



Dursley Town Council

# Community Facilities

## S106 Funding Opportunity



Housing developments of a certain size, usually 11 dwellings or more, often carry obligations for the developer to help mitigate some of the impacts of that development on the local area. Obligations can be in-kind, where the developer promises to deliver some kind of infrastructure themselves, or financial where a monetary contribution is provided for other organisations to provide these facilities or services. These obligations are specified within a legal agreement between the local planning authority and the developer, known as a 'Section106 Agreement'.

The recent Littlecombe planning application (S.15/0467/OUT) has resulted in a sum of £355,000 being available for community infrastructure projects within the local area of Cam and Dursley from a S106 agreement. The minimum amount per application has been set at £25,000.

For the purposes of S106, 'community infrastructure' can be defined as 'the basic physical and organisational structures and facilities needed for the effective operation of the community affected'. Community infrastructure projects that can be physically delivered or built, are often referred to as 'capital' projects. The application of physical infrastructure is the preferred route for S106 funds.

Projects should be providing something that has significant value and will be new, upgraded or improved. Repairs, maintenance or programmed scheduled works of a repeated nature cannot be funded by S106 as it is argued such works should already be accounted for within the owners existing budgets.

Infrastructure projects benefitting from S106 funds should be provided to serve the needs of the residents of that specific new development from which the funds arise. Therefore projects should be applied within a reasonable travel distance of the new dwellings

The needs of the residents of a development or community should be considered in terms of real life practicality and not necessarily by boundaries on a map or made for administrative purposes

Projects are agreed in partnership with SDC and the relevant Town/Parish Council. Projects can be delivered by any respected organisation or contractor that has the relevant qualifications, experience and legal requirements (e.g., constitution, insurance etc). The organisation proposing the project should ensure that the persons delivering the project have these necessary accreditations.

Dursley Town Council in partnership with Cam Parish Council and Stroud District Council would like to invite interested groups whom have projects meeting S106 criteria to apply for funding using the approved application form.



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Completed applications and supporting documentation received by Dursley Town Council will be assessed by a joint committee of councillors representing Cam Parish Council, Dursley Town Council and Stroud District Council.

Please note that as part of the assessment process you may be invited to host a site visit or deliver a short presentation in support your written application to the joint committee members.

The joint committee's recommendations will be considered by Cam Parish Council and Dursley Town Council with the agreed recipients being presented to Stroud District Council and being named within the final legal agreement with the developer.

A completed application form and supporting documentation can be emailed to [clerk@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk) or mailed to Dursley Town Council, Jacobs House, Castle Street, Dursley, GL11 4BS on or before **12 noon Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016**.

Any application received after this date/time will not be considered.

If you have any questions relating to this application, please contact: John Kay, Town Clerk on 01453 547758 or email [clerk@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk)