> <p>To enable the various users of the Park Road site to grow and ensure the local community has a facility which encourages both improved capacity and the ability to support successful team activities, a number of major infrastructure changes are needed which are currently outside of the ability of the two clubs to fund independently.</p> <p>The proposal covers the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage Enhancements to address flooding issues (Turfdry). This will cover both playing areas and will look to address the existing drainage issues through the digging and filling of trenches 5m apart with a drainage system installed at the bottom of each trench. • New cricket nets to double existing capacity (Total-Play). East side of the ground between the two main playing areas. It is not possible to expand the existing net structure due to encroachment onto the playing area and safety issues arising as a result. • A new changing facility for the top pitch to replace the existing delapidated structure on the west side of the top pitch of the ground (Mac-Containers) • Improvements to disabled access to the pavilion <p>For a further in-depth analysis of the request items, please refer to the supporting document 'CIL Request Supporting Information.pdf' Pages 10-16 (Proposal) and Pages 23-30 (Proposed Solutions)</p>
Estimated project cost (including breakdown of the overall cost and what the CIL funding requested will cover)	<p>The total amount of CIL funding requested is £164,859 out of a total project cost of £223,209. The total cost of the project is made up of the following VAT inclusive amounts relating to the items outlined in the previous section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage Improvements: £112,640 (total project cost excluding delivery charge of £4,499) • New Cricket Nets: £49,414 • Changing Facility: £39,863 (total project cost excluding delivery charge of £1,074) • Disabled Access Enhancements: £15,750 <p>After discussion with the CIL team, we understand that the application will not cover the payment of VAT or delivery charges. Because neither club is VAT registered, we must apply all match funding that we can obtain to the covering of the VAT shortfall and also the delivery charges which also fall out of scope.</p> <p>We have received a substantial donation towards the project from Batchworth Community Council (£24k) and are currently awaiting a response from Croxley Green Parish Council regarding how much they will allocate the project from</p>

	<p>their CIL fund (expected in September 2025). We have been led to believe that they will match the donation from Batchworth as this will fund the project to the 75% level which is the CIL split ratio between the parish councils and TRDC.</p> <p>Please refer to section D for the full breakdown of the amounts excluding VAT.</p>
Full address of project location	Rickmansworth Sports Club, Park Road Rickmansworth, Herts, WD3 1HU
Project partner (if applicable)	<p>Rickmansworth Sports Club</p> <p>Main Contact: Paul Blackwell (Club Secretary)</p>

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Why is CIL funding being sought and who are the likely beneficiaries of the project? Please provide usage details where appropriate

Please refer to CIL Scoring Criteria Guidance under: Delivering Growth & Community Support

The improvements to the site's infrastructure can't be achieved without external funding.

Cricket is the predominant sport played in the summer months, however the Sports Club is used over the winter by various youth teams from Croxley Green Football Club (a significant proportion of which are girls teams).

The cricket club is currently going through a period of unprecedented success on the playing front and has also seen the youth sections (both boys and girls) expanding at a tremendous rate.

The club runs 5 adult Saturday league teams (for the first time in the club's history – the new 5th team is to be used to specifically integrate younger players into the adult game), 1 Sunday team, 9 boys teams and 3 girls teams. In all, we have in excess of 200 playing members on the books.

The facilities are used every day over the summer months for either cricket matches or practice. In the winter months football is played at the weekends when the ground is suitable (i.e. is not flooded).

The club would like to begin offering access to disabled sports users however the soft ground and current pavilion entrance area are ill-suited for this without an overhaul.

How does the project help address the demands of development in the area. What evidence is there to support this?

Please refer to CIL Scoring Criteria Guidance under: Delivering Growth & Environment

The extensive flooding experienced in the 2024 season, saw the club being unable to fulfil home fixtures at Park Road for most of the season. A huge number of man hours were expended trying to find alternative venues for games which proved to be both difficult and expensive. In many cases the only alternatives were sub-standard council grounds as far afield as Hemel and Welwyn.

The club was extremely fortunate that a number of opposition teams showed tremendous goodwill by offering to switch fixtures. Due to promotions, it is unlikely that this could be repeated in 2025.

