

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	POLICY COMMITTEE		
DATE:	14 JUNE 2021		
TITLE:	ALLOCATION OF THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY 15% LOCAL CONTRIBUTION		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report deals with the 15% of collected Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which should be allocated to the local area in which development takes place. The report:

- Summarises the results of consultation undertaken on the provisional allocation of 15% local CIL and future priorities agreed at Policy Committee on 15th February 2021;
- Proposes a final allocation of 15% local CIL collected up to 31st March 2020; and
- Recommends some changes to the previous allocation of 15% local CIL.

1.2 Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Equality Impact Assessment

Appendix 2 - Summary of outcome of consultation

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

2.1 That the results of consultation undertaken on provisional allocations of 15% local CIL and priorities for future spend (Appendix 2) be noted;

2.2 That the following allocations of 15% local CIL collected up until 31st March 2020 be agreed, with a total allocation of £1.557m:

£0.075m for Borough-wide graffiti removal project
£0.050m for town centre monuments and statues
£0.100m for war memorials and public art
£0.100m for Thames cycle path in Kings Meadow
£0.275m for the High Street Heritage Action Zone project
£0.075m for Shinfield Road Recreation Ground improvements
£0.095m for skate park at John Rabson Recreation Ground
£0.095m for Waterloo Meadows play area improvements
£0.100m for Arthur Newbery Park play area improvements
£0.095m for Oxford Road Recreation Ground play area improvements
£0.050m for pedestrian crossing on Norcot Road
£0.085m for Dover Street play area improvements
£0.002m for laptops for Coley Park Community Centre
£0.100m for Brook Street West improvements
£0.030m for Moriston Close play area improvements
£0.100m for Palmer Park play area improvements
£0.005m for Morpeth Close road marking
£0.050m for pedestrian crossing on Addington Road
£0.050m for pedestrian crossing on Church End Lane
£0.010m for lining alteration on The Meadway
£0.015m for landscaping improvements at South Whitley Park

- 2.3 That delegation be given to the relevant Service Head to complete necessary procurement processes to deliver the programme of work.
- 2.4 That spend approval be delegated to the relevant officers in accordance with the funds approved at 2.2 above. Any variation to the allocations above be delegated to the relevant officers in consultation with the Lead Members for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and Corporate and Consumer Services and the Assistant Director of Finance.
- 2.5 That £0.010m of the 15% local CIL allocated to Broad Street seating refurbishment by Policy Committee in November 2018 and amended by Decision Book in August 2020 be allocated instead to the Dog Fountain, St Laurence's Churchyard.
- 2.6 That £0.050m allocated by Policy Committee in November 2018 to additional community facilities as part of, or near to, improved health care provision in Whitley Wood be used for Whitley Wood Community Centre.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 Since 1st April 2015, the Council has operated the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) within Reading. This is a levy that is applied to new development, and which is to be used to fund infrastructure to support growth. The collection and spend of CIL is governed by the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended).
- 3.2 Under the CIL Regulations, where there is no neighbourhood development plan in place and where development was not granted permission by a neighbourhood development order, 15% of CIL money arising must be spent in the 'relevant local area' in which development takes place (this is referred to hereafter as '15% local CIL'). In many authorities, this means passing the relevant proportion of collected CIL to the parish councils or town councils in whose area development takes place, but Reading requires different arrangements.
- 3.3 A protocol, originally approved at Policy Committee on 16th July 2018 (Minute 26 refers) and amended at Policy Committee on 15th February 2021 (Minute 97 refers) sets out a focus for the use of 15% local CIL as below and subject to the project according with a number of principles:
- Open space improvements/small scale leisure;
 - Local highway improvement projects;
 - Air quality;
 - Community improvements;
 - Renewable energy infrastructure;
 - Economic Support;
 - Other measures which help to mitigate the impact the development has on the area.
- 3.4 The protocol further states that allocations of 15% local CIL must accord with the following:
- Support:
 - (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of local facilities and/or infrastructure; or
 - (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on a local area.
 - May be included in the IDP and/or Approved Capital Programme.
 - May enable other funds that would not otherwise be available or offer a financial return on investment, e.g. needed to match or draw grant funding;
 - Address a specific impact of new development beyond that which has been secured through a S106 obligation or S278 agreement;
 - Contribute to the delivery of key development sites in the district to realise the Local Plan proposals.
- 3.5 At Policy Committee on 15th February, it was also agreed that the allocation of 15% local CIL would move away from the approach based on four zones (Central, North, South and West) that had previously been taken.

4. THE PROPOSAL

(a) Current Position

4.1 The first allocation of 15% local CIL took place at Policy Committee on 26th November 2018, after a consultation undertaken in summer 2018. An allocation of £1.208m to a range of projects was agreed, comprising 15% local CIL collected up to 30th September 2018. Additional funds were allocated towards two of the selected projects by Decision Book in August 2020, bringing the total allocated to £1.339m. The report to Policy Committee on 15th February 2021 provided an update on the progress of these projects.

4.2 The following allocations were among those agreed in November 2018:

- £0.015m for Broad St refurbishment of the seating areas Phase 1 (increased to £0.065m by Decision Book in August 2020);
- £0.030m for the Dog Fountain in St Laurence's Churchyard (reduced to £0.015m by Decision Book in August 2020); and
- £0.050m for additional community facilities as part of, or near to, improved health care provision in Whitley Wood.

There is now a need to make some changes to these allocations to reflect the current situation.

4.3 There is expected to be an underspend on Broad Street seating refurbishment, and a need for additional funds for the Dog Fountain project. This report therefore recommends agreeing reallocating £0.010m from Broad Street seating to the Dog Fountain, amending the total allocations to £0.055m (Broad Street) and £0.025m (Dog Fountain).

4.4 In terms of the Whitley Wood community provision, this was originally identified to be used towards the development of a new church centre and health centre on the St Paul's church hall site on Whitley Wood Lane. There has been a resolution to grant planning permission for this development at Planning Applications Committee subject to the signing of a legal agreement, but the final decision is not yet issued, and it is likely that this development will not come forward for several years. Therefore, it is considered that this funding should be used for improvements to the nearby Whitley Wood Community Centre, to ensure that funds are used to deliver improvements in a timely manner which fulfils the intent of the initial allocation.

4.5 Remaining 15% local CIL funds collected up to 2018-19 as well as funds collected in 2019-20 mean that, at the end of 2019-20, there is an additional £1.669m 15% local CIL available to allocate.

4.6 Policy Committee on 15th February 2021 considered a list of projects that were subject to consultation in 2018, but did not receive funding at the time, and agreed a provisional allocation of £1.557m towards

these projects. The projects that formed part of this provisional allocation are set out below.

Table 1: Provisional allocation agreed at Policy Committee in February 2021

Project	Ward	Proposed allocation	Further information
Borough-wide graffiti removal project	Borough-wide	£75,000	Highway and cleansing inspections
Town centre monuments and statues	Abbey	£50,000	Inspection, cleaning and repairs
War memorials and public art	Abbey	£100,000	Inventory, maintenance and cleaning of war memorials & public art
Thames cycle/path route at Kings Meadow	Abbey	£100,000	The surface of the cycle/footpath along sections is cracked and broken from tree routes. Given its continual use by pedestrians and cyclists is in need of attention.
High Street Heritage Action Zones project	Abbey, Battle and Katesgrove	£275,000	Ongoing programme to make the high street within three town centre conservation areas a more attractive place through physical, community and cultural activities. Awarded £150,000 of 15% local CIL in previous allocations.
Improvements at Shinfield Road Recreation Ground, Linden Road, involving improving upgrading the park and facilities	Church	£75,000	Upgrading the park and facilities. Removal of the carpet style surfacing within the play area along with some of the fencing and returned to parkland. New furniture. Resurfacing of footpaths.
Skate park at John Rabson Recreation Ground	Church	£95,000	Installation of skate park. Previous consultation in 2018 proposed that this could be located at Cintra Park, but proposal is now that it be delivered at John Rabson Recreation Ground.
Play area improvements at Waterloo Meadows	Katesgrove	£95,000	Some items of play equipment need replacing along with safety surfacing.
Arthur Newbery Park play area improvements	Kentwood	£100,000	The large main play unit is over 30yrs old and needs replacing. Parts are obsolete and have to be specially hand made.

