



Wandsworth Local Fund

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Introduction

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a tax collected by Wandsworth Borough Council on liable developments within the borough. The CIL allows the Council to raise funds from developers undertaking new construction projects in the borough to support and fund new infrastructure that the Council and local communities want to be put in place.

The levy is placed on all developments taking place under planning permission granted by the council from **1st November 2012**, which comprise as a dwelling, or more than 100sqm of new floor space. The CIL is charged at a rate per square metre and varies according to land use and location. The Wandsworth CIL charging schedule can be found [here](#).



What can the Community Infrastructure Levy be spent on?

Of the total tax collected from liable developments, 80% is subject to the following key restrictions:

- CIL should be spent on infrastructure including: roads and other transport-related infrastructure, schools and other educational centres, community facilities, health, sport/recreation and open spaces (but not on affordable housing);
- The infrastructure funded must support the economic and social development of the area;
- CIL can be used to increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing infrastructure, if needed to support development;
- Section 106 financial obligations should not in future be secured to fund the same infrastructure project as has been identified as to be funded by CIL, unless it is infrastructure required to make that development acceptable in planning terms;
- Funding from no more than five Section 106 Agreements can be pooled to fund the same item of infrastructure, as CIL funds will now be brought together to fund bigger borough-wide infrastructure such as schools and health facilities.

The Wandsworth Local Fund

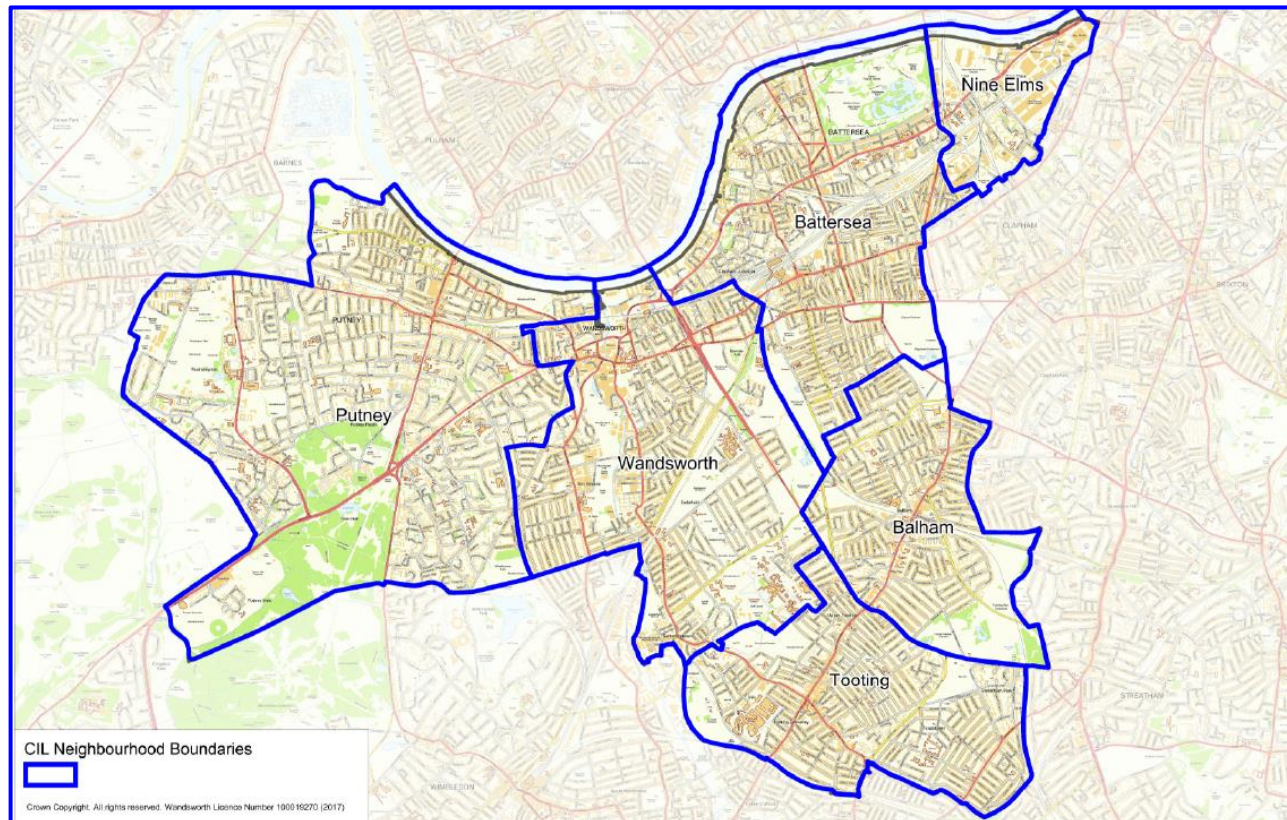
In Wandsworth, 15% of the total CIL collected in an area will be spent on specific local priorities. This is the neighbourhood portion of the levy; known as the Wandsworth Local Fund (WLF). According to the CIL regulations, in areas where a Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted this is increased to 25%. Please [click here](#) to find out more about Neighbourhood plans.

