

Draft Joint Five-Year Infrastructure Investment Plan 2024-2029

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1 Context

1.1 Introduction

This Plan is published on an annual basis by the Greater Norwich Growth Board (GNGB) who work in partnership to monitor and drive forward the delivery of infrastructure which is required to support planned growth. The development of this plan is informed by the updated Greater Norwich Infrastructure Plan (GNIP) which [is published in a new digital format on the GNGB website here](#).

The projects detailed within this Plan are those currently considered to be a priority for delivery, to assist in achieving the economic growth targets as set out in the Joint Core Strategy and the Greater Norwich City Deal; one of the key strands of the City Deal was the delivery of an infrastructure programme facilitated by a pooled funding arrangement between the Authorities.

To support the delivery of infrastructure, the partners pool their income received from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) into one Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF). This Plan reports all agreed financial commitments of the IIF, providing current delivery updates of the programme of projects that have previously been funded. It also includes high level details of the different funding mechanisms the partnership has developed to fund the delivery of infrastructure, plus CIL income projections for the next five years. Together this information forms the evidence base against which all new allocations are reviewed.

This Plan includes details of the new projects which are to receive IIF funding during the next financial year. These will be adopted as the 2024/25 Annual Growth Programme (AGP).

Each district planning authority area is required to produce an Infrastructure Funding Statement which reports on CIL spend. Uniquely, this Plan reports across the combined administrative areas of Norwich City Council, South Norfolk, and Broadland District Councils. This area is known as Greater Norwich.

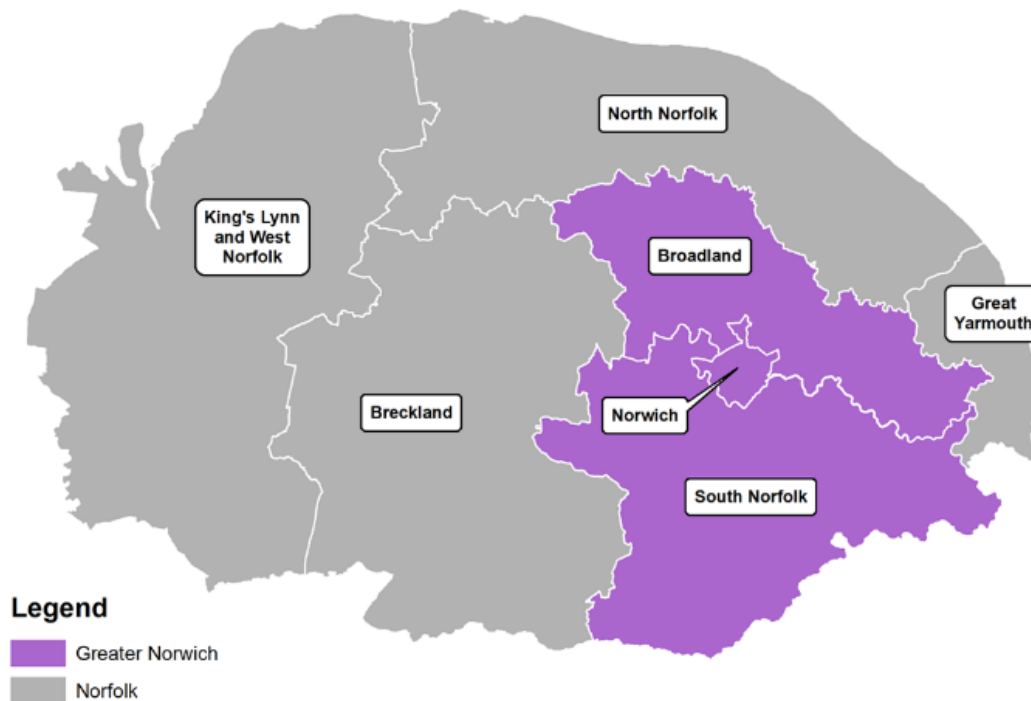
1.2 The Greater Norwich Growth Board

The Leaders from the Councils of Norfolk County, Norwich City, South Norfolk, and Broadland District form the Greater Norwich Growth Board (GNGB), which is a partnership unlike any other in the UK. They have voluntarily chosen to work together to accelerate the delivery of infrastructure within the Greater Norwich area, because they recognise the benefits that can be achieved by looking beyond their individual administrative boundaries.

Approximately £39m of funding and £54.5m of CIL supported borrowing is currently allocated from the IIF, which has helped lever in at least an additional £294m of match funding to deliver infrastructure projects across the Greater Norwich area.

Since the establishment of the GNGB in 2014, their partnership working practices and particularly the pooling arrangements of CIL contributions within the IIF, have become an exemplar model of working. The Planning Advisory Service (PAS) have described the GNGB 'as a partnership who are pursuing ambitious growth agendas under strong strategic leadership and cross boundary collaboration'.

Figure 1 Map of Greater Norwich and Norfolk



The GNGB received their first accolade in 2020 when they became the winners of the partnership working category at the national Planning Awards, this confirmed that their unique working arrangement is to be celebrated. Since then, the partnership has continued to develop, and now leads the way on a national scale, often invited to share their knowledge and experience with other authorities and industry experts.

In more recent years the GNGB has brought forward the design of new financial solutions so that the IIF can be used in a variety of ways to deliver a range of projects and accelerate growth through the forward funding of infrastructure. The IIF has grown from being a programme of directly funded projects to becoming an award winning, unique fund that supports a programme of interdependent financial streams, that are managed through clear and robust partnership working practices.

The GNGB looks forward to continuing to work together to pool their shared skills and resources, leveraging additional funding and increasing delivery outcomes, whilst continually planning for future infrastructure schemes.

1.3 Development of the joint Five-Year Infrastructure Investment Plan

The development of this Plan is informed by the updated Greater Norwich Infrastructure Plan [which is published in a new digital format on the GNGB website here](#). The GNIP provides an overview of the infrastructure required to support growth in Greater Norwich. It:

- identifies infrastructure priorities to the end of the currently adopted Joint Core Strategy (JCS) (2026)
- details the progress of infrastructure delivery within the Greater Norwich area.
- includes details of the emerging Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP). The GNLP is currently progressing through a period of government examination and expected to be formally adopted in Spring 2024. Once agreed, the GNLP will supersede the JCS, extending the period covered by the GNIP to 2038.