Oxford Road Recreation Ground play area improvements	Kentwood	£95,000	The play equipment is very old and in need of replacement.
Pedestrian crossing on Norcot Road, close to number 91	Kentwood/ Tilehurst	£50,000	Convert refuge island to a full pedestrian crossing, as the island is too small for push chairs. This would also be a safety benefit for school children. This is a significant distance from the nearest controlled crossings and near to the linking footway between Norcot Road and Wealden Way. Requires full site survey and feasibility investigation.
Dover Street play area improvements	Minster	£85,000	Equipment and surfacing is at the end of its life. Steep sloping site restricts improvement and is unsuitable for children with disabilities. It suffers from regular drug abuse and anti-social behaviour.
New laptops for Coley Park Community Centre	Minster	£2,000	Replace 8 old laptops with fully functioning new hardware to be used by the Community Centre, so that more members of the community could benefit from education and support.
Improvements and tidy up of wooden bridge area at Brook Street West	Minster	£100,000	Open out the area to make it more desirable for local people to visit and less desirable for drug users. Need for a full project plan. Could include cycle path link to Berkeley Avenue and/or nature trail.
Moriston Close play area improvements	Norcot	£30,000	Play equipment is old and has little play value. The size of the site limits potential improvements.
Palmer Park play area improvements	Park	£100,000	Offer for disabled children and for toddlers of all abilities needs to be improved. Investment in all-inclusive play a priority. Loose fill surfacing requires replacement to improve access. Several swing units require replacement for health and safety reasons.
Road marking on Morpeth Close,	Redlands	£5,000	Installing parking bay markings to assist in easing

involving parking bay markings			some of the area parking issues.
Pedestrian crossing on Addington Road, between the junctions with Erleigh Road and Eastern Avenue	Redlands	£50,000	Provision of controlled crossing at this location. Requires full site survey and feasibility investigation. May necessitate removal of some on street parking to enhance crossing visibility. Aspects of the scheme will require legal public consultation. Will require independent Road Safety Audit.
Pedestrian crossing on Church End Lane, in the vicinity of Moorlands Primary School	Tilehurst	£50,000	Installation of controlled pedestrian crossing facilities at this junction, as requested by 2017 petition. Requires full site survey and feasibility investigation. May require some on street parking restrictions to enhance crossing visibility and locating the crossing among the many driveway accesses will be challenging, if it is feasible at all. Aspects of the scheme will require legal public consultation. Will require independent Road Safety Audit.
Lining alteration on The Meadway at the roundabout with St Michael's Road	Tilehurst	£10,000	Review lining on approaches ('unnecessary' 2 lane approaches) to encourage correct use of the roundabout and reduce the number of vehicles cutting across it. May require independent road safety audit.
Landscaping improvements at South Whitley Park	Whitley	£15,000	Re-landscape the area next to the ballcourt and swings to support informal play, look attractive and make best of areas that will drain.

- 4.7 Policy Committee agreed to consult on the provisional allocation of funds collected up to the end of 2019-20 and on the future priorities for allocation of 15% local CIL. A consultation document was approved, and formed the basis for an online consultation. This consultation took place between 19th February and 16th April.
- 4.8 The results of the consultation are summarised in Appendix 2. In total, there were 171 responses.
- 4.9 In terms of the provisional allocations, a strong majority of respondents (almost 70%) agreed with the proposed allocations overall. 18% of

respondents disagreed, whilst 11% did not know. A number of comments were made on the individual proposals for spend, and these are detailed in Appendix 2.

4.10 A number of additional proposals for allocation of funds in this round were put forward, some relating to specific pieces of infrastructure, and others more general. These are listed in full in Appendix 2, but those which were suggested by more than one respondent were:

- Pothole repairs and road resurfacing (3)
- Cycle lanes and segregated cycle routes (3)
- A roller-skating rink/bowling alley/ice rink (3)
- Clearing rubbish and addressing fly-tipping, particularly along riverside paths (3)
- Additional swimming provision (2)
- More youth clubs (2)
- Works which improve the safety/environment of pedestrians and cyclists (2)
- Owners of premises at junction of Northcourt Avenue and Christchurch Road should tidy up the area they mostly own, or CPO powers used (2)
- Funding treatment and support for drug users (2).

4.11 The next part of the consultation dealt with the priorities for future allocations. Respondents were asked to rank a list of nine possible priorities in order of importance. Across the Borough, the priorities were ranked as follows (based on the average rank from all responses).

Table 2: Ranking of future priorities from consultation

Overall rank	Item
1	B - Play areas and public open spaces
2	H - Climate change and renewable energy
3	G - Natural environment
4	A - Highways, transport and travel
5	F - General environmental enhancements
6	D - Community centres and hubs
7	E - Healthcare provision
8	I - Education provision
9	C - Heritage and cultural provision

4.12 Play areas and public open spaces emerged as the top ranked item, followed by climate change and renewable energy and the natural environment. Although more respondents chose highways, transport and travel as the top-ranked item than any other item, the average ranking was not amongst the highest, as many other respondents ranked it as a comparatively low priority. Heritage and cultural provision was the lowest ranked item.

4.13 This information is also reported in Appendix 2 for each individual ward, so that future decisions on allocations can be made taking into

account how priorities differ across Reading. This information can also be reported by new ward boundaries in the future.

4.14 The consultation asked whether there were any other priorities that should be considered. Most of the possible priorities highlighted in the responses broadly fit within the nine priorities above (see Appendix 2 for the full summary), but areas not covered include provision of sports and leisure facilities, support for people with disabilities, older people or vulnerable groups, and provision for public safety and tackling crime.

4.15 The priorities identified should be taken into account in considering future allocations of 15% local CIL from 2022 onwards.

(b) Option Proposed

4.16 This report recommends that the provisional allocation of £1.557m which was subject to consultation be agreed as a final allocation. This comprises the items set out in Table 1 of this report. The balance of available 15% local CIL funding (£0.112m) would be carried over to be allocated in future years.

4.17 As set out in paragraph 4.7 above, almost 70% of respondents agreed with the proposed allocations. Only 18% of respondents disagreed with the allocations, with the remainder either not sure or not answering the question.

4.18 Whilst a number of additional proposed uses for funds were put forward, as set out in Appendix 2, these are not recommended for inclusion in this round of funding. Funding of some of these items would not comply with the CIL Regulations in terms of supporting the development of the area, whilst some other items are outside the control of the Council due to being in private ownership. Some items would require levels of funding beyond what can be covered by 15% local CIL. A number of items do have potential for future allocation, but would need to be investigated and costed before funding could be allocated, and may need to be considered in future funding decisions.

