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**Clerk Report – Georgewood Steps (potential CIL Expenditure) November 2024**

## **Council Actions Required (agenda items)**

* To consider whether NMPC wish to earmark CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funds for additional works to the path alongside Georgewood Road.

## **Background**

NMPC have successfully campaigned to have the sub-standard works to the steps on Georgewood Road re done. At the time of the visit by the Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) surveyor the condition of the path was also raised.

DBC only have funds to ‘feather ‘(patch repair) the path to address all trip hazards. The surveyor has confirmed that the work has an anticipated life span of 18-24 months.

I have been told that a complete resurface of this area would cost in the region £14000.

## **Considerations & Clerk Recommendations**

The clerk would **recommend** that should NMPC wish to support this project that they offer a **contribution** rather than the whole sum, particularly as parish councils do not have statutory responsibility for the funding of highways.

* Councillors will need to consider if this project is a good use of CIL funds and to appraise the benefit to the NMPC residents.
* Due to the sum involved Council should consider if there should be any community engagement to ascertain whether this expenditure meets resident’s needs.
* NMPC would need to consider if there are other ongoing projects (Verges project/Map project) should take priority for CIL expenditure, particularly as the life span of the authorised repairs is 18-24 months (as confirmed by the DBC surveyor).
* Cllr should note that CIL expenditure is a conditional spend with terms attached, it has an expiry date- (see table below). I am currently waiting to hear back from DBC to see if the Map Project/Bleed Kit & Library Box can be used to clear our balance that expires in 2025.

table taken from financial software showing balances of CIL and their expiry date-available upon reuqest in different formats. total showing £17125.04

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