Included within the GNIP's infrastructure priorities are the four infrastructure types that are eligible to receive CIL funding (see section 2.1). These priorities form part of the project appraisal process of all projects that apply to the IIF for funding. A call for new projects is triggered upon the acceptance of the GNIP by the Board.

Applications from new projects are appraised by the Greater Norwich Projects Team (GNPT) against clear acceptance criteria. The GNPT provide recommendations to the Infrastructure Delivery Board (IDB) alongside comments received from the Greater Norwich Delivery Officers Group. This provides a measured and robust selection process which supports informed recommendations from the IDB.

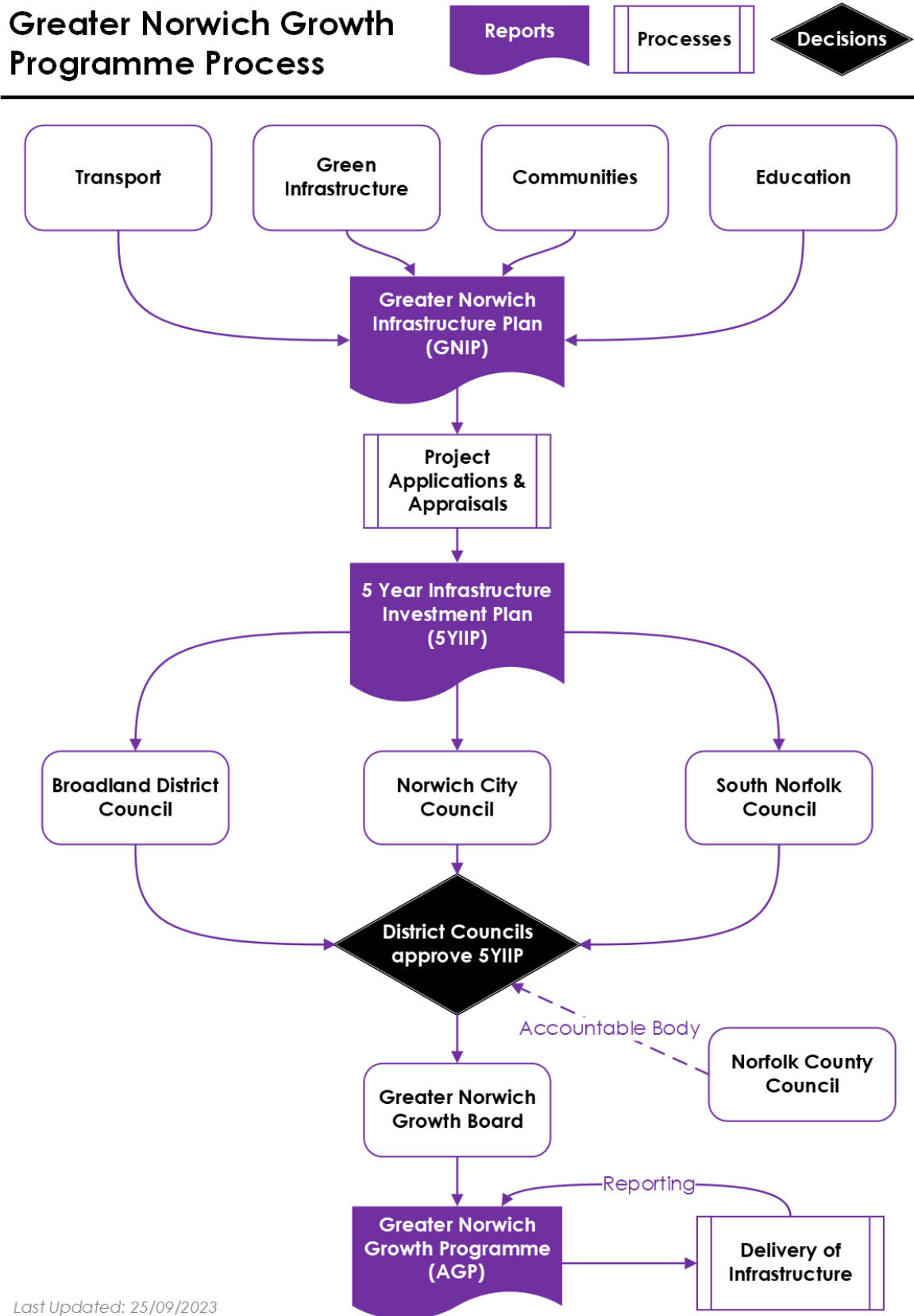
Projects listed within this Plan under the next financial year, comprise the Annual Growth Programme (AGP) for that year.

This Plan considers the cost of these new projects against existing financial commitments for the IIF and the forecasted CIL income. It forms the evidence base to support the partner authorities' annual decision-making process to allocate funding to new projects and enables the GNGB to allocate CIL from the IIF in a clear and decisive manner. Once this Plan is approved by each District Council's Cabinet, then IIF funding is committed to all projects within the forthcoming financial year, accepting them as the AGP.

Figure 2 shows how each Greater Norwich publication informs the decision-making process to establish the AGP. This year's timetable is below.

- The 2023 GNIP was accepted by the GNGB at the Board Meeting on 27 June 2023.
- This year's call for new projects closed on 4 August.
- The GNGB initially consider the Draft Five Year Infrastructure Investment Plan on 30 December 2023. As the Accountable Body for the GNGB, Norfolk County Council will receive a report on the 2024/25 AGP in early 2024.
- The three District Councils consider this Plan at their Cabinet meetings in December 2023/January 2024.
- The final report confirming AGP 24/25 returns to the GNGB for formal joint agreement at their meeting on 19 March 2024.

Figure 2 – Greater Norwich Growth Programme decision making process



Last Updated: 25/09/2023

1.4 Greater Norwich's Long Term Strategic Planning

The Greater Norwich partners have been proactively working together for over 10 years. This voluntary partnership working arrangement is due to be reconfirmed when the Greater Norwich Local Plan is adopted, which will extend the planned development period to 2038, reaffirming the partners' commitment to working together for the longer term.

In addition to extending their joint plan for growth, the Greater Norwich partners:

- have published a joint **Physical Activity and Sports Strategy** in accordance with Sport England's planning guidance and are progressing an annual review of the action plan for 2024.
- are progressing an update to their joint **Green Infrastructure Strategy** aligning with the Environment Bill (which requires the establishment of nature recovery networks and delivery of biodiversity net gain).
- worked in consultation with Norfolk County Council to adopt the new **Transport for Norwich Strategy**.
- established **Norfolk Environmental Credits Ltd** together with North Norfolk and Breckland district council, a new joint venture that will provide a trading platform for nutrient offsetting and other environmental credits, including Biodiversity Net Gain.