The situation was so extreme that as an example, the 3rd XI was only able to play two home fixtures out of 12 at Park Road all season. This situation is not considered sustainable moving forward.

The youth sections of the cricket club are currently running at capacity for existing facilities. Despite being a CASC, the cricket club have to warn prospective members that even though they are welcome to join there is no guarantee of access to practice facilities / game time etc.

To enable more members access to suitable facilities the club needs to double its existing net capacity from 2 lanes to 4 lanes (as an example West Herts CC has 4 outdoor net lanes). The existing nets do not meet the current guidelines as defined by the ECB.

The existing facilities (even once refurbished) are not currently comparable vs many other clubs in the area. Be that either pitch condition, changing areas or practice facilities. This makes it

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	<p>extremely difficult to maintain talented youngsters and attract better players that will enable the club to grow and play at a higher level.</p> <p>The club would like to grow its female section substantially. It currently runs three girls teams (oldest being U15). The club would like to begin an adult women's teams but is currently losing older girls players to more established clubs as far afield as St Albans.</p> <p>The configuration of the existing pavilion does not allow for separate changing areas for the female teams. Enhanced changing facilities at the top end of the ground would go a long way to remediating this issue. The existing toilet / showering facilities are not adequate to support female sport.</p> <p>Disabled access to the pavilion is extremely poor and there are currently not disabled access toilets. Coupled to issues with the drainage on the site there is extremely limited ability to support disabled sporting activities. The club was approached in 2024 however was unable to fulfil the request due to the issues outlined.</p>
<p>Do you have planning permission in place to carry out the works?</p> <p>If so, please provide the application number</p> <p><small>Please refer to CIL Scoring Criteria Guidance under: Deliverability</small></p>	<p>23/0320/FUL</p>
<p>Please provide details of any supporting policy from the Local Plan</p> <p><small>Please refer to CIL Scoring Criteria Guidance under: Delivering Growth</small></p>	<p>The cricket club received a copy of this document titled 'Land to North of Little Green Lane, Croxley Green: Sport and Leisure Strategy.' This document provides an analysis of the effects of the development and makes reference to both the existing and emerging Local Plans, in which a number of key points were made which we believe clearly support our application (This document has been supplied in our supporting information).</p> <p>Sport & Leisure Strategy / Emerging Local Plan / Page 5: 2.18</p> <p>In order to ensure that any additional demand generated for indoor and outdoor sports facilities arising from new residential developments is met, major development proposals will be expected to contribute to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The enhancement of existing pitches to increase their capacity or b) Securing greater community access to currently restricted provision or c) The provision of new playing pitches on existing sites.

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Points a) and b) are clearly relevant to the CIL and are directly relevant to this application i.e. developers should be contributing to the enhancement of existing facilities moving forward based on the proposed Local Plan.

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Strategic Objective 11 of the Three Rivers Core Strategy is:

‘To provide accessible and varied opportunities for leisure, arts, sport and recreational activities in order to promote healthy lifestyles.’

This point in the existing Local Plan clearly highlights the obligation of the council to provide accessible opportunities for leisure to promote healthy lifestyles. The lack of recreational sport pitches and the fact that the Scotsbridge site has largely been unused for the last couple of years clearly indicates that the opportunities for local residents are not being maximised.

Sport & Leisure Strategy / Adopted Local Plan / Page 6: 2.25

This emphasises the important contribution that the effective provision of sports facilities can make. There are no specific policies relating to sports facilities, but the following policies broadly relate to the delivery of this objective:

- CP1—creating sustainable development— this includes the protection and enhancement of existing community, leisure and cultural facilities and the provision of new

This point in the existing Local Plan clearly highlights the importance of protecting and enhancing existing community facilities which presumably must be a key consideration in the justification of this application

Would the community support the project?

Please refer to CIL Scoring Criteria Guidance under: Community Support

The quality of sports facilities in Rickmansworth is far below that of Chorleywood and Watford (e.g. Chorleywood CC, Chorleywood Common FC, West Herts CC etc.) This means that at present many players are going outside of the immediate area to access a superior playing experience. It is hoped that the improvements will enable local schools to work in partnership with the clubs to provide superior coaching opportunities than is currently possible.

