

Cabinet
12 December 2017

Councillor Martin Tennant
Environment and Service Delivery
Portfolio Holder
Report No. COMM1722

Key Decision - No

FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

Summary and Recommendation

The Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio holder has considered one application and has awarded £8,496, which Cabinet is recommended to approve.

1. Introduction

1.1 This paper seeks approval to award a grant from the Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund to assist a local project.

2. Background

2.1 The Community Environmental Fund commenced in 2001. It is levied by Farnborough Airport on business aviation movements at a rate of £2 per aircraft movement and £5 per aircraft movement where the aircraft is a Boeing business jet or an Airbus A310 corporate jet.

2.2 The fund is available to groups and organisations under the following criteria:

- Located within 5 kilometres (3 miles) from the centre of Farnborough Airport (taken to be halfway down the main runway) and is demonstrably and regularly affected by aircrafts travelling to and from Farnborough Airport
- Will result in the improvement or provision of an outdoor facility or area that is accessible to the public and able to be enjoyed by the community as a whole
- Is a community or environment based bid, projects may include: -
 - Green or open spaces
 - Natural habitats
 - Environmental improvements or outdoor play
 - Community projects with an emphasis on improving the local environment or outdoor education

3. Details of Bids

3.1 The Cabinet Member for Environment has considered one application (Appendix A) and has made an award recommendation:

• Friends of Ancells Farm	£8,496
Total	£8,496

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The Community Environmental Fund is currently £22,076. Taking the application recommended in this paper of £8,496 would leave £13,580 available for allocation.

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Background Documents:

Completed application form - Appendix A

Environment Fund applicant bid	
Name & address of Applicant	Friends of Ancells Farm (FOAF) Ancells Farm Park, Farm Drive, Fleet GU51 2XF
Grant requested (Total cost of project)	£8,496 (£17,296)
Purpose of grant	A secure and beautiful play area for Ancells Farm Park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting around new entrance areas - £1,806 • Hedge planning - £290 • Two small bridges over two drainage ditches - £6,400
Previous grants from this fund	None
Distance from centre of runway (within 5 kilometres/3 miles)	Within distance
Other sources of funding for this project	<p><u>Secured:</u> £423 – Fundraising £400 – Own funds £750 – HCC councillor grant £177 – Hart Lottery Free 130 saplings from the Woodland Trust Free 500 bulbs from Fleet Rotary</p> <p><u>Unsecured:</u> £600 – Hart Lottery £800 – Fundraising events (Feb/April 2018) £2,500 – Fleet Town Council installation costs £1,750 – Community involvement & donations £1,400 – other sources</p>
Accounts	Income: £2,639 Expenditure: £4,706 Balances: £444
Additional Info	<p>The project aims to create colourful and welcoming park entrances whilst improving biodiversity and accessibility for all.</p> <p>At the park entrances, brambles will be removed and replaced with a wide variety of flowering plants and shrubs, encouraging wildlife and biodiversity. 130 donated saplings will be planted to fill in the gaps and extend the existing hedging, providing a 'wildlife corridor' helping creatures such as hedgehogs and dormice move safely through the landscape, guiding them away from the roadside, whilst creating a barrier against vehicle noise.</p> <p>Within the woodland two small bridges will be built to cross two drainage ditches to stop temporary crossings being made and then blocking the ditches, impacting on the drainage and disturbing the existing environment.</p> <p>The park is used by local residents (1700 households), businesses and the wider community.</p>
Aim of organisation/group	FOAF was founded in December 2010 by local residents who were concerned about the condition of the children's play park. The aims of the group are to improve green spaces on Ancells Farm (the park, sports field, woods and other planted or grassed communal areas) through maintaining and enhancing the structural biodiversity, amenity and wildlife value of our green areas, whilst fostering community spirit.
Application recommendation	£8,496