Each of these provides clear evidence of need alongside identified delivery solutions, which ensures that the partnership's strategic planning of infrastructure delivery is well informed whilst also supporting the transition to net zero.

For these programmes to progress, investment is also required to support project development, particularly the cost to undertake feasibility studies and bringing forward major projects. Whilst the IIF's Annual Growth Programme is prioritised for projects that are nearing delivery, the Greater Norwich authorities understand the need to commission new project development, and they continue to work together to source new funding streams and seek new routes of financing to ensure this work continues in the future.

All funds currently unallocated within the IIF will be used to support projects arising from the plans and other policies and strategies that relate to the Greater Norwich area. This includes but is not restricted to:

- The **Stage 2 Masterplan for East Norwich** which indicates a total cost of £153m for the infrastructure required to underpin regeneration at East Norwich.
- **Schools' capital programme** - approximately £195.5m
- **Norfolk Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Plan** (includes the Broadland Growth Link Road £38m), and the **Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework**.
- **Local Transport Plan** and **Transport for Norwich Strategy** Implementation Plans, including the **Transforming Cities Programme**, the **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans** (includes the Green Loop £5.8m), the **Draft Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Strategy** and the **Norfolk Access Improvement Plan**.
- Mitigating the effects of **nutrient neutrality**
- **Strategic development locations** including: The North-East Growth Triangle, East Norwich, Long Stratton, and the Cambridge-Norwich Tech Corridor.
- Potential new City Centre Vision

Eligible projects that progress to delivery are welcomed to apply to the IIF but as demonstrated by the size of the above programmes, the amount of pooled CIL available within the fund is small when compared to the total that will be required. This is why the GNGB continues to work together, proactively seeking to close the funding gap, using the IIF to lever in additional match funding and sharing their resources, skills, and influence to accelerate the delivery of infrastructure in their joint Greater Norwich area.

2 The Infrastructure Investment Fund

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was introduced by Government in 2010, as a new means to collect developer contributions to help fund infrastructure projects. In Greater Norwich we have adopted a unique partnership arrangement. The three district planning authorities receipt their own CIL income, an amount is deducted for administration and the neighbourhood portion is allocated, the remaining balance is then transferred to a 'shared pool' called the **Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF)**.

The IIF provides funding for strategic projects which support the planned growth in Greater Norwich. It is intended to offset the impact of growth on communities through the delivery of a variety of infrastructure measures, with priority given to the areas which have experienced the most growth.

Together the GNGB oversee the delivery of a joint growth programme of projects across their joint Greater Norwich area. **This pooling process simplifies the delivery of cross border projects where the benefits can be realised by residents in multiple districts, whilst also bringing forward the delivery of larger or more complex projects that the individual partners would struggle to achieve alone.**

The GNGB are the only local authorities in the country voluntarily pooling CIL contributions in this way. This fund has been highly successful, and since 2014 we have allocated approximately £39m of IIF funding to over 100 projects. This approach to partnership working has been celebrated by the Planning Advisory Service (PAS), who cited the GNGB as a partnership pursuing ambitious growth agendas under strong strategic leadership and cross boundary collaboration. The GNGB won the partnership working category at the 2020 National Planning Awards and has continued to lead the way on a national scale by developing creative solutions to accelerate the delivery of infrastructure.

The IIF has specific eligibility criteria and is used to support the delivery of infrastructure through a growing number of mechanisms. The same eligibility criteria and rules apply across all these funding routes, details of these are provided in this chapter.

2.1 IIF Eligibility - Four Thematic Groups

Allocations from the IIF are currently restricted to the four thematic groups as agreed within the Greater Norwich adopted CIL charging policy. These are **Transport, Education, Green Infrastructure** and **Community** (which includes sports). When CIL was initially adopted, local authorities were required to report a Regulation 123 list confirming the infrastructure thematic groups which were considered within their CIL charging calculations and therefore the groups to which CIL can be reallocated to. The need for this list was withdrawn by legislation from September 2019, but this does not automatically allow other groups to apply to the IIF because the Greater Norwich authorities are still adhering to their locally adopted CIL charging policy.

The GNGB understand the funding pressures that other infrastructure thematic groups are experiencing and were planning to undertake a review of CIL alongside the development of the Greater Norwich Local Plan. However, this was put on hold following the publication of the Planning For The Future - White Paper in August 2020, which proposed the cessation of CIL in favour of a new Infrastructure Levy. This change was re-confirmed in the Levelling Up the United Kingdom – White Paper in February 2022 and the Levelling up and Regeneration Bill which recently received royal ascent becoming law, and includes the introduction of a new Infrastructure Levy to replace CIL.

A technical consultation on the Infrastructure Levy closed in June 2023 and was quickly followed by an All-Party Parliamentary Group inquiry into developer contributions in September. Responses to these will be used to inform the design of the new Levy but the government has confirmed that this represents a significant change to the system, one that will be brought forward gradually over time using a 'test and learn' rollout. **Until the timetable for any changes to CIL are known and the supporting regulations are agreed, the GNGB are required to proceed with their existing adopted CIL charging policy.**

2.2 Grant Funding

To support growth and development in Greater Norwich, the IIF provides grant funding for strategic projects which help achieve the priorities of our four thematic groups, as outlined in the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Plan (GNIP).

The IIF is open to applications for six weeks each June/July, following the approval of the GNIP by the Greater Norwich Growth Board. Applications must be sponsored by a member of the Infrastructure Delivery Board and be ready to begin delivery in the next financial year.

Projects applying to the IIF for grant funding vary from large projects with multimillion budgets that are supported by substantial amounts of match funding, to smaller projects that are looking for thousands of pounds to build something that forms part of the wider strategic network. For full details on all projects that have previously been granted funding, see section 4.3 [Greater Norwich Growth Programme](#).

2.3 Education Allocation

Education projects are not required to apply through the grant funding process, instead an annual allocation is made to support the delivery of the education capital programme. As the education programme spans the whole of Norfolk, this allocation is ringfenced specifically for projects within Greater Norwich. It can be used flexibly and is either invested in specific capital projects or used in whole or in part to repay NCCs own borrowing to fund the capital programme.

