



**Decision of Cabinet Member for  
Environment, Infrastructure and  
Climate Action**

Tuesday 7 February 2023

**Report from the Corporate Director,  
Resident Services**

**Application to the Green and Resilient Spaces Development  
Fund for external grant funding**

<b>Wards Affected:</b>	Roundwood and Harlesden & Kensal Green
<b>Key or Non-Key Decision:</b>	Non-Key
<b>Open or Part/Fully Exempt:</b> (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
<b>No. of Appendices:</b>	N/A
<b>Background Papers:</b>	N/A
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## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Green and Resilient Spaces Development Fund is a grant administered by the Greater London Authority (GLA) as part of the Green New Deal Mission. The grant funds large-scale, innovative enhancements to green and blue spaces and the wider public realm that will strengthen London's climate resilience, increase biodiversity, improve access to green space, build green skills and promote health and wellbeing.
- 1.2 A total of £3.8 million is available across London. There are three types of grants available: Project Grants, Tree Planting Grants and Development Grants. Development Grant applications can access up to £40,000 for work to be completed by March 2024 in order to create a pipeline of exemplar projects ready to deliver when additional funding becomes available. For all types of grant, applicants must provide a minimum of 30 per

cent of project costs as match funding. Successful applicants will be announced in March 2023.

- 1.3 The Brent Healthy Streets and Parking team would like to submit an application for Development Grant funding to support the Roundwood Green Corridors feasibility study. In order to be considered for funding, Brent will need to submit its application ahead of the submission deadline on 10<sup>th</sup> February.

## **2.0 Recommendations**

That the Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Action in consultation with the Leader:

- 2.1 Approves the submission of an application for grant funding as set out in Section 4 of this report from the Green and Resilient Spaces Development Fund.

## **3.0 Grant Key Aims and Objectives**

- 3.1 Enhance London's green and blue spaces and make the built environment greener to help the capital adapt and respond to the climate and ecological emergency.
- 3.2 Support innovative public space projects that primarily deliver climate resilience and greening outcomes but also contribute to air quality and active travel objectives.
- 3.3 Address the environmental and health inequalities highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic by prioritising interventions that target the areas of highest need due to climate vulnerability and multiple deprivation.
- 3.4 Build capacity and green skills as part of the Mayor's Green New Deal ambition to double the green economy in London.

## **4.0 Brent's Application**

- 4.1 Brent is seeking Development grant funding to undertake an area-wide review of one of its chosen Green Neighbourhood localities. The project site consists of Roundwood Park and the residential streets to the west, a highly deprived area of the borough. Off the back of an extensive consultation period with residents, Brent is looking to enhance the green spaces available in the neighbourhood with climate-resilience enhancing features, and to implement four "Green Corridors" that intersect across the neighbourhood area. The Green Corridors will provide the infrastructure to support active travel, and create green and attractive routes that connect the pockets of green space in the neighbourhood, improving access for all.
- 4.2 It is anticipated that the plans developed with the grant funding will enable us to apply for the full project grant/ seek further funding for the Green Corridors implementation work in the FY 2024/25.