4.19 It is also recommended to agree the changes to the previous allocations outlined in paragraphs 4.2-4.4.

(c) Other Options Considered

4.20 There are a range of alternative options open to this Committee to consider. While public consultation is required on the proposals to allocate 15% CIL funds, it is for the Committee to decide the final allocations of funds.

4.21 The options would involve different uses of the funds, including those suggested through public consultation and detailed in Appendix 2. It is

worth noting once again in this regards that almost 70% of respondents agreed with the provisional allocations. However, many of these projects do not fall within the scope of 15% local CIL, are not within the Council's control or would cost more than is available. Others are more around general priorities than specific projects. Where those projects could potentially be delivered, they have not been fully assessed in terms of their cost, deliverability and desirability, and the Council would not therefore be in a position to quickly move forwards to implementation.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

5.1 The proposals to use CIL 15% local contribution supports a number of strategic aims. Given the proposed allocation of the majority of funds to transport, open space and leisure, community and the historic environment proposals the recommendations set out in this report mainly support:

- Protecting and enhancing the lives of vulnerable adults and children
- Keeping Reading's environment clean, green and safe
- Promoting great education, leisure and cultural opportunities for people in Reading.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The proposed allocations of CIL already collected will mean the improvement of infrastructure such as open spaces and play areas in areas where residents live, as well as improvements to walking and cycling infrastructure, which should help to reduce the need to travel by car. Identified priorities for spend of 15% local CIL within the protocol continue to include this type of infrastructure, as well as infrastructure which will directly address environmental and climate issues such as air quality and renewable energy provision.

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

7.1 There is no statutory requirement for community engagement on allocation or spend of 15% local CIL. However, national Planning Practice Guidance states that authorities "*should engage with the communities where development has taken place and agree with them how best to spend the neighbourhood funding*". It is for authorities to set out how this consultation will take place.

7.2 Consultation on the proposed allocation of 15% local CIL collected up to 31st March 2020 and priorities for future spend took place between 19th February and 16th April 2021, an eight-week period to reflect the fact that the period took in the Easter holidays. This centred on an online questionnaire on the Council's website. In total, there were 171 responses. Appendix 2 summarises the results of the consultation.

8. EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

8.1 The Scoping Assessment, included at Appendix 1 identifies that an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) is relevant to this decision. The EqIA (also at Appendix 1) identifies that, where there are identified impacts upon specific groups, these are expected to be positive. Compliance with the duties under S149 of the Equality Act 2010 can involve treating some persons more favourably than others, but it is not considered that there will be a negative impact on other groups with relevant protected characteristics.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The collection and application of CIL is governed by the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended). Regulation 59F states that, where there are no parish councils, the portion of CIL that would otherwise have been passed to parishes (which, where no neighbourhood plan is in place, is 15%) should be used to support the development of the relevant area by funding:

- “(a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or*
- (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.”*

9.2 The ‘relevant area’ in this instance is the part of an authority’s area not covered by a parish council area, which in this case means the whole Borough.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 CIL funds can be used flexibly to fund any infrastructure projects as defined within the regulations and are not tied to a specific development or the provision of specific infrastructure. Of the total CIL receipts, 80% will be used to fund strategic infrastructure through the Council’s capital programme. 15% will be spent in the ‘relevant local area’ in which development occurs. The 15% local CIL does not have to be spent on items in the Infrastructure Funding Statement. Up to 5% of CIL will be allocated to cover CIL administration costs.

10.2 The amended CIL protocol agreed at Policy Committee on 15th February 2021 set out proposed procedures for dealing with the allocation and monitoring of the use of all CIL receipts and provides a framework for identifying projects that contribute to achieving the Council’s strategic priorities while meeting CIL regulations. This enables the optimum use of the finite resources available.

10.3 The summary position in relation to 15% local CIL funds collected up to 31st March 2020 is set out in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Summary position for 15% local CIL collected

15% local CIL collected up to 31/03/2020	£3.008m
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Allocated in November 2018 by Policy Committee	£1.204m
Allocated in August 2020 by Decision Book	£0.135m
Proposed allocation in this report	£1.557m
15% local CIL remaining unallocated after proposed allocation (to be carried forward)	£0.112m

- 10.4 Up to 10% of the allocated funds can be used for project management costs. None of the items identified as part of the provisional allocation have known revenue implications.

Value for Money (VFM)

- 10.5 The proposed schemes for allocation have been assessed as being deliverable and a worthwhile use of 15% local CIL funds. The agreed protocol includes financial considerations among the assessment criteria, and this includes assessment of value for money.

Risk Assessment

- 10.6 There are no direct financial risks associated with the recommendations of this report. In the event that schemes identified as part of the allocation are not delivered, remaining funds will be available for future allocations.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended)
 Planning Practice Guidance

APPENDIX 1 (to Policy Committee report): EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Provide basic details

Name of proposal/activity/policy to be assessed:

Allocation of 15% local CIL funds

Directorate: DEGNS - Directorate of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Service: Planning

Name: Mark Worringham

Job Title: Planning Policy Team Leader

Date of assessment: 05/01/2021

Scope your proposal

What is the aim of your policy or new service?

To allocate funds received through CIL receipts to local projects within the Borough, and to determine how future allocations will be undertaken.

Who will benefit from this proposal and how?

The local community will benefit through a range of capital and other improvements - including highway enhancements, improved leisure/open space enhancements and community enhancements.

What outcomes will the change achieve and for whom?

The outcome will be to secure improved facilities, improved accessibility and improvements to community facilities.

Who are the main stakeholders and what do they want?

The local community, wider public and community groups. The public will want to ensure allocations of funds are to projects that meet infrastructure needs, particularly where it arises from new development.

Assess whether an EIA is Relevant

How does your proposal relate to eliminating discrimination; promoting equality of opportunity; promoting good community relations?

Do you have evidence or reason to believe that some (racial, disability, gender, sexuality, age and religious belief) groups may be affected differently than others? (Think about your monitoring information, research, national data/reports etc)

Yes No

Is there already public concern about potentially discriminatory practices/impact or could there be? Think about your complaints, consultation, feedback.

Yes No

If the answer is **Yes** to any of the above you need to do an Equality Impact Assessment.

If No you **MUST** complete this statement

An Equality Impact Assessment is not relevant because: N/A

Assess the Impact of the Proposal

Your assessment must include:

- **Consultation**
- **Collection and Assessment of Data**
- **Judgement about whether the impact is negative or positive**

Consultation

Relevant groups/experts	How were/will the views of these groups be obtained	Date when contacted
A public consultation was undertaken on the provisional allocation and on future priorities for allocation of 15% local CIL, and results are summarised in Appendix 2.	An e-mail highlighting the consultation was sent to contacts on the Council's Citizen's panel list, as well as being included within the consultations list on the website.	February 2021

Collect and Assess your Data

Describe how could this proposal impact on Racial groups

No specific impacts are identified

Is there a negative impact? Yes No Not sure

Describe how could this proposal impact on Gender/transgender (cover pregnancy and maternity, marriage)

No specific impacts are identified.

Is there a negative impact? Yes No Not sure

Describe how could this proposal impact on Disability

Projects allocated funding will need to ensure appropriate access for all.

Is there a negative impact? Yes No Not sure

Describe how could this proposal impact on Sexual orientation (cover civil partnership)

No specific impacts are identified.
Is there a negative impact? Yes No Not sure

Describe how could this proposal impact on Age
A number of the proposed allocations for funding are for improvement of children's play areas, which will have a positive impact on the quality of facilities available for children.
Is there a negative impact? Yes No Not sure

Describe how could this proposal impact on Religious belief?
No specific impacts are identified.
Is there a negative impact? Yes No Not sure

Make a Decision

Tick which applies

1. **No negative impact identified** Go to sign off
2. **Negative impact identified but there is a justifiable reason**

You must give due regard or weight but this does not necessarily mean that the equality duty overrides other clearly conflicting statutory duties that you must comply with.
Reason
3. **Negative impact identified or uncertain**

What action will you take to eliminate or reduce the impact? Set out your actions and timescale?

How will you monitor for adverse impact in the future?
Individual projects will need to ensure that appropriate access for all is taken into account in each scheme. It is noted that some schemes will not receive funding from this allocation. Unfunded projects may receive future funding.

Signed (completing officer)	Mark Worringham	Date: 19 th April 2021
Signed (Lead Officer)	Mark Worringham	Date: 19 th April 2021

APPENDIX 2 (to Policy Committee report): SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION ON PROVISIONAL ALLOCATION OF 15% LOCAL CIL AND FUTURE PRIORITIES

This summarises the response to the consultation carried out between 19th February and 16th April 2021 on 15% local CIL. The consultation asked for views on a provisional allocation agreed by Policy Committee in February 2021 (questions 4 to 6) and on future priorities for allocation (questions 7 to 9). The consultation took the form of an online webform.

In total, there were 171 responses.

In the following pages, where a comment has been made by more than one respondent, the number of respondents who made a similar point is shown in brackets.

Questions 1 to 3

The first three questions were on personal details and whether respondents wished to be kept informed of future matters.

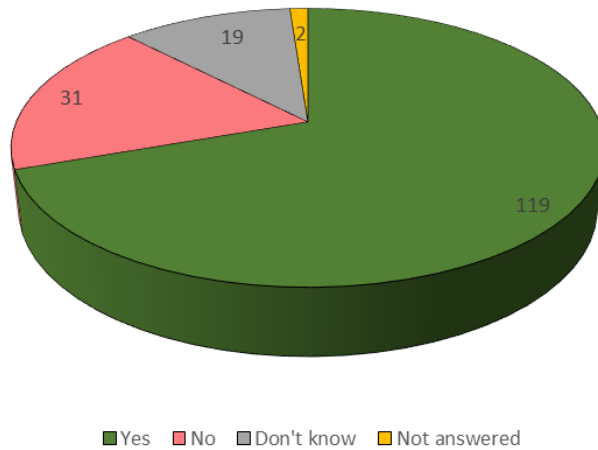
Question 2 asked which ward respondents lived in, and the answers are below.

Ward	Number of respondents
Abbey	12
Battle	10
Caversham	22
Church	9
Katesgrove	4
Kentwood	4
Mapledurham	3
Minster	20
Norcot	6
Park	19
Peppard	9
Redlands	20
Southcote	8
Thames	6
Tilehurst	12
Whitley	6
Out of Borough	1
Total	171

Please note that the totals for wards in the above table may differ from tables under question 7, because some respondents did not answer the question about ranking of priorities.

Question 4: Do you agree with the proposed allocation of 15% local CIL collected up to 31st March 2020?

Of the 171 respondents, 119 (69.6%) agreed with the proposed allocation. Of the remainder, 31 respondents (18.1%) disagreed and 19 respondents (11.1%) did not know. Two respondents did not answer this question.



Question 5: Please provide any comments you want to make below the relevant project.

In addition to their view of the overall allocations, respondents were asked for any comments on individual projects. Comments provided on each of the projects are set out below.

Borough-wide graffiti removal project

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (27)
- General opposition (6)
- Graffiti can be artistic and is not necessarily vandalism, an area should be dedicated for graffiti artists (9)
- The cost is excessive and could be reduced (5)
- This should be covered by Council Tax/usual budgets (4)
- Removing graffiti will just result in others putting up more graffiti (3)
- Need a future deterrent policy or prevention measures (2)
- Should be done by people on community service (2)
- More funding should be allocated to this project
- Particularly needed around the Kennet
- Not clear how this is related to supporting growth
- Private property owners should be responsible for removing graffiti on their property
- Would be cheaper to have someone patrol these areas
- Preserve the recent Banksy but do not allow more graffiti to accumulate on this wall
- Katesgrove underpass needs particular attention
- More should be done to remove graffiti as soon as it is sprayed
- Options for murals in underpasses should be considered, as these seem to be targeted less frequently
- More of this could be done through CSR partnerships with corporates, which Connect Reading would be happy to arrange, leaving the harder to reach graffiti for professional teams
- Get children involved in brightening up areas with good colourful graffiti
- This will presumably be an ongoing cost due to the nature of graffiti

Town centre monuments and statues

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (21)
- General opposition (9)
- The cost is excessive and should be reduced (4)
- Could this be combined with war memorials and public art and spend reduced to £100K? (2)
- Should be maintained with information notices regarding historical information such as any links to slavery (2)
- Need to be careful about what the monuments depict and that they represent Reading's current values and people (2)
- Should be essential works only and costs reduced
- It is not clear what the money would be spent on
- Wish the statue of Valkyrie street was still on view
- Do we have any controversial statues?
- Not wholly opposed but would prefer to see funds address community inequality
- The town centre is OK, Caversham needs more help
- Need to bring life back to Reading centre after pandemic, with more informal seating areas, performance spaces, licensed performers
- Need some new monuments and statues
- Commercial town centre landowners should contribute to this
- Should be covered by heritage grants
- Filling the niches on the museum/old town hall would be good, suggest Hugh Farringdon
- Should relate to British historical figures
- Should invest in swimming pools and youth centres instead
- Nothing clearly wrong with monuments and statues that requires this funding
- Invest in addressing crime and public safety instead

War memorials and public art

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (18)
- General opposition (5)
- The cost is excessive and should be reduced (6)
- Not clear what this would cover (2)
- Could this be combined with town centre monuments and statues and spend reduced to £100K? (2)
- Yes to war memorials, but no to public art (2)
- The black history mural should be covered in the maintenance
- Not wholly opposed but would prefer to see funds address community inequality
- Should be essential works only and costs reduced
- The town centre is OK, Caversham needs more help
- Shrine needed in Forbury Gardens to commemorate victims of the attack there

- Not clear how this is related to supporting growth
- Should be relevant to local people
- Could have dual use by inclusion of street furniture
- Should be covered by heritage grants
- Will investment be made in public art produced by young people, e.g. South Bank in London?
- If additional memorials are proposed, are these really needed?
- What kind of public art is planned and would this benefit the overall look of Reading?
- This money could be spent on improving the infrastructure and safety at Reading town centre
- Role of war memorials could be fulfilled by education
- Could instal LED lights working from solar panel, incorporating charging points
- Need more spaces for people to sit, with evergreen plants, picnic areas

Thames cycle/path route at Kings Meadow

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (27)
- General opposition (4)
- Should be clear separation of pedestrians and cyclists (4)
- Needs to be widened (3)
- The cost seems excessive and could be reduced (3)
- More cycle pathways needed all over (3)
- Major investment needed in cycling infrastructure and this is a drop in the ocean
- This will not lead to modal shift - what will happen to the list of schemes the cycle working group has drawn up which are unfunded?
- As a cyclist would prefer spend on fixing potholes or creating more cycle lanes
- Extension would be better than repair, as not sure that the damage is bad enough to warrant repair at this cost
- Why should this have priority over repairing pavements on residential roads?
- Will not be maintained or greatly used
- Should not be at the expense of trees
- The part of the path by Tesco is in particular need of repair
- Emphasis for cycle paths should be commuting not recreation
- Anything to get cyclists off the pavement where they intimidate pedestrians
- Prefer connecting road between A3290/A4 and Reading Bridge to reduce traffic in centre of town
- A speed limit of 20 mph should be implemented
- Money needed for footpaths
- Proper consultation required
- With savings elsewhere an additional £100,000 could be made available for cycling improvements
- Attention needed on the canal part of the path rather than Kings Meadow
- Cycle paths elsewhere are horrendous e.g. Portman Road