Wandsworth Local Fund neighbourhoods:

- Putney (including East Putney, Roehampton, Thamesfield, West Hill, and West Putney wards);
- Wandsworth (including Earlsfield, Fairfield, Wandsworth Common, and Southfields wards);
- Battersea (including Latchmere, Northcote, Shaftesbury, St Mary's Park wards and parts of Queenstown ward);
- Balham (including Balham, Bedford, and Nightingale wards);
- Tooting (including Furzedown, Graveney, and Tooting wards);
- Nine Elms* (parts of Queenstown ward).

An interactive digital map of the borough can be found [here](#).

***neighbourhood currently closed to applications.**



What can the Wandsworth Local Fund support?

The Wandsworth Local Fund can be spent on anything which addresses the 'demand that development places on an area.'

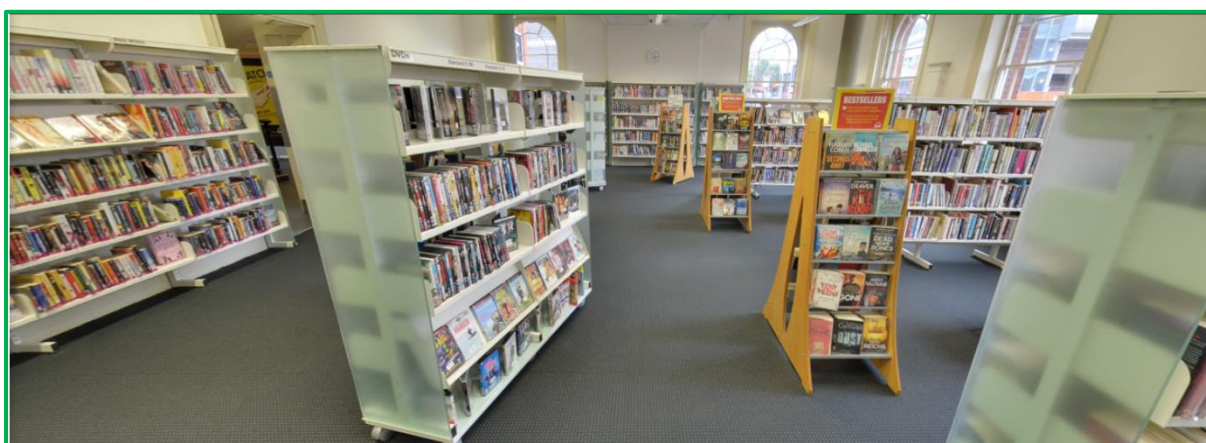
This *could* include projects similar to the examples listed below:

Physical infrastructure

- Environmental improvements (litter clearances, landscaping, open space works);
- New play area equipment;
- New library equipment;
- Additional parking spaces;
- Improvements to community buildings.

Social infrastructure

- Provision of community facilities (libraries, health services, youth centres);
- Provision of equipment to support community services.



Public consultation

- In early 2014, we consulted Wandsworth residents on how this money should be spent over the next few years.
- Over 500 individuals and organisations responded to the consultation.

