

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Requesting Decision

Developer Contributions Monitoring Officer

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Planning and Growth

Recommendation

To authorise the release of £5,502,00 to Charnwood Borough Council's Open Spaces Team in respect of the section 106 agreement attached to planning permission P/20/0642/2 – Land rear of Westfield Drive, Loughborough.

The money will be paid to IDverde for the completion of Car Park Provisions at Lodge Farm Allotments, Loughborough.

Reason

The release of this funding is in accordance with the relevant clause in the section 106 agreement attached to planning permission P/20/0642/2 which states that the allotments contribution is to be used towards offsite replacement creation and/or enhancements of allotment provision at the Borough Council's allotment site at Shelthorpe Road, Loughborough or other suitable sites within Loughborough.

Authority for Decision

There is a delegation in the Constitution to all Heads of Service "to pay over section 106 Monies in respect of non-housing items received by the Borough Council as the responsible authority, but which will not result in expenditure by the Council and where the Head of Service by the Head of Finance and Property Services" (Item 8 on Page 8-15).

For all Heads of Service to approve the release of funds they must be satisfied that the works to be carried out fulfil the requirement as set out in the section 106 agreement and have written confirmation for the relevant body that the monies are used for their intended purpose. Any unspent monies after 5 years of receipt by the Borough Council shall be returned to the developer as per the relevant clause within the section 106 agreement.

Decision and Date



17 November 2023

Background

Charnwood Borough Council received £62,270.46 for the allotment contributions associated with planning application P/20/0642/2 Land to the rear of Westfield Drive, Loughborough on the 14th August 2021 with no spend limit associated with the contribution.

Charnwood Borough Council's Open Space Team has requested £5,502.00 including VAT to deliver additional car parking at the Borough Council's allotment site located at Lodge Farm, Forest Road, Loughborough. The demand for allotment space in Loughborough has increased, as such people must join a waiting list for a suitable plot to become available. To deal with the increased demand, allotment plots which have historically been rented as 1 unit are now being split to allow up to 4 tenants to occupy the space to increase capacity. The additional capacity created has brought about the need for additional car parking so tenants can safely park to bring supplies to the site or park whilst tending to the plots.

Financial Implications

The money has been received and there are no financial implications for the Borough Council.

Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Overall Risk	Risk Management Actions Planned
			Very Low (1 - 2)	

Key Decision

No

Background Papers

All contained on planning files P/20/0642/2