

Camden Draft Infrastructure Funding List for CIL Draft Charging Schedule Consultation

Before Camden can introduce a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) we need to set out what kinds of projects the money raised will be spent upon. Therefore we have started putting together a list of the projects and infrastructure needed in Camden to support new growth and the delivery of sustainable neighborhoods from 2014 until 2026.

This is not the final list of projects to be funded. It represents a list of the most significant and more strategic Camden infrastructure schemes that we feel need to be funded. This public consultation therefore asks for your views on whether there are any other infrastructure projects that you think should be funded, particularly more local projects. Funding for these projects could also come from other sources both within or outside of the Council.

Local authorities are required to set their CILs at a level which does not deter development from coming forward and this is likely to mean that not all of the projects identified will be able to be funded. Your views expressed in this consultation will be used to inform Camden's future CIL spending priorities.

We are also interested in your views on the selection criteria for deciding which projects could be funded. These could include:

- the level of funding needed for the project;
- the proportion of the project to be funded by CIL;
- its inclusion in a recognised Camden programme;
- consideration of alternative funding sources; and
- whether other investment has been secured in the area.

The list will be revised following this public consultation and will then form part of the evidence base for introducing a CIL which will need to be presented to an Examination in Public. Once a Camden CIL is introduced the list will be reviewed and potentially updated on a regular basis and published on the Camden web site.

We are keen for your views on this draft list, in particular:

- Are there any projects on the draft list which should be prioritised?
- Are there any other important borough-wide or cross-ward projects which should be considered for the list?
- Are there any smaller scale projects which might address more local needs which should be added to the list?
- Do you feel the funding criteria set above are reasonable?

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Transport Infrastructure
Road maintenance – CIL monies could be used to fund road maintenance to ensure that the network is able to cope with the impacts of new development.
West End project - Conversion of Tottenham Court Road and Gower Street to two way working and associated improvements to the urban realm including the creation and improvements of pocket parks.
Routes to Farringdon station - improvements to road safety, walking and cycling routes to the station, including the possible closure of some roads, in time for the start of Crossrail and Thameslink Programme services in 2018/19.
Holborn area scheme – to transform the urban realm, improve road safety, reduce traffic dominance and make it easier to move through the area, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists. The scheme will consider how the gyratory could be converted to two-way working.
Kilburn area scheme – to build on recent projects in the area, to transform the urban realm, improve road safety, and improve links to the town centre.
Kings Cross area scheme – with the Kings Cross new concourse in place, the opening of the new plaza in front of the station and the start of Thameslink Programme services in 2018/19 it is timely to improve pedestrian and cycling routes on borough roads and to uplift the urban realm. TfL is looking at the feasibility of removing one-way roads in this area. This scheme will also support improving bus links to and from the new Kings Cross Central development.
Camden area scheme - This scheme includes improving cycle permeability and unlocking the gyratory, with a focus on east to west routes – Delancey Street, Hawley Street, Parkway and Albert Road. Opportunities will be taken to widen the ‘Naked Streets’ approaches used on Camden High Street (north of the underground station) to other roads in the area. The scheme will also make improvements in and around the south part of the Camden High Street (between Britannia Junction and Cobden Junction), which is the final part of achieving the vision for Camden Town.
Pedestrian and cycling infrastructure improvements (borough-wide) – the feasibility of adopting a strategic approach to reducing traffic dominance and encouraging walking and cycling by restricting traffic and through potential road closure will be considered using other funding. CIL funding will help realise this vision where projects are most needed, and would include innovative approaches such as the roll-out of pedestrian countdown at traffic signals. This approach is particularly desirable given the increase in population density that is occurring in Camden.
Improving road safety and reducing traffic speeds (borough-wide) – Measures will be introduced to improve road safety where there is a need to do so and to reduce traffic speeds.
Public realm improvements in street markets – the project will build on work currently being done to improve street markets and will aim to make larger investments to completely transform the public realm to create a higher quality environment to help boost economic vitality. The focus will be on larger markets, such as Leather Lane and Queens Crescent but smaller markets such as Earham Street or Chalton Street could also receive funding.
Improve accessible links (borough-wide) – links to and from rail stations need to be made more accessible, particular where lifts have been installed in rail stations. This could include a new lift at West Hampstead station.
Removing borough gyratories – conversion to two-way working will ease movements of people around the areas affected. Particular attention will be given to gyratories on borough roads - in Gospel Oak (Fleet Road, etc), Torriano Avenue (and linking roads) and around Camden Town. There could be scope to assist the removal of TfL’s gyratories on the TLRN (particularly in Camden Town and Swiss Cottage). (TfL is currently looking at the Kings Cross gyratory, and Holborn will be considered through the Holborn area scheme.) The removal of gyratories are large schemes that would require funding from a variety of sources to cover the