2.4 Match Funding

This ringfenced pot of money in the IIF can be allocated to projects as match funding. It is intended for major projects that require local match to lever in additional, more substantial amounts of funding only.

This match funding is overseen by the GNGB under delegated authority from the district partners. Ringfencing the match to only those projects that are applying for central government funds provides additional assurance to the partners that the fund will only be used to support projects which have gone through a rigorous approval process.

Applications can be made in-year and must be sponsored by at least one member of the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board. Applications are appraised following the agreed IIF appraisal guidance. A unanimous agreement is required by the GNGB before match funding can be allocated to a project.

2.5 Major Infrastructure Projects

Major infrastructure and regeneration projects take many years to progress. This category allows for large strategic projects to earmark future IIF spending in the medium to long term. Unlike the Grant Funding category, it does not

require that projects are 'shovel ready'.

This funding allocation allows the partners to smooth the cost of major projects over several years, by gradually building up fund reserves in readiness for future spend.

Projects can apply for Major Infrastructure allocations at any time, but applications must be sponsored by at least one member of the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board, and a full business case be unanimously approved at a public meeting of the Greater Norwich Growth Board.

2.6 Programme Management Fee

An annual allocation from the IIF is made to support the programme management of the projects in the growth programme, and the overall management of the fund. This is in accordance with section 59 of the CIL regulations which states that CIL can be applied to the 'provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure to support the development of its area'. This allocation ensures there is sufficient resource to fund the Greater Norwich Project Team, who are instrumental in driving forward the delivery of the 100+ infrastructure projects that have been allocated funding from the IIF.

2.7 City Deal Borrowing Loans (CDBL) Fund

As part of the City Deal agreement, Greater Norwich were given access to reduced cost borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB); £20m was allocated to establish a local infrastructure fund.

This fund provides the partners upfront loan funding to support the delivery of key infrastructure in the Greater Norwich area. The GNGB will drawdown funds from the PWLB which will be repaid over an agreed period from the IIF. The amount drawn from PWLB will be onward loaned to one or more of the partner authorities, who will repay the full amount plus interest to the GNGB. The process of drawing down of funds will be undertaken by Norfolk County Council acting as the GNGBs Accountable Body.

The establishment of the CDBL Fund was approved by the Greater Norwich Growth Board at their meeting on 27 September 2023 and consequently opened to receive applications from the partners.

Applications to the CDBL are welcomed all year round and must come from one of the Infrastructure Delivery Board (IDB) Directors acting as the Lead Authority. The proposals will be reviewed by the IDB and if approved, an

assurance check will be undertaken by the Greater Norwich Projects Team before being progressed for unanimous agreement by the Greater Norwich Growth Board.

2.8 Establishment of the new Strategic Investment Fund

Loans that are taken out by partners, through the City Deal Borrowing Loans Fund, will be repaid into a new Strategic Investment Fund.

The SIF will be available to all Greater Norwich partner authorities, providing upfront loan funding and investment for projects that support infrastructure required to unlock sites specifically for housing or employment growth.

The SIF application processes are to be further developed by the Greater Norwich Projects Team and will return to the Greater Norwich Growth Board for agreement prior to any projects being considered. This fund will not be available for applications until the first interest and loan repayments are received from the City Deal Borrowing Loans Scheme. At this stage, it is anticipated that the fund will not be available until at least 2027.

3 New allocations

3.1 Current balance

This Plan proposes committing **£928,000** to new projects which will commence delivery from April 2024. [Table 1: Infrastructure Investment Fund](#), evidences the affordability of this new commitment, forecasting that just over £7m of noncommitted funds will remain within the fund at the end of 24/25.

Forecasts for the balance of the IIF are calculated using a combination of received and forecasted CIL income figures. Please note that the forecasted balance is subject to change because it is dependent upon CIL income for the second half of 22/23 and all of 23/24 being received as forecast. Given the complex nature of CIL income, it is expected that these figures will change between publications of this Plan, particularly in years 3-5 when the effects of inflation and market changes are not yet known.

Forecasting CIL income has become more difficult to calculate in recent years with a drop in income expected from 24/25. This is mostly attributed to the planning delays caused by **Nutrient Neutrality**.

The development of nutrient pollution mitigation is now advancing and enabling some new housing schemes to proceed through the planning system. But the increase in delivery is likely to be gradual and it will take time before we reach the rates of delivery and CIL income as previously achieved. This is not only because authorities will need to address all the planning backlog, but because the housing market will need time to remobilize and progress to the point of delivery.

In Summer 2023 the government announced it intended to remove Nutrient Neutrality legislation, however this move was later overturned in the House of Lords. It is not yet clear how this will progress.

Mid-year CIL income forecasts suggested that it may not be possible to open a call for projects in some future years, but changes to the existing programme have seen several large projects withdraw, releasing funding back into the IIF. These include GP81 Wensum Walkway (£1.26m) and GP96 Guildhall Hill and Exchange Street (£2.77m). For more details regarding these projects, including the special arrangements for the Guildhall Hill and Exchange Street project, please see the project delivery updates in Section 5 [Project Delivery Update](#). The changes to the existing programme have provided a welcome financial buffer within the fund, enabling new allocations to be committed within this Plan for the forthcoming year.

The financial balance of the IIF will continue to be monitored by the Infrastructure Delivery Board under the direction of the GNGB. The decision whether to open the fund again in Summer 2024 will be made by the GNGB at their meeting in May/June 2024.

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This financial framework has been provided for the specific purposes of this Plan to support the decision making of new allocations of CIL from the IIF. A detailed breakdown of individual project drawdowns set against CIL income as required within an Infrastructure Funding Statement, is detailed within the section; *Greater Norwich Growth Programme*

Table 1 Infrastructure Investment Fund

ITEM	To End March 2023	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Actual CIL receipts ¹	£60,293,153	£5,246,397	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Interest ²	£665,650	£0	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Forecast CIL receipts ³	£0	£2,212,036	£2,918,286	£4,257,439	£4,995,225	£5,591,271	£8,252,882
Cumulative Income⁴	£60,958,803	£68,417,236	£71,335,522	£75,592,961	£80,588,186	£86,179,457	£94,432,339
Programme agreed ⁵	£7,585,967	£3,761,976	£6,214,403	£5,191,000	£0	£0	£0
Programme proposed (24/25 AGP) ⁶	£0	£0	£842,771	£85,229	£0	£0	£0
Borrowing agreed ⁷	£12,900,299	£2,057,045	£2,057,045	£2,798,179	£3,387,477	£3,387,477	£3,387,477
Cash Reserve: Borrowing ⁸	£2,345,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Cash Reserve: Match Funding ⁹	£0	£4,000,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Education ¹⁰	£12,000,000	£2,500,000	£2,500,000	£2,500,000	£2,500,000	£2,500,000	£2,500,000
Programme Management Fee ¹¹		£0	£115,000	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Expenditure	£34,831,266	£12,319,021	£11,729,219	£10,574,408	£5,887,477	£5,887,477	£5,887,477
Cumulative Expenditure¹²	£34,831,266	£47,162,787	£58,892,006	£69,466,414	£75,353,891	£81,241,368	£87,128,845
Cumulative Balance¹³	£26,127,537	£21,254,449	£12,443,516	£6,126,547	£5,234,295	£4,938,089	£7,303,494
Funds proposed and committed for spend in future years (25/26- 28/29)¹⁴	N/A	N/A	£5,276,229	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FORECASTED non committed funds, available to spend¹⁵	N/A	N/A	£7,167,287	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Please note the five-year CIL forecast now extends beyond the adopted Joint Core Strategy period.

Explanation of the table.

- 1 The amount of CIL income received from the District receiving authorities which has been paid into the IIF.
- 2 Interest earned on the balance of funds held within the IIF since 2014.
- 3 The CIL income that the IIF is forecasting to receive in the next 5 years. Given the complex nature of CIL income, it is expected that these figures will change between publications of this Plan, particularly in years 3-5 when the effects of inflationary rises are not yet known. The medium to long term effect on the construction industry following the Covid-19 outbreak, Brexit, the war in Ukraine, Nutrient Neutrality and the proposed planning reform all add additional uncertainty to these figures.
- 4 Total CIL income received since the opening of the IIF to the end of each given financial year. Future years are forecasted figures.
- 5 The amount of CIL which will be drawn down from the IIF to deliver all projects in each given financial year. These projects have been agreed in previous AGPs and will either be delivered over multiple years or are projects whose delivery has been delayed and their draw-down has rolled over from a previous year.
- 6 The amount of CIL which will be drawn down by the projects included within the 2024/25 Annual Growth Programme in each given financial year. All projects are due to begin delivery in 24/25 but the delivery and funding draw down can continue over multiple years. These projects have been through the project selection process and are sponsored by the Infrastructure Delivery Board.
- 7 The agreed loan repayments for the Broadland Northway plus the forecasted loan repayments for the Long Stratton Bypass from 25/26 (the latter is agreed but yet to be drawn) For more details see the sections 2.7 [City Deal Borrowing Loans \(CDBL\) Fund](#) and 2.8 [Establishment of the new Strategic Investment Fund](#), financial information relating to these loans is reported in [Table 2 IIF Expenditure](#)
- 8 It was agreed by each partner's S151 officer that a reserve equal to one annual loan repayment was required to be kept in reserves as a safeguard. A £2m cash reserve to support the repayments for the Broadland Northway was allocated in 20/21 and £345,000 was allocated in 22/23 in readiness for the repayments of the borrowing for the Long Stratton Bypass. Any required increase to the reserve amount for the Long Stratton Bypass will be allocated in a future version of this Plan when the final loan repayment amount is known.

- 9 The amount allocated as Match Funding. This is for major projects that require match funding to lever in additional, more substantial amounts of funding from central government. The GNGB has delegated authority to allocate this match funding to eligible projects throughout the year. See Section 2.4 [Match Funding](#) for more information, and [Table 2 IIF Expenditure](#) for financial information.
- 10 NCC has a statutory duty to support the growth of schools. A £2.5million allocation from the IIF has been identified for the forthcoming year. This can be used in whole or in part to support NCC's own borrowing to deliver the Greater Norwich Schools Capital programme (See section 2.3 [Education Allocation](#)). Allocations are confirmed annually alongside the acceptance of each new Annual Growth Programme, so no commitment is made for future years, they are indicative figures only.
- 11 A contribution towards the cost to programme manage the full programme of projects within the IIF. This will supplement the cost of the Greater Norwich Project Team who are instrumental in driving forward the provision of infrastructure across the full Greater Norwich area. Costs for future years will be confirmed within each subsequent version of this Plan.
- 12 Total committed funding from the opening of the fund to each year end. Future years are forecasted figures.
- 13 Total amount remaining within the fund at the end of each financial year. This amount does not consider any future expenditure. The cumulative balance for 24/25 onwards are forecasts only, and are subject to a high degree of change because both the income and expenditure are forecasted.
- 14 Amount programmed to be drawn from the fund beyond 24/25 for projects that are delivering over multiple years. This amount will not be spent in the forthcoming year but is included in the calculation because it is committed and therefore not available to be allocated to other projects.
- 15 The forecasted funds available within the IIF at the end of the forthcoming year which could be allocated to new projects. This is a forecast only, because both income and expenditure are forecasted and are subject to a high degree of change.

3.2 2024/25 Annual Growth Programme

In accordance with the agreed processes for the Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF), the Infrastructure Delivery Board met on 29th September 2023 to agree which projects are to be put forward as the 2024/25 Annual Growth Programme (AGP). As a result, 3 projects totaling £928,000 have been identified to be supported through the IIF. Details of these projects have been included below.

Project Name	Applicant	Amount of CIL requested	Total project size
Aylsham Gym & Fitness Hub	Broadland	£ 400,000	£ 1,309,988
Eaton Park	Norwich	£ 333,000	£ 601,000
Plumstead Road Library	County	£ 195,000	£ 260,391
Total	N/A	£ 928,000	£ 2,171,379

In addition, Education will receive **£2.5million** to support the delivery of their capital programme within Greater Norwich.

£115,000 will be allocated as a programme management fee. This will supplement the cost of the Greater Norwich Project Team, who manage all funding streams within the IIF and are instrumental in driving forward the provision of infrastructure across the full Greater Norwich area.

It is forecast that **up to £10m will be drawn down as a loan** from the Public Works Loan Board, in Q3 2024/25, to support the delivery of the Long Stratton Bypass. This loan has already been agreed by all partners with delegated authority for the signing of the final loan agreement granted to the GNGB and their S151 officers, under the direction of Norfolk County Council as the Accountable Body. The current forecasted annual repayment is in the region of **£756,000**, to be paid from the IIF for 25 years. (Please note that this is a forecasted figure. The interest repayments for this loan will not be confirmed until the date that the money is drawn down. In addition, Norfolk County Council are continuing budget conversations with the Department For Transport so the loan amount required may be reduced, subject to what is agreed.)