The club has researched vendors who are approved by Sports England and the English Cricket Board. This will ensure that the solutions are in line with best practice guidance and also ensure the product is of

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sufficient quality to maximise the playing experience of those using it.

The club is attempting to source alternative funding where possible and has renewed it's sponsorship packages to encourage support from local businesses. The cricket club is in the process of securing ECB Clubmark status which we hope will open up future funding opportunities, however the costs involved are significant and it is highly unlikely that material funding can be secured to facilitate the improvements to be made in the required timeframes (i.e. fully completed for Summer 2026).

Membership Agreement & Support

As part of the Clubmark application there is a requirement for the club to produce a long-term development plan. This has been disseminated around the club membership and there has been broad agreement that the enhancements outlined in this project will remediate the key challenges faced by the clubs.

Evidence of Public Support

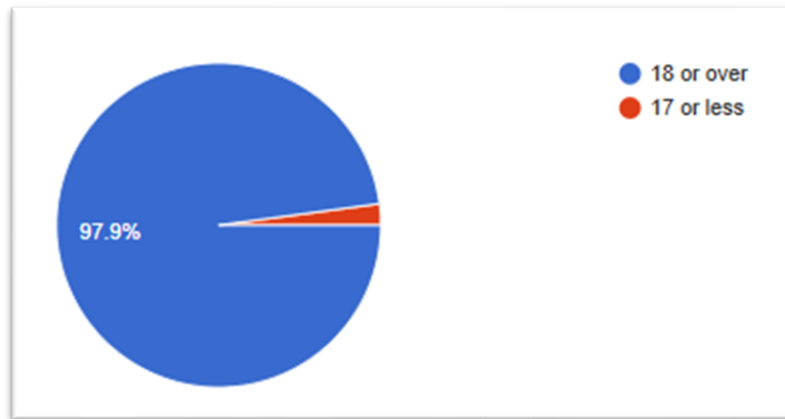
The club obtained details of the CIL application requirements relatively late in the Jan - Feb 2025 application process. Consequently, it had a short period of time to obtain evidence of external public approval for the project.

At the request of Three Rivers Council, the club opened up a Petition to members and supporters which remained open for just 48 hours. In this time we had 385 responses. No doubt given more time we could have increased this number manyfold.

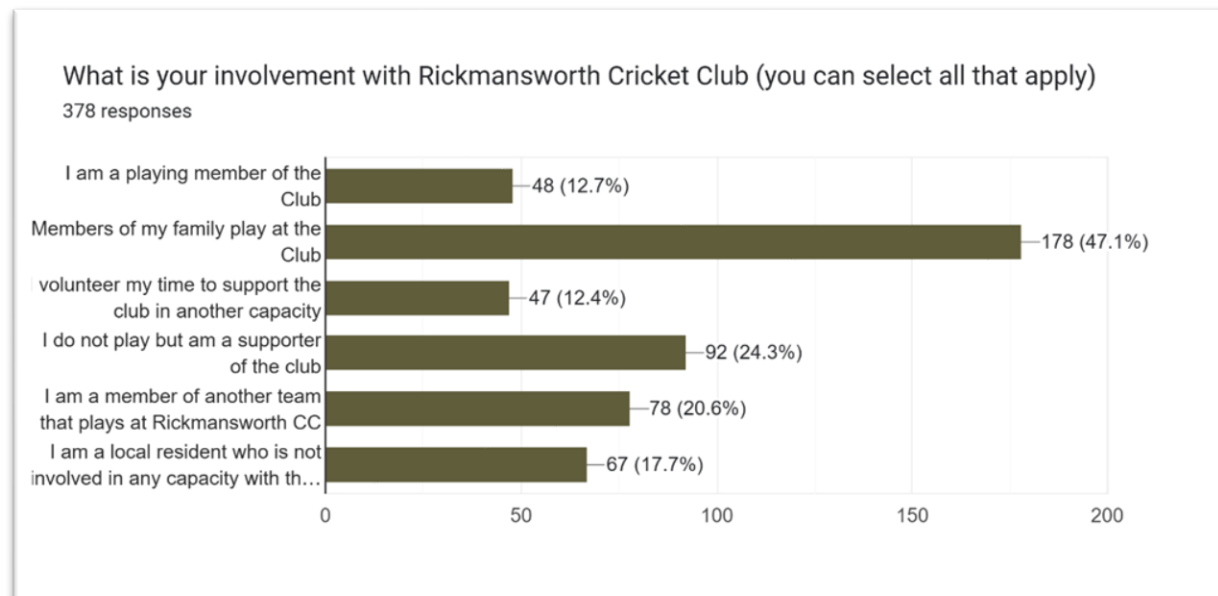
The Petition asked participants to support our request for funding assistance to enable better drainage for the Ground; 2 brand new nets on the side of the ground so we have enough for both boys and girls on practice nights, improved changing facilities on the 2nd ground; secure storage space for machinery; better security and disabled access across the front of the Pavilion. All 378 participants agreed to support this.

The vast majority of people filling in the form were over 18.

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We then asked respondents what was their involvement in the Club. Almost 50% had some kind of involvement with the club as a player or through family connections. 20% were actually members of other local clubs who wanted to post their support for the clubs endeavors.



328 of the respondents reside in the WD3 postcode, whilst another 25 live in other parts of Watford. This means 86% of those responding are Three Rivers District Council residents and a further 7% are in neighbouring Watford.

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	<p>Prior to the online survey we thought it would be useful to obtain some feedback by utilising the local Facebook groups for both Croxley Green and RCCG (Rickmansworth, Chorleywood & Croxley Green). The post below was made on both groups with anyone supporting the application for funding to 'Like' the post and provide a comment if they wanted.</p> <p>Feedback was overwhelmingly supportive with some extremely constructive comments and over 300 'Likes' being received within the first three days (Link 1 / Link 2). Whilst we now appreciate that Facebook likes are not recognized in the CIL application process we received many supportive comments from people who do not have a known connection to the cricket club (examples of the comments have been included and can be referred to in the supporting document 'CIL Request Supporting Information.pdf' Page 20).</p> <p>We have obtained a letter of support from Croxley Green Football Club for the proposed drainage works. This has been supplied in Appendix 4 of this document.</p>
<p>Please outline how the project will demonstrate value for money</p> <p>Please refer to CIL Scoring Criteria Guidance under Project cost</p>	<p>There is currently limited capacity for growth of cricket on the site. Capacity has been reached with the existing facilities and coupled to flooding and the associated subsidence, it is unlikely that the situation will improve.</p> <p>Sport is obviously key to the wellbeing of anyone involved and it is hoped that the proposed improvements will ensure that there is a quality offering for generations to come i.e. the proposed changing area has a 50+ year lifespan, the net base has a 36 year warranty, the drainage solution has proven to be enormously successful everywhere it has been installed.</p> <p>Sport England Sport has conducted an analysis which has highlighted and physical activity contribute significantly to the health and wellbeing of England. Their model highlights the social value created by community sports, estimating that over £107 billion in social value was generated in 2022/23 alone.</p> <p>This figure represents both primary value - the wellbeing benefits that individuals experience from being active - and secondary value, which reflects the cost savings to public services like healthcare (Link).</p> <p>Based on the figures in this model we have extrapolated out the estimated benefits of conducting the project. Our analysis shows that we would expect the project to be cost neutral within 3 years (1.7 years if the drainage enhancements alone are considered).</p> <p>Our calculations have been included in the supporting documentation for this application.</p>

