

Marylebone Forum CIL Sub-Committee, Meeting Notes

9.00am, 18 July 2019, Howard de Walden Estate offices, 27 Baker Street, W1

Present: Sarah Buttleman, Tim Carnegie, Andrea Merrington, Yael Saunders

Apologies: Ian Macpherson

The Forum has received one application for WCC Neighbourhood CIL funds, from St Marylebone parish church. The group met to discuss, in advance of WCC closing date for applications of July 24.

The application form was circulated to Forum committee members by YS as Chair, on 9 July, and comments invited. Comments received were circulated to CIL Sub committee for this meeting.

Assessment: the group considered the assessment criteria and agreed that there is no ability to judge between different applications yet, and agreed that this will develop over time.

Sub-Committee members noted there are several local projects emerging, but not yet advanced enough for CIL applications. Agreed that we should not delay allocating CIL funds now, the CIL pot will continue to grow as development continues.

Does the application meet WCC criteria for encouraging growth or mitigating against the impact of growth in the Forum area? Does the application meet the Forum's aims for the area?

All agreed and recognised that St Marylebone church is a very important local asset and amenity: there are 250,000 visits/year from a variety of community users including the NHS practice, St Marylebone High School and other groups. All agreed that it would be a great loss to the community and to visitors to the area if the Church was not able to fully function. The group recognised the need for more publicly accessible and free to use toilets in the area.

Further discussion about the WCs, public access to them, and NHS Health Centre facilities. Some confusion as to the detail of the application for funding specifically for WCs and the Health Centre entrance and reception.

All agreed that WCC must require clear audit trail for CIL funds, but queried how this will work for large projects like this: eg if extra funds are found to be needed for more urgent aspect of the wider project (eg roof), but CIL funding is tied to WCs.

All agreed that Forum should support the delivery of the whole project and therefore would support the reallocation of this Neighbourhood CIL funding to another aspect of the wider project, if needed.

Action: YS to notify the church and the Forum committee of decision to support, and confirm process for submitting the application to WCC.

It was agreed that website should be updated to show CIL funding application from St Marylebone parish church, and Forum's support. (It was agreed that full application form should not be posted online). **Action:** YS and TC