It is forecast that a further **£4.5m will be drawn down as a loan** from the

Public Works Loan Board to support the delivery of the Long Stratton Bypass in Q1 2025/26. This has been agreed through the newly established City Deal Borrowing Loans Fund (see section 2.7 [City Deal Borrowing Loans \(CDBL\) Fund](#) for more details). The current forecasted annual repayment is in the region of **£589,000**, to be paid from the IIF for 10 years. (The interest repayments for this loan will not be confirmed until the date that the money is drawn down.)

Approximately **£5m** from the IIF is committed to projects that have a delivery programme spanning multiple years which stretch beyond 24/25, some of which were agreed in previous AGPs. Updates on previously agreed projects are provided in Section 5 [Project Delivery Update](#).

Aylsham Gym & Fitness Hub - £400,000

This project will deliver a new 487m² community health and fitness facility on the Aylsham High School site, which includes a 40-station gym, multi-use fitness studio and changing facilities. The building will be located on land adjacent to the 3G pitch, swimming pool and sports hall, to expand the 'hub'. Following the previous successful delivery of stage one and two, the **Aylsham Gym and Fitness Hub** proposal is the third stage of a programme of works, managed and delivered by Aylsham High School. These works are providing necessary new community sport and leisure facilities for Aylsham and the surrounding area.

Eaton Park - £333,000

This project will deliver a range of improvements to Eaton Park, a destination park based in the Southwest of Norwich. The improvements will include renovations to the changing rooms in the central pavilion to install 4 player changing rooms and 2 officials changing rooms, installation of green technologies (including solar panels, heat pump, PIR system, LED lighting), improved park signage at all entrances and 10 cycle storage racks located at several locations throughout the park.

This project will make the facilities compliant with Football Association regulations and accessible by all, as well as improving the efficiency of the building. The installation of cycle racks will help encourage active travel in and around the park.

Plumstead Road Library - £195,000

This project will deliver a 72m² extension to Plumstead Road Library, based in the east of Norwich. The extension will include an internal entrance, a multi-use space to accommodate 20 people, a kitchen area, and a disabled

toilet. In addition to this, a disability access ramp will be installed to improve accessibility from the car park.

The open nature of the library limits what can be offered currently. Developing this new space will allow for events and activities to be made available to a broader range of individuals and community groups, in a location where community facilities are limited. Examples of groups that will be able to be offered include Audio Book Club, Autism Friendly Sessions, Bereavements and carer cafes, Come Singing at The Library, Digital Support, Family History club, Home Educators Group, Homework Club, Lego Club for Adults, Meet the author events, Mini Movers, Music Club, Poetry Group, Pokémon Club, Seated exercise and Writing groups. The space will also allow the development of a wider range of partnerships with other organisations being able to use a purpose build, accessible room.

Figure 3 - Plumstead Road Library



Wymondham High Academy - £2,500,000

This final expansion of Wymondham High Academy will be the fourth phase of development to meet the pupil demand from the housing development in

the town. This is expected to include a new gymnasium, Design and Technology block, including Food Technology and music space.

This funding will be allocated directly to the project, rather than used to support overall borrowing for the programme. It has not been necessary to borrow, because income from external Department For Education Basic Need grant, remaining S106 education contributions combined with the annual allocation from the IIF have remained at sufficient levels. Alongside scrutiny of capital expenditure this has allowed the planned Greater Norwich schools' programme to remain affordable within this funding envelope.

3.3 Match Funding Allocation

In the previous version of this plan, £4m was set aside in the IIF to use as match funding and each District authority provided delegated authority to the GNGB to allocate funding from this category.

The Infrastructure Delivery Board met on 29th September 2023 and agreed to put forward one project for the Match Funding category. The GNGB considered this project at their meeting on 30 November 2023 and agreed to allocate this project £650,000 match funding.

This funding will be used by the project to help lever in significant match funding from other sources, including from central government. If the total funding required is not secured by 31 March 2025, the match from the IIF will be withdrawn from the project.

Following this decision, £3,350,000 remains available in the Match Funding pot which will continue to be available to eligible projects in future years. It is not being proposed to set aside additional funds from the IIF at this stage.

Project Name	Applicant	Amount of CIL requested	Total project size
The Nest	County	£ 650,000	£ 8,104,000
Total	N/A	£ 650,000	£ 8,104,000

The Nest - £650,000

This project will deliver a multi-sport indoor community hub at The Nest in Horsford. The 22-acre site currently has a range of facilities including grass football pitches, a floodlit 3G pitch and a club house. This project will include the construction of a new hub, which forms phase 3 of the facility's development plans. The hub will include an 8-court sports hall, clip & climb climbing wall, a health, wellbeing and fitness room, multi-use room, classrooms, e-sports suite, café and social space, office space, a viewing balcony, accessible changing rooms, 4 individual changing rooms and toilets. The expansion will increase the indoor space available, allowing the community to access vital sports and providing the specialist equipment which will allow people with disabilities participate (which are not currently available elsewhere in Norfolk).

Figure 4 - The Nest



3.4 City Deal Borrowing Loans Fund

£4.5m will be drawn down as a loan from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) to support the delivery of the Long Stratton Bypass in Q1 2025/26. This has been agreed through the newly established City Deal Loans Fund and is a loan to South Norfolk Council, to forward fund the developer's contribution and enable the bypass to be delivered sooner. This loan was agreed by the Greater Norwich Growth Board on 27 September 2023 under their delegated powers as previously agreed by each of the partners Cabinets in June/July 2021.

The current forecasted annual repayment to the PWLB is in the region of £598,000, to be paid from the IIF for 10 years. South Norfolk Council will repay both the capital amount and the interest to the Greater Norwich Growth Board on an annual basis following the 2nd anniversary of the completion of the bypass. The repayment will be made into a new fund called the Strategic Investment Fund. (Please note that this is a forecasted figure. The interest repayments for this loan will not be confirmed until the date that the money is drawn down).