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<p>Would the project lead to any income generation? Please refer to CIL Scoring Criteria Guidance under: Project Cost</p>	<p>Improved net infrastructure will enable the club to rent out facilities to cricket activators. At present the club does this however is on an extremely limited basis.</p> <p>Drainage enhancements would make the outfield fit for use all year round and therefore enable the pitches to be hired out more frequently i.e. for disabled sport / county representative sides etc. This was possible in 2023 however was not possible in 2024 due to the flooding issues.</p> <p>Ideally the club would like to engage with local schools and work in partnership with them to provide coaching opportunities which currently are ill suited to the site. Whilst this may not generate revenue, it will hopefully improve the provision of cricket to the children of Rickmansworth and Croxley Green across all age groups.</p> <p>Additionally, we have put together an analysis of financial benefits to the community based on an activity study put together by Sport England. Whilst this is not direct income it is based on reducing costs as a result of inactivity. A full breakdown of this can be found in the supporting document 'CIL - Financial Benefit Analysis'</p>
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Section D: Financial information		
Please show in the table below the amount of CIL funding being sought and any other contributions that may have been allocated for this scheme. PLEASE ENSURE THE AMOUNT BEING SOUGHT FROM TRDC CIL EXCLUDES VAT Please refer to CIL Scoring Criteria Guidance under: Project Cost		
	Amount	Detail
Please indicate total cost of project	£223,209 (Including VAT / Delivery)	£174,109 Excluding VAT / Delivery
Please provide a detailed breakdown of the costs for the project	Please refer to Section B 'Estimated project cost' for a breakdown inclusive of VAT.	<p>Turfdry Drainage System Four options have been supplied which vary as a result of the distance between channels. The club has been advised that 5m channels would be the suitable option i.e. 5m (£90,088)</p> <p>Mac Containers Changing Facility (Drying Room) 8.5m x 3m x 3m Unit: £31,890</p> <p>Total Play - New Nets 'tp5t' ECB approved system 33 m in length: two-tone green with blue borders: £39,531</p> <p>GW Building Contractors - Disabled Access Improvements Renovation of patio area to make appropriate for wheelchair use - £12,600</p>

Please provide a detailed summary of the total CIL funding required, including phasing	<p>£223,209 (Total Project Cost inclusive of VAT / Delivery Charges)</p> <p>£58,350 (Match Funding)</p> <p>£164,859 (Requested assuming £24k from CGPC)</p>	<p>The project would be completed in different phases to minimise disruption to the cricket and football seasons. Our aim is to work to the following timeframes:</p> <p>Drainage System installation: Early Sept 2025 subject to availability of contractor</p> <p>New Nets: Mid-March 2026 to allow for drainage work to settle and to also ensure the nets do not have an additional winter of weathering.</p> <p>Changing Facility: To be installed at first possible opportunity subject to funding (16 week lead time from manufacturer)</p> <p>Disabled Access Improvements: To be installed at first possible opportunity subject to funding and contractor availability</p> <p>Drainage System: £90,088</p> <p>Changing Facility: £31,890</p> <p>New Nets: £39,531</p> <p>Disabled Access Improvements: £12,600</p>
How much funding does the project currently have?	<p>£34,530 (£58,350 assuming payment from CGPC)</p> <p>Please note points relating to VAT and Delivery Charges</p>	<p>We are mid-way through an aggressive fund-raising plan. Because of the need to cover both VAT and delivery charges, we face a significant shortfall of £40,395 (£35,751 is VAT and £4,644 delivery charges) which we are aiming to cover through match funding</p> <p>The Cricket Club has received funding from Batchworth Community Council (£24k) and has applied to Croxley Green Parish Council. We understand from that our bid will be looked upon favourably, however we will not know the extent of any donation from CGPC until after the date of this submission.</p> <p>We have also applied for grant from Veolia (unsuccessful as over-subscribed) and also the Hertfordshire Community Foundation.</p> <p>There are major infrastructure works required in the Pavilion which fall outside of the scope of this bid (Roof replacement and Toilet Upgrades amounting to >£200k). After investigation, we understand that we fall on the outer limit of the HS2 boundary and would therefore like to try utilize this source of potential match funding for completing these essential works. It should be noted that HS2 have requested an update to the Cricket Club lease agreement prior to any application which is currently being worked on (no problems are anticipated with these updates).</p> <p>If we are unable to secure full funding by the requisite deadlines we would aim to cover any shortfall via a short-term loan.</p>

