

Additional information on: Recommendations for New S106 Projects.

Background to 'Improve Your Neighbourhood'.

IYN was a scheme developed in 2007 by the then Active Communities section. It is a scheme that gives members of the public an opportunity to submit their ideas for new recreation and open space projects in their ward area.

Funding for projects comes from s106 planning obligation monies gathered by the City Council. There are three fund categories - Children & Teenagers, Informal Open Spaces & Formal Open Spaces. There are limitations to what is an eligible s106 scheme and careful advice is taken in respect to all ideas submitted.

How do I submit an idea?

The scheme is open to anyone who has an idea for a recreation or open spaces related project. You can either contact Arts & Recreation at Hobson House directly, or apply via the IYN dedicated web page within the City Council website.

Ideas can be submitted at any time of the year and are assessed every September by a working group made up of representatives from six council sections, with each section scoring ideas against their council objectives.

The website is- <http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/improveyourneighbourhood>.

The Scoring Process

1. All submitted ideas are assessed against our strategies and objectives.
2. Representatives from six city council sections assess ideas against five of their relevant section objectives.
3. A one point score is awarded for every objective that could potentially be met if the idea were to be developed.
4. The assessors are - Green Spaces /Recreation Services / Sports Development Service/ Landscape Architects / Safer Communities / Children & Young People Participation Service.
5. Collated scores form the basis for recommendations made to each relevant area committee.
6. Member's approval is sought for ideas that fit with our strategies and objectives and that score above a 30% threshold.

Support in Principle at Area Committee

Ideas scoring 30% or above are deemed potentially viable and recommended to members at area committee for potential development. This stage is pre-public consultation so only a short brief on each of the ideas is available.

Although this can sometimes mean that some suggestions need discussion, it does ensure that no pre-judgement has been made on our part as to the ideas scope and potential, the emphasis for this being on the community involvement to develop the idea at the latter consultation stage.

Scrutiny & Community Consultation

All approved ideas are subject to scrutiny and If adopted, would then be subject to consultation with all relevant stakeholders.

IYN Funding

Projects are funded by s106 monies, which are gathered by the City Council under planning obligations. The city council's planning obligation and policy team provide Active Communities with advice and direction on what is eligible for funding. There are limitations to what is an eligible s106 scheme and careful advice is taken in respect to all ideas submitted.

Use of S106 informal open space monies on natural green space

The application of S106 monies for informal open space on natural greenspaces is dependent on the precise scope of works in the project. It is considered that repairs and renewals, would not be legitimate, but creation of new features such as wildlife habitat could be, provided that these features are within areas to which the public has access.

Council Sections Scoring Criteria

Recreation Services	Green Team	Sports Development	CHYPPS	Safer Communities	Landscape Architects
Enhance Allotment Provision	Accessible	Increased Sports Participation	Increased children and young people's usage	Impact on Community Safety	Improves appearance of street or area
Sustainability	Attractive	Usage Patterns	Increased children and young people's satisfaction	Alignment with the Safer Neighbourhoods and Local Neighbourhood Agenda	Visually benefits the public realm of the city
Reduction of Carbon Footprint	Biodiversity	Childhood Obesity	Inclusion / equalities access	Reduction in Anti-Social behaviour	Publicly visible and accessible
Opportunities for Play	Community	Open Space for Health Problems	Play value - children and young people's view	Increase in the range of diversionary activities	Has local people involvement
Increased Access	Usage	Inclusive Fitness	Social value - a young people's view	Impact on Community Cohesion	Benefit for a large number of people