- Include improvements to link to Horseshoe Bridge
- Works also needed in McIlroy Park

High Street Heritage Action Zones project

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (16)
- General opposition (6)
- Too much money to this project (6)
- Agree with the overall principle but it is not clear what is planned (4)
- More contributions could be made from businesses in the area (2)
- Too nebulous and requires more focus on practical projects
- Consider the provision of electrical connections that can be hired to vendors during events to eliminate need for diesel generators
- Consider provision of a craft market for local artisans
- There are still too many trucks using the Oxford Road rather than Portman Road
- This is a lot of money to spend in a few wards
- The town centre is OK, Caversham needs more help
- No clear link to effects of new development
- The high street is dead so this level of spend is not needed
- Consider heritage grants
- Are these really the highest priorities for the town?
- Looking forward to greater pedestrianisation and rewilding in town centre
- Better spend on tackling high speed driving through the centre of town cycling routes and closing roads for better public amenity.

Improvements at Shinfield Road Recreation Ground, Linden Road

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (24)
- This is particularly important given the pandemic (2)
- Are these really the highest priorities for the town?
- Put facilities in such as swings that suit older children and netball courts etc
- Does this include any ecological enhancements?

Skate park at John Rabson Recreation Ground

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (25)
- General opposition (6)
- Many skate parks are poorly used and there may be better activities that may be more appropriate (2)
- This is particularly important given the pandemic (2)
- The cost seems excessive and could be reduced (2)
- Only benefits those who skate and may have equalities implications as it is limited to certain groups (2)
- This is welcome as long as it is an improvement and not removal of facilities
- Do not agree as there is already one skate park that has fallen into disrepair

- Skateboarding is becoming passé
- Cost is high as such facilities end up being abused
- Spend money on cleaning Reading instead
- Are these really the highest priorities for the town?
- Why was this moved from Cintra Park?
- A skate park would be welcomed in McIlroy Park

Waterloo Meadows play area improvements

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (27)
- This is particularly important given the pandemic (2)
- The cost seems excessive and could be reduced
- Stop the area being abused
- This is welcome as long as it is an improvement and not removal of facilities
- Are these really the highest priorities for the town?
- Contact the Friends of Waterloo Meadows.
- Connect Reading would be able to provide a connection to businesses to help with clean-up of area.
- Cintra Park needs money spent on it, as it is overused for the facilities there. Additional benches would be welcome.

Arthur Newbery Park play area improvements

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (20)
- This is particularly important given the pandemic (2)
- The cost seems excessive and could be reduced (2)
- Play area will only get abused
- Too much is spent overall on play areas
- This is welcome as long as it is an improvement and not removal of facilities
- Are these really the highest priorities for the town?
- A larger play area could be developed together with a picnic area if some of the brambles were removed, which would also allow further tree planting. A more open area would also help to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour.
- More should be spent on the town centre rather than areas such as this
- Depends on whether this is replacement or refurbishment, as the current set up is good and a dramatic change is not needed
- Arthur Newbery Park is already in a good condition and a playground in McIlroy Park would be appreciated

Oxford Road Recreation Ground play area improvements

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (25)
- This is particularly important given the pandemic (2)
- The cost seems excessive and could be reduced (2)
- Too much is spent overall on play areas
- This is welcome as long as it is an improvement and not removal of facilities

- Are these really the highest priorities for the town?
- Consultation should be carried out with the Oxford Road NAG

Pedestrian crossing on Norcot Road close to number 91

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (21)
- General opposition (2)
- The cost seems excessive (2)
- More funding should be allocated to this
- Crossings should be kept in good condition
- This is a narrow stretch of the road, will residents be able to reverse out of their drives with an island refuge in the road?
- A pedestrian crossing is needed at the A4 junction with Parkside Road
- Should this be funded from this fund?
- What about traffic calming by adding a cycle lane?
- Caution is needed on the correct siting
- A crossing is also needed next to Tilehurst Triangle pharmacy

Dover Street play area improvements

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (21)
- The cost seems excessive (2)
- This is particularly important given the pandemic (1)
- Too much is spent overall on play areas
- This appears to be the only inclusive scheme catering for those with disabilities
- Are these really the highest priorities for the town?

New laptops for Coley Park Community Centre

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (22)
- Desktop computers would be cheaper and harder to steal or damage
- Consider cheaper options such as Chrome Books
- Regular update of laptops should be in the budget
- Why Coley Park and not other centres such as Whitley and Amersham Road?
- Should be a priority for disadvantaged children across Reading
- Many more are needed
- Not sure if they would be used
- Locally based ICT companies should be asked to contribute
- Connect Reading may be able to assist in providing laptops through digital contacts, in which case the money could be used for digital skills
- All schools need computers
- Similar assistance required for Park Lane School in Tilehurst

Improvements and tidy up of wooden bridge area at Brook Street West

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (14)

- This is an excessive cost for the project (2)
- Funding may not be sufficient
- Agreed if this is for the purposes of enhancing safety
- Should be for health and safety and essential works only
- A clean up is needed but the area should be left with wildlife corridors and nesting areas, nature trails, maybe hides, bird boxes, bat boxes
- The wider area around the Holy Brook and Kennet needs more investment
- This was left after trees were chopped down, and is growing back as weeds and nettles, so should be replanted and adequate lighting provided
- Should be firmer plans for inclusion of cycling
- A similar tidy-up is required at Mcllroy Park

Moriston Close play area improvements

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (19)
- This is particularly important given the pandemic (2)
- This should be applied to all play areas
- Too much is spent overall on play areas
- This is welcome as long as it is an improvement and not removal of facilities
- Are these really the highest priorities for the town?
- The cost seems excessive

Palmer Park play area improvements

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (25)
- This is particularly important given the pandemic (2)
- The cost seems excessive and could be reduced (2)
- This should be applied to all play areas
- Support making the play area more inclusive for children with disabilities
- Parents of children with disabilities should be consulted from start to finish
- This is already an amazing play area
- Too much is spent overall on play areas
- How much more do you plan to spend here?
- Are these really the highest priorities for the town?
- This is welcome as long as it is an improvement and not removal of facilities
- Needs to use sustainable materials
- Could any of this be sponsored by businesses from Thames Valley Park?
Connect Reading may be able to assist in making contacts
- The park needs better clearing of litter
- Mcllroy Park would benefit from play improvements

Road marking on Morpeth Close

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (13)
- General opposition (4)
- The cost seems excessive (2)
- More funding should be allocated to this

- Potholes should be a priority rather than road markings
- Money for road marking should come from the Council's usual budget
- If parking is a problem then the solution should be paid for by the car drivers, e.g. a permit scheme

Pedestrian crossing on Addington Road, between the junction with Erleigh Road and Eastern Avenue

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (27)
- General opposition (3)
- The cost seems excessive (2)
- More funding should be allocated to this
- Money should not be used for pedestrian crossings, the Council should wait to see if this is necessary once lockdown eases
- Money for crossings should come from the Council's usual budget
- This will support the introduction of School Streets for the schools around the Crescent Road/Wokingham Road area
- It would be good to make the crossing cross Erleigh Road by the chemist
- Unclear whether this is Addington Road or Erleigh Road
- The whole area needs traffic planning, calming and speed reduction
- Any other measures that would slow traffic on Alexandra Road are welcome
- Opposed to this as it is a crossroads and would cause considerable disruption to traffic flow, and would remove free parking outside the shops. Individual crossings on the different roads would be better.
- A crossing is also needed at the at the Alexandra Road and Erleigh road and Addington Road junctions
- A crossing is also needed next to Tilehurst Triangle pharmacy

Pedestrian crossing on Church End Lane, in the vicinity of Moorlands Primary School

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (20)
- General opposition (1)
- The cost seems excessive (2)
- More funding should be allocated to this
- Money should not be used for pedestrian crossings, the Council should wait to see if this is necessary once lockdown eases

Lining alteration on The Meadway at the roundabout with St Michael's Road

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (12)
- General opposition (5)
- This should include improvements for cyclists (2)
- The cost seems excessive (1)
- More funding should be allocated to this
- This should be funded from the Council's usual budget not CIL

Landscaping improvements at South Whitley Park

The following comments were made on this proposal:

- General support (17)
- General opposition (2)
- This is particularly important given the pandemic (1)
- The Council should remove caravans as soon as possible and give bill to occupants for any damage
- Are these really the highest priorities for the town?
- More money should be made available to green other areas of Whitley
- Will this be an ecological enhancement?
- Consultation is required with local residents from start to finish

Question 6: Do you have any other comments on the proposed allocation of 15% local CIL collected up to 31st March 2020?

A number of potential alternative uses for 15% local CIL collected up to the end of 2019-20 were suggested, as follows:

- Fund pothole repairs and road resurfacing (3)
- Fund cycle lanes and segregated cycle routes (3)
- A roller-skating rink, bowling alley and ice rink should be built (3).
- Focus on clearing rubbish and addressing fly-tipping, particularly along riverside paths (3)
- More swimming provision needed (2)
- More youth clubs needed (2)
- Priority should be given to works which improve the safety/environment of pedestrians and cyclists (2)
- Owners of premises at junction of Northcourt Avenue and Christchurch Road should tidy up the area they mostly own, or CPO powers used (2)
- Need to fund treatment and support for drug users (2)
- More projects related to reducing the carbon footprint and increasing green space.
- Use remainder of this year's funds on addressing climate emergency
- Spend the money on the natural environment and rewilding
- Disappointing that so few projects address the issues of traffic congestion, and that no projects have the aim of achieving a Low Traffic Neighbourhood
- Closing of roads for public amenity
- Projects should focus on improving traffic flow
- Need more traffic calming and prevention of on-road parking
- Spend on reducing traffic speeds through the town centre
- Money should be spent on improving footpaths.
- More provision needed for disabled people
- The building of collaborations between different sectors, to address some of these issues would be considered? Team Challenges (especially outdoor ones) are going to be in high demand for businesses looking to bring teams back together in a safe (outdoor) manner, so some of these could perhaps benefit from 1-2 days' work from local businesses?
- Create more high street diversity by subsidising rents and attracting local small businesses
- Improvements to duck pond at Prospect Park which is infested with rats

- Repairing, repainting Caversham and Reading bridges, improving lighting and flowers/hanging baskets
- Re-introduced park rangers
- Pop-up events in local parks such as climbing wall or sports day events
- Road markings in Caversham have faded over time
- Building more pedestrian bridges over the Thames, for example on the east side close to Tesco
- Caversham needs an over 70s exercise park
- Spend money on regenerating the use of allotments in Whitley
- Surveying locations for new tree planting
- Some clearing needed on the old goods line from Southcote junction to the A33
- Playground resurfacing and removal of sandpit at Coley Park Recreation Ground
- Complete refurbishment of Emmer Green Recreation Ground play area required
- Renew or refurbish the dilapidated railings at the bottom of Peppard Road running alongside Queen Anne's School
- Use funds for ongoing care of Eldon Square gardens
- Pedestrian crossing of Upper Redlands Road at St Josephs College
- Prospect Park is in need of investment, including updating equipment, outdoor exercise trail, nature trail, pitch and put, crazy golf etc
- Pedestrian crossings at the junction of Grove Hill and Rotherfield Way and at the bottom of Oakley Road
- Upgrade existing services, e.g. library service in Tilehurst
- Replanting of daffodils around Reading
- Wildflower beds at Christchurch Green, Cintra Park and along Shinfield Road
- Addressing the abuse of Shinfield Road grass verge by parking caravans
- Repair to the wooden bridge on the Reading town centre to Kennet Island route river side footpath, opposite Waterloo Meadows

A number of additional comments were made on the provisional allocation as follows:

- No proposals in Caversham (6)
- There is a clear emphasis on more central areas of Reading (2)
- What about the Green Park area?
- Do not agree with the way allocations are being made and consider the costs too high
- Not enough information for detailed comments
- Do not carry any money over, use it for other proposals
- There is nothing in these proposals to address the climate emergency
- Please provide detail of the developments which provide the 15% local CIL
- 25% of funds should be available for local projects
- Some of these projects, e.g. crossings, should come from the normal budget
- Highway alterations and repairs should come from the existing budgets
- Funds should not be used to fix deficiencies to which the developers committed and never delivered
- Should engage with young people to ask what would keep them off the streets
- Section 106 funding for repairs at Queens Road junction have not been delivered

- A lot of money is proposed for play areas, more should be spent on facilities for adults e.g. cycle lanes

Question 7: Please identify your priority for future spend of 15% local CIL

Respondents were asked to rank the nine identified priorities for future spend of 15% local CIL, with rank 1 being the most important and 9 being the least important.

A minority of respondents did not rank every item. For the purposes of analysing the responses, where a respondent did not identify a ranking for an item, it was accorded rank 9 (lowest priority).

An average ranking for each item has been calculated in the tables below and used to identify an overall ranking. Where the average ranking is the same for two or more items, the item is ranked according to the number of times it was chosen as the top ranked item.

Whole Borough - 166 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	B - Play areas and public open spaces	4.23	29
2	H - Climate change and renewable energy	4.69	28
3	G - Natural environment	4.76	12
4	A - Highways, transport and travel	4.83	44
5	F - General environmental enhancements	5.22	13
6	D - Community centres and hubs	5.36	9
7	E - Healthcare provision	5.46	19
8	I - Education provision	5.88	5
9	C - Heritage and cultural provision	6.20	7

The highest priority identified across Reading is for play areas and public open spaces, followed by climate change and renewable energy and the natural environment. It is worth noting the results for highways, transport and travel, which was selected as the highest priority by the largest number of people, a quarter of all respondents, but which was only fourth on average rank, indicating that opinion was very much split about where this should rank.

Heritage and cultural provision was ranked as the lowest priority overall, followed by education and healthcare provision.

This analysis has also been carried out by ward, which gives an indication of how views vary across Reading. However, due to the low numbers of responses in some wards, ward-specific information should be used with some caution when considering future allocations.

