

5<sup>th</sup> July 2006

**Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration**  
**Sedgefield Borough Local Area Improvement Programme**  
**Application Report**

**Introduction**

This report highlights a Local Improvement Programme (LIP) application submitted to and appraised by the Strategy and Regeneration Section. The report provides information to the Area 3 Forum for their consideration and comments, which will be used to formulate a report and recommendation to the Sedgefield Borough Council cabinet.

The Area 3 Forum has been allocated £532,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009, none of which has been allocated to date.

**Project Background**

- **Name of Project:** Trimdon Colliery MUGA
- **Name of Applicant:** Groundwork East Durham
- **Legal Status:** Regeneration Charity
- **Date of Application:** 20<sup>th</sup> April 2006
- **Landlord:** Durham County Council leased to Trimdon Colliery Community Association.
- **Brief Description of Project:** The project will create a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on an area of green under used open space next to Trimdon Colliery Community Centre.
- **Requested from LIP:** £58,325 (54%)
- **Total Project Cost:** £108,325 (Capital)
- **What will the LIP be used for:** The project will pay for a (37.5m x 18m) Multi –Use Games Area (MUGA) including Lighting and Polymeric Surfacing as well as appropriate fencing and goals. The project aims to engage more young people in playing football, netball and basketball.

## LIP Criteria

- **ODPM Definition:** **Yes**  
The land is under used at the moment- this project will bring the area back into effective use.
- **Community Strategy Objectives:** **Medium**  
The project links to the objective 'To develop and maximise the leisure and cultural facilities in the borough'. The project also meets the key challenge for the borough 'to encourage increased participation in the physical and cultural activity through the continued development of a range of quality leisure, cultural and educational opportunities for enjoyment of local people, appropriate to needs, interested and aspirations'.
- **Evidence of need and community support:** **High**  
The applicant has identified, according to the Index Multiple Deprivation 2004 New Trimdon and Trimdon Grange in Sedgefield is ranked within the top 20% to 30% of most deprived Super Output Area's nationally. In Sedgefield Borough, 32% of households do not have a car, compared to 27% of households in England and Wales as a whole. This increases the need to have locally based community facilities that are easily accessible. As a result of consultation exercises which were carried out in relation to the village and the park itself, the creation of a sports and play area were highlighted as priorities. With the creation of the MUGA and the funding secured, the project aims to engage more people in playing football, netball and basketball. As a result of a sport and play audit carried out in 2004/ 05, the community association and Sedgefield Borough Council now have plans to redevelop the site for play and sport. Trimdon Colliery Community Association has agreed to maintain the MUGA once the initial contractors maintenance period has expired.
- **Value for money and Revenue implications:** **High**  
As highlighted previously, the applicants are applying for 54% of the overall capital costs and have fully secured the remaining costs (£50,000). Trimdon Colliery Community Association will undertake the long-term maintenance. A successful award from Barclays Spaces for Sports will enable Groundwork to apply for additional Development Fund monies of up to £20,000 revenue support. This additional revenue funding would be spent on training, sports equipment, kits and coaching sessions on the MUGA. The project will be required to link to the leisure services programmes of coaching etc.
- **Legal Issues:** **All satisfactory**
- **Statutory Approvals:** **All in place**

**Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:**

That the Area Forum considers the following key issues

- The relative priority of this project within the Trimdon / Area 3 locality.
- The applicant, Groundwork East Durham has not supplied three quotes for the project, however the project will be subject to a full tender process to ensure value for money is achieved.

Subject to being happy with the above points that the Area Forum support the progress of this application.

**Material considerations:**

**Other applications received from Area 3:**

In taking the above decision the Area Forum is requested to consider the implication of the funding level requested against the following projects that have been received for future determination by the Forum.

- Trimdon Colliery Community Centre Architects Fees- £12,774.38 LIP grant requested, Total project cost £15,774.38
- East Durham Play Network – Promoting Quality Child Care and Creative Play. £43,000 LIP Grant requested. Total Project Cost £45,000

The following projects are under development and no application has been received to date. Once applications are received these projects will be brought forward to the Forum for debate.

- Sedgefield Cricket Club – Refurbishment of the club house for use as a community venue- no costs as yet
- Bishop Middleham Parish Council - Bishop Middleham Play Area – No costs as yet
- Trimdon Village Parish Council- Trimdon Village Play Area- no costs as yet
- Ceddesfield Hall Community Association – Expansion of the community venue- no costs as yet

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