Are there any revenue costs (i.e. day-today running costs, maintenance cost) associated with the project and if so, how will they be funded and has that funding been secured?	N/A	N/A
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Please indicate in the table below the source of additional funding that has been secured/ is being sought.				
Source	Amount	Conditions Attached	Use by Date	Funding Confirmed
Easy Fundraising	1,000	Cash back on purchases by supporters	Ongoing	£150 (June 2025)
Pitchero Fundraising Lottery	£1,500	Number of supporters who sign-up to the initiative	N/A	£200 – Commenced in March 2025 £6 per £10 monthly donation
Sport England: Active-Together Fund	£6,000	N/A	N/A	£6,000
Business Sponsorship	£5,000	Support of local businesses for the cricket club / renewals from existing club sponsors	N/A	£4,000 Toyota - £1,000 Jewson £3,000
Croxley Green Parish Council	TBC	Decisions relating to potential funding awards are made on the 20 th July which is one week after the TRDC funding decision. We are therefore currently unaware of the level of contribution towards the overall project at this point in time.	18 months from July 2025	£24,000 Applied – decision 25th September 2025
Batchworth Parish Council	£24,000	Received confirmation 17/07/2025 that the Cricket Club has been awarded £24k of CIL funding (Refer to Appendix 6)	18 months from July 2025	£24,000
				£34,350 (covers VAT and delivery)
Applied But Unsuccessful				
English Cricket Board (ECB) Emergency Fund	Project outlined and advice sought (March 2024)		N/A	Application made – not secured
Veolia	£75,000		N/A	Application made - unsuccessful (refer to Appendix 1)
HS2	TBC	We started the process for HS2 funding however, having contacted the company which manages the fund, it became clear that a minor issue with our lease will prevent us from applying for higher levels of funding. This is something that we can fix in due course, however we would like to keep HS2 as our main match funding option for essential upgrade works on the pavilion at Park Road. With the lease issue resolved we can apply for up to £250k (this is restricted to £75k currently). It should be noted that having gone through the other funding options supplied by Ryan Watson we would have very few options for match funding if not held back.	N/A	Application investigated – unable to apply for higher levels of funding currently
Hertfordshire Community Foundation	£5,000	N/A	N/A	Application made - unsuccessful (refer to Appendix 2)
Funding Sources Suggested by Ryan Watson but not applicable				
Bernard Sunley Foundation		The foundation only supplies funding to certain types of organization – CASC's do not fall within their scope		Unable to apply

Wolfson		The foundation only supplies funding to organization's who are a registered charity. CASC's are not a registered charity		Unable to apply
Garfield Weston		The foundation only supplies funding to organization's who are a registered charity. CASC's are not a registered charity		Unable to apply
Watford Community Housing Trust – Community Chest Fund		The Community Chest supports initiatives and projects that require funding of £500 or less. CASC's are not a registered charity		Unable to apply

Does the CIL funding help secure the release of additional funding?	Possibly	If we secure CIL funding we hope that this will provide us greater leverage with the ECB to secure funding through their emergency fund.
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Section E: Delivery and on Going Maintenance

What is the delivery timescale for the project?

Please refer to CIL Scoring Criteria Guidance under: Deliverability

The expectation is that the project can be fully delivered by March 2026 subject to booking of the associated construction work etc.

It is hoped that the changing room and storage area can be delivered in a 14-16 week timeframe subject to funding being available.

Subject to standard regular maintenance the club has aimed to select the solutions which will provide the longest term benefit to the clubs and local area.

Section F: Additional Information

CIL Request Supporting Information

The club has put together a detailed business case document which aims to outline the problems faced at Park Road in more detail than is possible in this document. The benefits are hoped to be significant and the intention is to make the Park Road site comparable to any leading recreational sports ground in the county.

CIL - Financial Benefit Analysis

We have supplied a financial model which (based on figures supplied by Sport England) shows the financial benefits of the project and the cost per year if not undertaken.