Abbey - 12 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	H - Climate change and renewable energy	2.83	4
2	F - General environmental enhancements	4.25	2
3	A - Highways, transport and travel	4.5	2
4	G - Natural environment	5.17	1
5	E - Healthcare provision	5.33	2
6	B - Play areas and public open spaces	5.33	1
7	I - Education provision	5.42	0
8	D - Community centres and hubs	6.75	0
9	C - Heritage and cultural provision	7.08	0

Battle - 10 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	B - Play areas and public open spaces	3.5	2
2	H - Climate change and renewable energy	4.5	2
3 =	G - Natural environment	4.9	0
3 =	I - Education provision	4.9	0
5	A - Highways, transport and travel	5.4	3
6	E - Healthcare provision	5.5	1
7	D - Community centres and hubs	5.8	1
8	F - General environmental enhancements	6.5	1
9	C - Heritage and cultural provision	6.8	0

Caversham - 22 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	B - Play areas and public open spaces	3.64	4
2	H - Climate change and renewable energy	4.82	6
3	F - General environmental enhancements	4.86	2
4	I - Education provision	4.91	1
5 =	D - Community centres and hubs	4.95	2
5 =	G - Natural environment	4.95	2
7	A - Highways, transport and travel	5.32	4
8	E - Healthcare provision	5.41	1
9	C - Heritage and cultural provision	6.82	0

Church - 9 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	G - Natural environment	4.67	1
2	F - General environmental enhancements	4.67	0
3 =	B - Play areas and public open spaces	4.78	2
3 =	E - Healthcare provision	4.78	2
5	D - Community centres and hubs	4.78	0
6	A - Highways, transport and travel	5.11	2
7	H - Climate change and renewable energy	5.22	1
8	C - Heritage and cultural provision	6.33	1
9	I - Education provision	7.44	0

Katesgrove - 3 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	F - General environmental enhancements	1.67	2
2	G - Natural environment	3.0	0
3	H - Climate change and renewable energy	3.67	1
4	C - Heritage and cultural provision	3.67	0
5	B - Play areas and public open spaces	5.33	0
6	I - Education provision	6.33	0
7	A - Highways, transport and travel	6.67	0
8 =	D - Community centres and hubs	7.33	0
8 =	E - Healthcare provision	7.33	0

Kentwood - 4 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	B - Play areas and public open spaces	2.0	2
2 =	A - Highways, transport and travel	4.25	1
2 =	I - Education provision	4.25	1
4 =	D - Community centres and hubs	4.25	0
4 =	E - Healthcare provision	4.25	0
6	C - Heritage and cultural provision	7.0	0
7 =	F - General environmental enhancements	7.5	0
7 =	H - Climate change and renewable energy	7.5	0
9	G - Natural environment	8.25	0

Mapledurham - 3 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	A - Highways, transport and travel	3.0	1
2	F - General environmental enhancements	3.0	0
3	B - Play areas and public open spaces	3.67	0
4 =	D - Community centres and hubs	4.67	1
4 =	G - Natural environment	4.67	1
6	C - Heritage and cultural provision	5.0	0
7	H - Climate change and renewable energy	6.67	0
8	E - Healthcare provision	8.0	0
9	I - Education provision	8.33	0

Minster - 20 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	B - Play areas and public open spaces	3.55	3
2	G - Natural environment	4.4	3
3	A - Highways, transport and travel	5.0	5
4	F - General environmental enhancements	5.0	2
5	E - Healthcare provision	5.25	1
6	H - Climate change and renewable energy	5.35	2
7	C - Heritage and cultural provision	5.4	1
8	D - Community centres and hubs	5.65	2
9	I - Education provision	6.3	0

Norcot - 6 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	B - Play areas and public open spaces	3.5	2
2	G - Natural environment	4.17	1
3	A - Highways, transport and travel	4.33	3
4 =	D - Community centres and hubs	5.0	0
4 =	H - Climate change and renewable energy	5.0	0
6	F - General environmental enhancements	6.17	0
7	E - Healthcare provision	7.0	0
8	I - Education provision	7.17	0
9	C - Heritage and cultural provision	8.33	0

Park - 18 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	E - Healthcare provision	4.11	5
2	D - Community centres and hubs	4.72	1
3	G - Natural environment	4.78	1
4	A - Highways, transport and travel	5.06	4
5	B - Play areas and public open spaces	5.17	2
6	H - Climate change and renewable energy	5.17	1
7	F - General environmental enhancements	5.5	2
8	I - Education provision	5.78	2
9	C - Heritage and cultural provision	6.11	0

Peppard - 8 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	B - Play areas and public open spaces	4.38	3
2	I - Education provision	4.38	0
3	G - Natural environment	4.5	0
4	H - Climate change and renewable energy	4.63	2
5 =	C - Heritage and cultural provision	5.88	1
5 =	E - Healthcare provision	5.88	1
7	A - Highways, transport and travel	6.0	1
8	F - General environmental enhancements	6.0	0
9	D - Community centres and hubs	6.13	0

Redlands - 18 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	H - Climate change and renewable energy	3.94	5
2	A - Highways, transport and travel	4.61	7
3	G - Natural environment	4.78	1
4	D - Community centres and hubs	4.89	1
5	C - Heritage and cultural provision	5.17	1
6	B - Play areas and public open spaces	5.33	1
7	E - Healthcare provision	5.61	2
8	F - General environmental enhancements	5.67	0
9	I - Education provision	6.17	0

Southcote - 8 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	B - Play areas and public open spaces	3.5	3
2	H - Climate change and renewable energy	3.63	1
3	A - Highways, transport and travel	4.25	2
4	G - Natural environment	4.5	0
5	D - Community centres and hubs	4.63	0
6	F - General environmental enhancements	5.25	1
7	C - Heritage and cultural provision	6.88	0
8	E - Healthcare provision	7.0	0
9	I - Education provision	7.25	0

Thames - 6 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	B - Play areas and public open spaces	3.5	2
2	G - Natural environment	4.17	1
3	F - General environmental enhancements	4.5	0
4 =	C - Heritage and cultural provision	4.67	1
4 =	H - Climate change and renewable energy	4.67	1
6	A - Highways, transport and travel	4.83	1
7	E - Healthcare provision	5.67	0
8	D - Community centres and hubs	6.33	0
9	I - Education provision	6.67	0

Tilehurst - 12 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	A - Highways, transport and travel	3.25	6
2	B - Play areas and public open spaces	4.33	1
3	H - Climate change and renewable energy	4.42	0
4	G - Natural environment	4.92	0
5	E - Healthcare provision	5.08	2
6 =	D - Community centres and hubs	5.58	0
6 =	F - General environmental enhancements	5.58	0
8	C - Heritage and cultural provision	6.08	1
9	I - Education provision	6.5	1

Whitley - 6 responses

Overall rank	Item	Average rank	Number of times picked as top ranked
1	B - Play areas and public open spaces	3.33	1
2	A - Highways, transport and travel	4.33	2
3	F - General environmental enhancements	4.5	1
4	I - Education provision	4.67	0
5	G - Natural environment	4.83	0
6	D - Community centres and hubs	5.0	0
7	E - Healthcare provision	5.17	1
8	H - Climate change and renewable energy	6.0	0
9	C - Heritage and cultural provision	7.17	1

Question 8: Are there any priorities not listed above that you would like to see considered?

Many respondents commented to propose priorities for how future funds should be allocated. Some of these were more general uses for the funds, whilst others related to specific projects, usually in a defined location. These are dealt with separately below.