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feasibility of removing gyratories and the actual removal of these systems and related urban realm improvements.
Camden Town and Holborn station capacity works – these two Underground stations are those most urgently requiring improvements to deal with capacity and congestion issues. (It is anticipated that congestion at Euston station will be dealt with as part of Crossrail 2 and/or HS2 should these projects proceed.) Although the funding of station capacity projects is the responsibility of the London Underground, it would be desirable to fund some of this essential work at an early stage through CIL, to encourage quicker progress and help ‘pump prime’ these important improvements for Camden. TfL plans to undertake feasibility of these schemes; CIL monies would be used to contribute to the implementation of congestion relief measures
Bus Improvements: north-south capacity through Camden Town and orbital connectivity - Camden Town and its markets are becoming an increasingly important part of central London’s economy and of night time activity. Although the provision of bus services is TfL’s responsibility, officers feel that, especially in view of the forecast increase in Camden’s population, it would be worth encouraging TfL to provide enhanced bus services serving this focal location.
Freight consolidation centre (borough-wide) – this project will provide facilities to encourage innovative ‘last mile delivery’ using environmentally friendly small vehicles. Operators experience of using electrically assisted cycle freight vehicles has demonstrated that this approach can reduce emissions.
Sustainable lighting (borough-wide) –this project will invest in more efficient lighting, for example using LEDs.
Sustainability
Upgrading communal heating systems across Camden housing estates in line with the Council’s heating policy – this project would work alongside the Housing & Adult Social Care Directorate’s capital programme to support the renewal of communal heating networks across housing estates. It would also seek opportunities to maximise the potential for low carbon heating solutions, notably through the potential extension between existing housing estates and proposed development.
Education projects New school provision will serve educational needs generated across Camden. Projections based on the predicted increase in the number of young people in different areas will be used to identify needs which will be met by a combination of expanding existing facilities and new school provision.
New primary school provision to meet identified needs.
Secondary school provision to meet identified needs.
Health projects Health care needs are currently assessed through the NHS Camden Commissioning Strategy. Schemes which have been identified so far to meet future health care needs associated with new population growth are listed below. Additional schemes may be selected and added to this list as a response to further needs which may be identified in the future.
Gospel Oak Children’s Centre, Greenwood Centre, Abbey Health Centre, and Regents Park Estate Health Centre.
Green infrastructure Within the borough there are many parks and open spaces which will serve the additional population generated from new development. A number of projects have been identified through Council strategies and 5 year improvement programmes. Additional schemes may be selected and added to this list as a response to further needs which may be identified in the future.
Greening Camden tree planting initiatives – trees are the lungs of our city, helping clean the air we breathe and green our urban environment. Camden’s tree planting programme seeks to

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increase the number of trees across the Borough.
Improving community access to Local Nature Reserves – Camden manages 5 Local Nature Reserves, a key resource that enables our residents to engage with nature and nature conservation. This funding would seek to increase public access to our nature reserves, increase environmental education initiatives and enable our young people and residents to learn about their natural environment.
Parks Improvement Projects for example working with the local community to develop and implement a new sustainable landscape plan for Kilburn Grange Park and the refurbishment of the entrances at Cumberland Market.
Community led Parks projects – Funding of projects developed by community organisations involved in the management of Camden’s parks and open spaces
The creation of new open space for example Alfred Place
Sports and leisure infrastructure The council has 9 sports pitches which serve the borough and will need upgrading, as identified by the CIL infrastructure study 2012. Funds could also be used to maintain and improve the following leisure centres which serve all wards.
Talacre Sports Centre, Camden Town Sport Pitch, Canteloves Gardens Sports Facility, Oasis Sports Centre, Swiss Cottage Leisure Centre
Community infrastructure Camden has a wide range of community facilities, owned or run by the council or the voluntary sector which serve many wards and support new development. Upgrades have been identified in the CIL infrastructure study 2012. The following projects are those that we believe could come forward in the next 3 years and are part of Camden’s Community investment programme. Additional schemes may be selected and added to this list as a response to further needs which may be identified.
Abbey Community Centre – As part of HASC’s Abbey Estate regeneration scheme, the existing Abbey CC will be demolished and a new community centre will be built at an adjacent location. The new community centre will be larger than the current premises.
Bengali Workers Association / Surma Centre – Originally linked to the Netley School CIP project, the Surma Centre is now a stand-alone project. The aim of the project is to provide new and enlarged community facilities with residential above.
Covent Garden Community Centre – upgrades to existing facilities, inc toilets, air air-conditioning, floor renewal, acoustic mitigation, front entrance.
Dragon Hall Trust – upgrades to existing facilities, including storage space, flooring, kitchenette, heating system, airconditioning, reception and entrance.
St Pancras Community Centre – SPCC occupies premises at 30 Camden Road, a building that has high maintenance and running costs, with level changes in the building which result in access issues and the use of space does not allow for multiple activities to take place at the same time. A new community facility will be provided nearby in the redevelopment at Plender Street, with the two sites forming one CIP project.
Highgate Newtown Community Centre – A proposal to repair and improve Highgate Newtown Community Centre (HNCC) and the adjacent Fresh Youth Academy (FYA).
Holborn Community Association / Bedford House – HCA occupies non-LBC premises and has been fundraising to carry out works to refurbish and improve access to the building. HCA has been awarded £20,000 S106 funds to pay for professional design work to be able to progress to planning and tendering stages, but additional funds are needed.
Phoenix Garden – fitting out of educational centre.