Rausebarn Lane Development - Sport and Leisure Strategy

We received this document which provides an analysis of the existing sports and leisure facilities in the area as part of the proposed residential development to the North of Croxley Green

Rausebarn Lane Development - Sport and Leisure Strategy CGPC Summary

Croxley Green Parish Council's summary of the above developer document.

Environment Agency Feedback

At the request of the CIL team, we have obtained feedback from both the Environment Agency (Appendix 2) and the Lead Local Flood Authority (Appendix 3) confirming that they have no issues with the proposed drainage solution. This feedback has been confirmed as complete by Kimberley Rowley in a mail dated 25/6/2025

Section G: Declaration

When you have completed the application, please sign this declaration and submit the application form as directed
To the best of my knowledge the information I have provided on this application form is correct.

If Three Rivers District Council agrees to release funds for the specified project, these funds will be used exclusively for the purposes described. In such an event, I agree to inform the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Coordinator of any material changes to the proposals set out above. When requested, I agree to provide the Council with all necessary information required for the purposes of reporting on the progress or otherwise of the identified project. I recognise the Council's statutory rights as the designated CIL Charging Authority, which includes provisions to reclaim unspent or misappropriated funds. Privacy Notice: By signing this form, the applicant agrees to Three Rivers District Council checking all supplied information for the purposes of informing decision making. The information on this form will be stored in the Council's Infrastructure Spending Board manual filling system and summarised in the Council's ICT system for the sole purpose of fund processing, analysis and accounting. Information about the project may be publicised on the Council website and in public material for publicity purposes. Personal data will not be disclosed without any prior agreement of those concerned, unless required by law. For further information on the Council's privacy policy, please see: <https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/privacy-notice>

Signed: Andrew Dalglish

Organisation: Rickmansworth Cricket Club

Date: 06/07/2025

Signed: Paul Blackwell

Organisation: Rickmansworth Sports Club

Date: 06/07/2025

Appendix 1: Veolia Funding Application Response

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The Veolia Environmental Trust<messaging@optimyapp.com>

To: You

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Wed 6/4/2025 12:42 AM

Please do not reply below this line

Project: Rickmansworth Cricket Club, Rickmansworth - Sporting Facilities Improvement (008223)

Form: Veolia Environmental Trust's Application Form

[Consult the whole conversation](#)

Message:

04/06/2025

Dear Andrew Dalglish

008223 Rickmansworth Cricket Club, Rickmansworth - Sporting Facilities Improvement

Thank you for submitting a grant application to the Veolia Environmental Trust.

At their meeting on the 03/06/2025, our Trustees carefully considered your application but unfortunately were unable to award a grant towards your project.

Regrettably, we do not have the funds available to support every application we receive. Our Trustees have to make difficult decisions, and award grants to the projects they feel most closely match Trust priorities. They recognise the amount of hard work you put into your application and are very sorry to disappoint you.

As our funding scheme is over subscribed, we recommend that you wait at least 12 months before reapplying with a new application for a grant at this project site. You may wish to apply for funding from other Distributive Environmental Bodies in your area and information may be obtained from ENTRUST, the regulatory body, via their website www.entrust.org.uk

We wish you every success in securing funding for your project.

Appendix 2: Hertfordshire Community Foundation Funding Application Response

From: Christy Conroy <christy.conroy@hertscf.org.uk>
Date: 1 Jul 2025 11:44
Subject: HCF Grant Application ref OGA506404
To: info@rickmansworthcc.co.uk
Cc:

Dear Andrew

Hertfordshire Community Foundation have now considered your application ref OGA506404 for Rickmansworth Cricket Club - Essential Infrastructure Upgrades and have decided not to make a grant on this occasion, as we are unable to contribute to larger fundraising appeals for capital projects.

I would recommend looking at Sport England funding via the match-funding platform Crowdfunder: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/movement-fund>

It may also be worth reaching out to Herts Sports Partnership Funding Officer, Richard Sutcliffe, who may be able to offer some bid-writing support or advice. His email address is funding4sport@hotmail.co.uk

We wish you all the best with your project and hope you are successful in raising the funds needed from other sources.