Project Name	Applicant	Amount of CIL requested	Total project size
Long Stratton Bypass	South Norfolk Council	£ 4,500,000	£46,900,00
Total	N/A	£ 4,500,000	£46,900,00

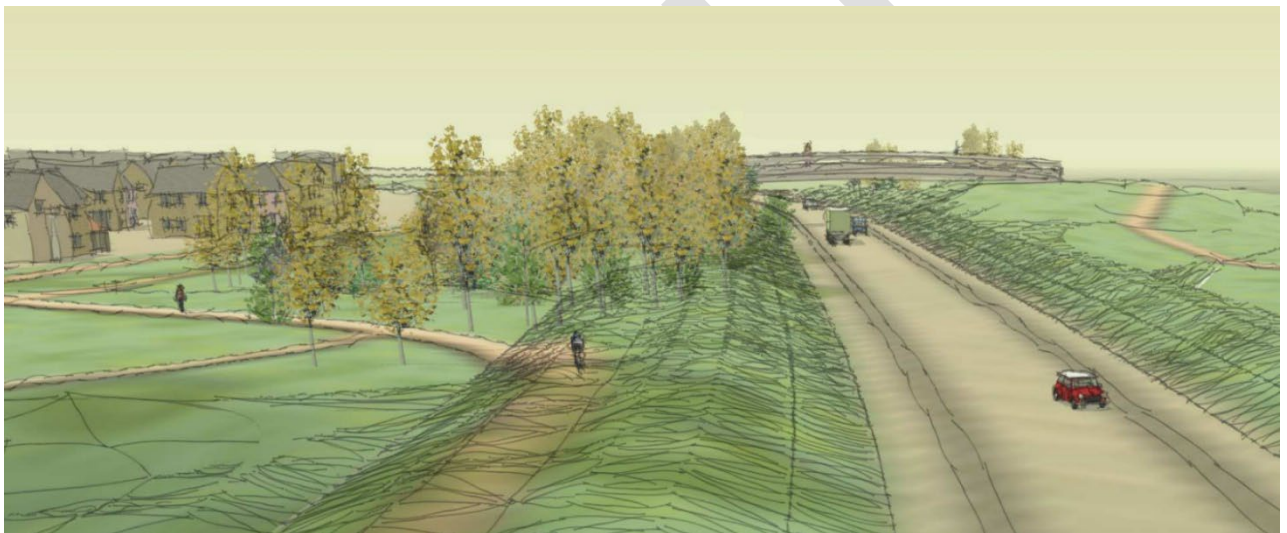
Long Stratton Bypass - £4,500,000 Loan

The Long Stratton bypass is an approximately 4km long single carriageway highway improvement on the eastern side of Long Stratton. The scheme includes both non-motorised and vehicular overbridges to ensure connectivity between Long Stratton and outlying settlements to the east of the proposal. Intermediate roundabouts will serve as both access points back into Long Stratton and entry points to the proposed new development areas.

Existing Public Rights of Way (PRoW's) affected by the proposal have been subjected to a Side Roads Order consultation, this will ensure that the proposed amendments to the PRoW's will allow safe and convenient access across the bypass.

This loan will forward fund the developer's contribution to the bypass, enabling delivery of the bypass to commence earlier than it otherwise would.

Figure 5 - Artist Impression of Long Stratton Bypass



4 Previous Allocation

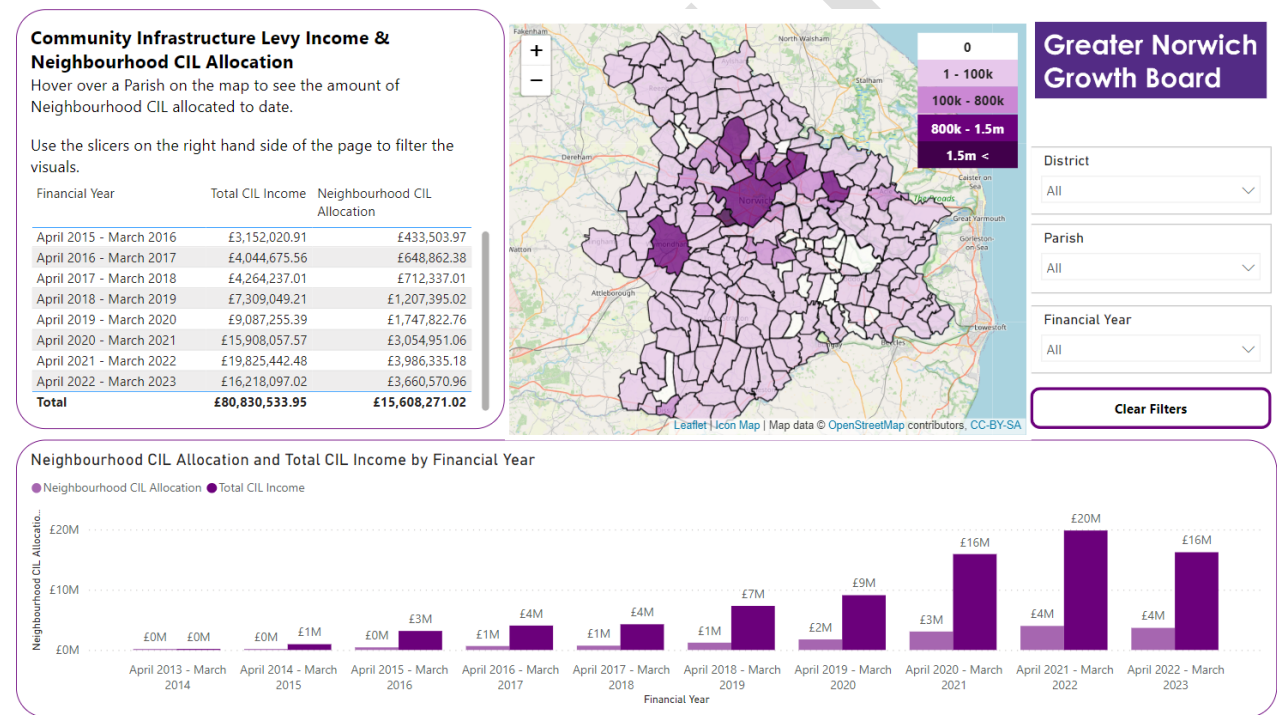
Delivery updates of the projects which have previously secured funding from the IIF are published annually in this Plan. This chapter provides an overview of the complete list of projects which together form the Greater Norwich Growth Programme. Delivery updates are provided in Chapter 5.

4.1 CIL/IIF Income

To date, £89,550,776 CIL income has been received in Greater Norwich. £65,539,549 has been received into the Infrastructure Investment Fund and £17,278,356 allocated to local parishes through the Neighbourhood allocation.