Suggestions for types of project or infrastructure were as follows:

- Creation of a comprehensive network of high-quality, safe, linked cycle routes and improved cycle facilities (8)
- Clearing up rubbish and tackling fly-tipping (5)
- Further provision for older children, teenagers and young people (5)
- Provision of leisure facilities, e.g. swimming, bowling, roller skating, snooker, ski slope, indoor sky diving (5)
- Greening of Reading, tree planting and biodiversity enhancement, which could include public education programmes (4)
- Better provision for those with a disability, including access, toilets, parking and removing obstacles such as pavement parking (4)
- Provision for public safety and tackling crime and anti-social behaviour (3)
- Repair of pavements and footpaths (3)
- Rewilding of parks (3)
- Provision of sports facilities (3)
- Provision of youth clubs and community centres (3)
- More provision and support for older people (2)
- Provision of allotments and community gardens (2)
- Need to separate provision for private vehicles from other forms of transport provision (2)
- Electric vehicle charging infrastructure (2)
- Resurfacing and improvements of roads (3)
- Tackling air pollution (2)
- Support for those suffering mental health issues
- Supporting and creating a vibrant community in neighbourhoods
- Supporting community and residents' groups
- Fund residents to object to developments
- Provision of drug rehabilitation support hubs
- Support for vulnerable people
- Enhancing and celebrating Reading's diversity, for example investment in a Reading Festival of Culture as discussed by the University
- Zero emissions zone for the town centre with a low emissions zone covering the rest of Reading
- Apply a 20 mph speed limit to all roads except main roads in Reading
- General traffic calming
- Funding for active travel, such as Low Traffic Neighbourhoods
- Make particular provision for improving junctions for cyclists' safety
- Implement School Streets in the vicinity of schools
- Provision of dropped kerbs near schools for buggies
- More bridges across the Thames are required
- Improvement of traffic flow

- Signage to deter HGVs from local areas
- More should be spent on roads rather than cycle lanes
- More traffic enforcement officers to prevent people parking on footpaths
- Better provision of walking facilities
- Improved safety and security of pedestrian areas
- More CCTV cameras
- Environmental improvements to local centres
- Develop local shopping mini centres into areas people want to be
- Provision of mooring facilities for boats
- Energy saving, community heating and journey saving
- Stopping use of glyphosate on pavements
- Investment in renewable energy and development of planning policies for sustainable buildings with reduced energy consumption fed by ground or air sourced heat exchangers
- Interactive facilities combining the outdoors and education
- Provision of wildlife reserves and ecological measures
- Access to open space e.g. the Kennet Meadows
- Removal of billboards and enhancement of green areas without commercialisation.
- Places for children to go safely
- Provision of bike tracks
- More opportunities for recycling for residents without cars, e.g. a pop-up facility for items such as paint or furniture
- Provision of a recycling bin for plastics
- Economic measures, for instance promotion of local retail and work spaces, co-working spaces and cost concessions for local businesses
- Funds to support private investors with the right types of green initiatives, typically navigating government hurdles
- Drains should be improved as they do not drain rainwater

More specific suggestions, usually related to a defined location, were as follows.

- Filling in potholes in Tilehurst
- Install electric lighting along footpaths in Blagrove Recreation Ground
- Improve McIlroy Park by adding a playground, skate park etc
- The closed Restoration PH on Oxford Road is an eyesore, and this area should be improved
- Improve safety and security at Scours Lane
- Speed controls on Bath Road, particularly between Liebenrood Road and Berkeley Avenue
- Crossing of A4 at Parkside Road, and enforcement of no right turns into and out of Parkside Road
- Improvements at Coley Meadow
- Refurbishment and widening of Caversham Bridge, and prevent traffic from Caversham from turning into A4074, redirecting to cross the bridge and turn at the roundabout.
- Address flooding at Christchurch Meadows
- Repair lights on Christchurch Bridge and reinstate colour changing
- Provide support to the Reading Hydro project
- Establish and enhance a wildlife corridor along the Thames riverside
- Pedestrian barrier needed at the entrance to the underpass on Napier Road

- Provision of segregated cycle route between the University and the town centre
- Environmental improvements of Christchurch Road shops and parking area
- Renovation of rear of shops at Christchurch Green, potentially including residential development such as for elderly people
- Planting at the Christchurch Road end of Cintra Park
- Addressing waste in the University area
- Pedestrian crossing at Upper Redlands Road
- Redlands School has reached the end of the road and the surrounding housing should be replaced with modern housing and an infant/junior school
- Consider Eastern Avenue for a low traffic neighbourhood, or Park ward more generally (2)
- Traffic exclusion zone needed in the vicinity of Crescent Road to keep schoolchildren safe
- Introduce a one way system from left to right only from Wokingham Road onto Crescent Road to reduce rat running and traffic speeds and introduce restricted one way access off Wokingham Road onto Bulmershe Road or Hamilton Road, the same as the Eastern Avenue access arrangements.
- Addressing London Road at Cemetery Junction, in particular conflict between vehicles and pedestrians
- Drainage system for Bulmershe allotments to drain water to a lower area owned by RBC to create a wetland area
- Pedestrian crossing at Grove Hill/ Rotherfield Way junction and at the bottom of Oakley Road
- Improvements needed to Emmer Green play area
- Fixing pathways and potholes in Emmer Green
- Provision of hard pathways and improvements to car park at Clayfield Copse
- A road bridge between Caversham and Oxford connected to the A3290
- Support for Readibus, which crosses several of these priorities

It should be noted that there was considerable overlap with the next question, which asked for any other comments on future priorities. Often, proposals for further priorities were given in response to question 9, whilst general comments on the consultation were given in response to question 8. Where responses to question 9 appear to better relate to question 8, they have been reported in this section, and vice versa.

Question 9: Do you have any other comments on the priorities for future spend?

Answers to this question tended to address the consultation or approach to CIL more generally, or provided further comment on how priorities should be weighed. The following comments were made.

- Action on climate change is crucial (4)
- It is hard to decide between categories without further details (3)
- CIL should prioritise those subjects where national grant funding or other funding is unlikely to be available (2)
- All priorities are equally important
- The list of priorities should be replaced by a list of policy objectives so that projects can be ranked by what they are intended to achieve

- It is difficult to rank these priorities, and people need to see not only the general headings but also criteria on which to judge them
- There is insufficient granularity, for instance all transport being lumped in together will mean a focus on bus lanes without considering other measures to reduce car dependence.
- Future consultations should be on specific schemes not general priorities (2)
- Council should consult more regularly
- The Council should directly ask the residents in each ward what the money should be spent on
- Priorities should be set using the Reading Climate Emergency Strategy
- Do not use funds to finance road construction
- Most of these projects are not what CIL was intended to fund and should be funded from Council Tax
- Developer contributions to the Council such as 15% CIL could mean that it is in the Council's interest to permit development
- CIL funding does not compensate for the effects of undesirable developments
- Planning enforcement should be strengthened
- All communities should be consulted
- Involve RAYS groups and coordinators into this
- Cycle lanes put in along Oxford Road from the Norcot roundabout to Tilehurst Station remain empty, which seems to have been a waste of money and has caused the traffic into one lane and made it awkward joining the left hand filter lane at Norcot roundabout to Portman road, as you have to cross from right to left at the junction with Scours lane. Traffic lights at the junction of Scours Lane and the Oxford road would help this problem. Cyclists are also re-routed at this point onto the footpath shared with pedestrians.
- The Transport theme of the Reading Climate Action Plan would be a useful forum to explore transport related ideas but has only met twice in two years. Other sources of competence in the field are Reading Cycle Campaign and Cycle UK Reading branch who don't feel that they are generally listened to on cycling improvements in Reading.
- Ensure a wide variety of play equipment across the Council's parks
- There is too great a focus on children's play in this consultation.