Best wishes

Hertfordshire Community Foundation

Please check our website below for details of our HCF Training & Development team who provide advice, training and grants to enable charities and social purpose organisations to support our communities for years to come.

<https://training.hertscf.org.uk>

Appendix 3: Environment Agency Feedback on Proposals

The Three Rivers CIL team required us to provide confirmation from the Environment Agency that they did not have any objections to the proposed work. Having consulted with the 'Sustainable Places' team we received the following confirmation that they had no concerns with the plans.



● **HNL Sustainable Places**

From: hnl sustainableplaces@environment-agency.gov.uk

To: dalgliea@sky.com



Wed, 18 Jun at 10:38 ☆

Andy

Thank you for the email and I apologise for the delay in getting back to you. I have looked at the information you provided and can confirm that the Environment Agency would not have any concerns with your proposed works. The secondary watercourse that runs adjacent to your site falls under the remit of the Lead Local flood authority and I suggest you speak to them in regard to any surface water queries you may have.

Regards

Kai Mitchell

Planning Specialist, Hertfordshire and North London Sustainable Places

Environment Agency | Alchemy, Bessemer Road, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, AL7 1HE

HNL SustainablePlaces@environment-agency.gov.uk

External: 0203 0259074

Appendix 4: Local Flood Authority Feedback on Proposals



• **Ordinary Water Courses**

From: ordinarywatercourses@hertfordshire.gov.uk

To: dalgliea@sky.com



Fri, 20 Jun at 13:36



Hi Andy

Thanks very much for your email.

I am broadly familiar with this area and some former colleagues were involved in some investigations to try and address some of the flooding in the area. **We would have no concerns with the drainage system itself** but it is worth noting that we understand there are some issues downstream whereby the watercourse it is intended to discharge into it blocked or damaged. Previous officers believed there could be an obstruction between the locations labelled I and O which were prohibiting the watercourse from draining effectively. Unfortunately I don't think we have made much progress with these investigations since the staff involved left. I recall there were some difficulties in establishing who is responsible for the culverted length of watercourse between the cricket club and point O in Fortune Common.

I believe TRDC were undertaking a survey to try and establish where any issues in the culvert might be and who would be responsible for clearing it (it will likely be the owner of the land above the culvert). I've just asked if there are any updates they could share.

Appendix 5: Croxley Green FC Letter of Support



Chairman	Richard New
Secretary (Youth)	Richard Jamieson
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Club Treasurer	Gary Walker
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Date: 23.06.25

To: Whom it May Concern

Re: Funding for Infrastructure Projects at Rickmansworth Cricket Club, Park Road, Rickmansworth, WD3 1HU.

We at Croxley Green FC, see Rickmansworth Cricket Club as a highly valued Community Partner in the provision of sports facilities for the local Rickmansworth & Croxley Green areas.

Indeed, Croxley Green FC annually hire the Cricket pitches from September through to April for the provision of small-sided youth football matches. However, over recent years the pitches have suffered greatly from flooding issues, which has resulted on many occasions the pitches being taken out of use.

This has caused obviously not only issues for Rickmansworth Cricket Club, but for us as we have had to source alternative facilities at increased cost to the Football Club, thus limiting the amount of funds we have available for the development of our Diversity, Equity & Inclusion initiatives across the Football Club.

Croxley Green FC is a fast-growing local community sports club with over 60 teams, 900 players and over 2500 local members. Therefore, to provide "Football for the local community", we are very reliant on the availability of Rickmansworth Cricket Club pitches from September to April annually.

Therefore, we wholly support the funding request(s) put forward by the Rickmansworth Cricket Club to deal with/resolve the flooding issues at the site once and for all.

**Richard New
Chairman,
Croxley Green FC**

Appendix 6: Batchworth Community Council – Confirmation of Award

- Re: Rickmansworth Cricket Club - Funding Proposal
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• **Andrea Fraser**

From: andrea.fraser@batchworth-ecc.gov.uk

To: gemma dalgliesh

Cc: BCC Office

Hi Andy,

Good news Council agreed last night to award Rickmansworth CC £24K last night. The clerk will be in touch with details.

Kind regards,

Andrea

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