Through this public consultation, residents identified the following priorities for the WLF:

- (a) Making the area feel safer;
- (b) Improving parks, commons and riverside walks;
- (c) Repairing roads and pavements;
- (d) Better facilities for cyclists;
- (e) New and improved green spaces.

Selection Criteria

The following criteria have been developed in consultation with Wandsworth ward Councillors and the borough community:

1. The application should clearly demonstrate how it meets neighbourhood priorities;
2. The scheme should not have any revenue implications to the Council;
3. The estimated total cost of scheme should be over £20,000;
4. The scheme should be able to be started within the year ahead;
5. The proposal should have sponsorship/endorsement by at least one ward Councillor, with more weight given to those schemes with a greater proportion of Councillor support;
6. The application should demonstrate that all other forms of funding have been considered;
7. The scheme should demonstrate that it is value for money.



The Application Process

The Wandsworth Local Fund will be allocated through a bi-annual application process.

When the fund opens, ward Members are informed via email and have approximately two months to work with community groups and Council services to complete the application form. Information will also be provided on the Council website and via a press release.

We would encourage residents who have a relevant project idea to approach their ward Councillor in the first instance.

Wandsworth borough Council are also building a stakeholder list consisting of groups and organisations within the borough who would like to be informed when the rounds of funding are open. If you would like to be added to this list please send your contact details and the name of the group you are representing to WLF@wandsworth.gov.uk.

Completed application forms are sent to WLF@wandsworth.gov.uk.

A senior officer board reviews applications in line with current delivery, viability, value for money, need and impact on the community.

Recommendations are put forwards to be agreed by the Leader of the Council, Director and Scrutiny Committees.

When can I expect to receive a decision about my application?

The time it takes to make a decision depends upon the committee cycles and dates for Overview and Scrutiny meetings. We aim to have a decision within 8 weeks of the application closing date.



Previous Successes

King George's Park

In December 2016, £68,000 works were completed to replace the safety surface in King George's Park play space.



Upper Tooting Park

In May 2017, £58,000 works were completed in Upper Tooting Park to redesign the existing toddler play space to improve access and inclusive play opportunities.

Culvert Road Alleyway

In May 2017 £34,680 works were completed on streetscape and lighting improvements for Culvert Road Alleyway. The improvements were paid for through the Wandsworth Local Fund.



Thamesfield Leader's Gardens

£60,000 play area upgrades were completed in October 2017 to improve the access and inclusive play opportunities in the community play area. Upon completion, the junior play space now provides a wide range of active experiences for children.

Other funding opportunities available in the borough

Wandsworth Grant Fund

The Wandsworth Grant Fund (WGF) is a small grant fund for projects and activities benefiting residents and communities of the London Borough of Wandsworth. Grants of between £500 – £10,000 are available. There are three funding rounds every year.

Wandsworth Youth Opportunity Fund

The Wandsworth Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF) is a grant to which young people can apply to fund community projects or activities, or to improve premises used by youth groups. A panel of specially-trained young people will evaluate presentations by applicants to decide where the funding will be allocated.

Resident Small Improvement Grants for Housing Estates

Our Small Improvement Budget (SIB) gives grants to residents to make improvements to their estate or block which will benefit the community. The majority of SIB projects come from residents' associations/co-ops meetings with residents.

Active Wandsworth Grant Fund

The Active Wandsworth Grant Fund is managed by our partner Enable Leisure and Culture. The fund covers three distinct areas of financial support:

- Up to £3000 for clubs or organisations delivering sport & physical activity opportunities
- Up to £500 for individuals looking for support to attend a regional or national competition, which could include help with accommodation and travel costs.
- If you are a sports coach or instructor looking to further your coaching skills, we offer a bursary scheme up to £500.

Wandsworth Arts Fringe

The Wandsworth Arts Fringe (WAF) is supported by the Wandsworth Grant Fund. The WAF Grant Fund supports activities and events that will take place as part of Wandsworth Arts Fringe in May each year. Grants of up to £2,000 are available.

Wandsworth Community Fund

The London Community Foundation manages this small grant fund, offering grants from £250-£5,000. The Fund will award grants to support voluntary or community groups, registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations that provide projects or services benefitting the community in the London Borough of Wandsworth.