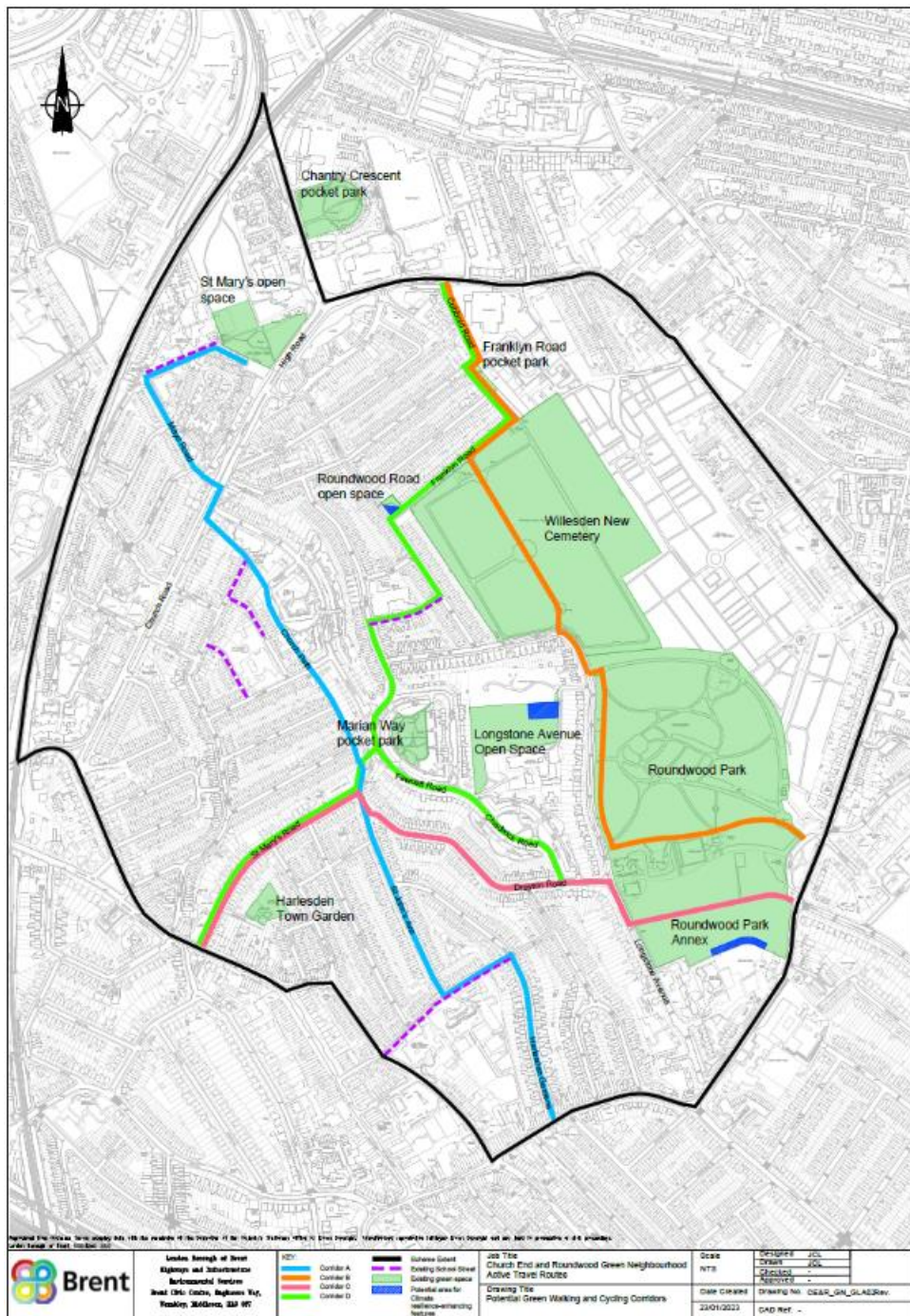


Figure 1. Concept design for the Roundwood Green Corridors.

## 5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 Brent is applying for the maximum grant of £40,000 to support the development project detailed in section 4. The project has been allocated £25,000 from Borough Plan Funding which will be used to make up the 30% match required. This means that Brent will be offering 38% match funding in total.

## **6.0 Legal Implications**

- 6.1 In accordance with paragraph 13 of Part 3 of the Constitution, submission of bids for additional resources from government is a decision for individual Cabinet Members in relation to their portfolio area in consultation with the Leader.
- 6.2 Subject to grant approval, the Corporate Director Resident Services has delegated authority pursuant to paragraph 9.5 of Part 3 of the Constitution and Financial Regulation 8.2.2 of Part 2 of the Constitution to enter into a grant funding arrangement. In doing so, the Corporate Director must ensure that the objectives of the grant agreement are consistent with the Council objectives and priorities in accordance with Financial Regulation 9.1.2 and must only exercise delegated powers where the Corporate Director, Finance and Resources approves entry into such arrangement.
- 6.3. The Council's power to apply for grant funding and enter into a Grant Agreement can be found under section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, or under the power of general competence set out in section 1 of the Localism Act 2011.
- 6.4 Any grant funding received will be subject to certain conditions. Failure to adhere to such conditions could require the Council to refund some or all of the grant received.

## **7.0 Equality Implications**

- 7.1 There are no equality implications at this stage of making the application for funding.

## **8.0 Any Other Implications (HR, Property, Environmental Sustainability - where necessary)**

- 8.1 Funding from the Green and Resilient Spaces Development Fund would enable Brent to develop area designs for the implementation of four Green Corridors spanning across the Roundwood Neighbourhood, improving access for residents to green space, improving air quality and supporting a modal shift towards active travel. The project is therefore directly aligned with our commitment to tackle the Climate and Ecological Emergency.

**Report sign off:**

Peter Gadsdon, Corporate Director Resident Services