

Project delivery update:
CIL Strategic Infrastructure Funding Scheme

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was first adopted by Stroud District Council in 2017. Environment Committee approved the first 2 years of funding allocations for its Strategic Infrastructure Projects in December of 2019 and 2020, these are shown in Appendix 1

This information sheet aims to give a brief update on the progress made on delivering those projects and the subsequent financial claims.

2019 allocations: River Frome Restoration, Rural SuDS & SVP Tree Planting.

The delivery of all three projects were dependant on people being able to meet on site and working alongside each other, so it is understandable that physical works programmed to be undertaken between April 2020 and March 2021 faced significant disruption and delays due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

These projects are now progressing very well with at least 50% of physical works completed. Full project completion is assured by the end of this financial year March 2022 and all financial commitments are expected to be claimed.

Hardwicke Youth Centre. The Parish Council are working closely with SDC's Youth Services team where a tour of youth facilities has been arranged to help design the facility. Since the bid was submitted, another potential property has become an option, so additional time is needed to assess the best option with architects. This may subsequently impact on the projected capital delivery timescales, but is necessary work to get the best result.

Uley, Cam to Dursley Greenway (Design). GCC's design contractor has commenced preliminary assessments that will inform the rest of the work including timescales. This initial assessment should evaluate the impact of recent changes to cycleway legislation (LTN 1/20) which have caused concerns of resulting works being delivered to the new required standards.

Cam & Dursley Rail Station Enhancements. GCC's Integrated Transport Unit confirmed expenditure of £8,110 on cycle shelter improvements and motorcycle parking racks. The existing on-site bus shelter will be replaced before March 2022. The carpark expansion (eastern section) requires further assessment with contractors due to the limited amount of land available.

Cainscross segregated cycleway. This bid was originally approved to deliver physical safety improvements for cyclists along Cainscross Road. National cycleway legislation has since changed meaning that the project intentions became non-compliant with the new regulations (LTN 1/20). GCC have therefore requested that SDC consider agreeing to repurpose the allocated CIL funding to provide an in-depth feasibility study that would result in a workable and compliant project design. This revised proposal has the support of SDC Officers.

Stroud to Nailsworth Cycletrack Upgrade. GCC report that project works are proceeding well; the re-decking of Birds Crossing footbridge and ramps by the Priory Woodchester are completed which is a substantial achievement. The contract has been let for the work between Birds Crossing and Station Road to widen the available path and planning permission has been granted for works on Newman-Henders Bridge, which is on course to start in February 2022.

Frampton Cycle Path. Frampton Parish Council continue to work very closely with GCC Highways who will be undertaking the delivery of the physical works. A Stage 1 Safety Audit to be followed by the final public engagement period with local residents. The 8 week programme is on track to commence in February 2022.

Waste Vehicle In-Cab Technology. SDC Community Services and IT Services have been progressing through the project development phase which has complex technical demands. Unforeseen software and legal considerations have been identified which will require further work and is therefore likely to cause slight delays to anticipated delivery timescales. Working with Ubico, the next step is to procure an appropriate system. Software design and implementation is expected to commence in 2022/2023.