[Click here to view a data dashboard which displays CIL and IIF income across Greater Norwich.](#)

Figure 6 - CIL Data Dashboard

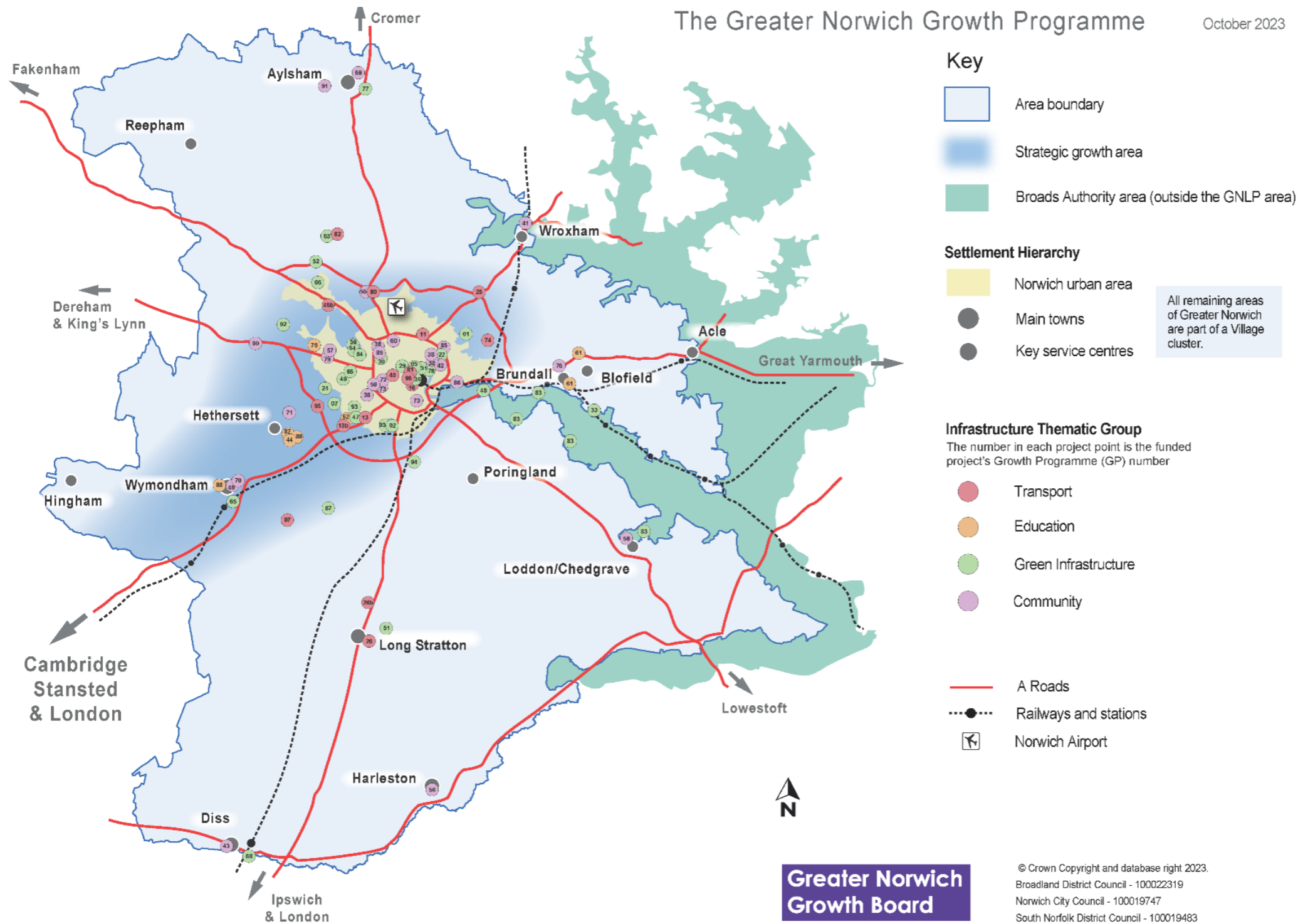


4.2 Previously Agreed Projects.

The map below shows the location of all the projects which have been agreed to date. The numbers correspond to the projects 'GP' or Growth Programme number which is included in the Greater Norwich Growth Programme. A delivery update for all active projects is provided in Section 5 [Project Delivery Update](#).

[View an interactive project map here.](#)

Figure 7 - Map of the Greater Norwich Growth Programme



4.3 Greater Norwich Growth Programme

To date, approximately £38m from the IIF has been allocated to projects. As infrastructure can take several years to deliver, some of these projects are still ongoing and not all the allocation has yet been drawn down.

The table below lists each project based on their allocation year and Growth Programme number, showing the individual allocations for each project. Rows are colour coordinated, with Transport projects in Red, Green Infrastructure in Green, Community in Purple, and Education in Orange.

Each row shows the overall project budget, match funding, and CIL/IIF funding, as well as the amount of IIF funding which has been drawn down to date. The numbers shown are in 1000s, so (227) is £227,000.

The columns to the right show the financial year which the funding is expected to be drawn down in. Many projects have delivery programmes which span multiple years. Mapping out the draw downs in this way allows for prudent financial planning.

Table 2 – Full Growth Programme

AGP Year	Ref	Applicant	Status	Theme	Expenditure	Project Budget	Other funding	IIF funding	Spend to 2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
2024/25	GP101	County	Not Started	Community	The Nest Phase 3 (see Match funding)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024/25	GP100	County	Not Started	Community	Plumstead Road Library	(260)	(65)	(195)	0	0	(110)	(85)	0	0	0
2024/25	GP099	Norwich	Not Started	Community	Eaton Park	(601)	(268)	(333)	0	0	(333)	0	0	0	0
2024/25	GP098	Broadland	Not Started	Community	Aylsham Gym & Fitness Hub	(1,310)	(910)	(400)	0	0	(400)	0	0	0	0
2023/24	GP097	South Norfolk	Not Started	Transport	Hethel Technology Park	(10,560)	(5,560)	(5,000)	0	0	0	(5,000)	0	0	0
2023/24	GP095	County	Ongoing	Transport	Hethersett to NRP Cycle Route	(728)	(227)	(501)	0	(501)	0	0	0	0	0
2023/24	GP094	South Norfolk	Ongoing	Green Inf.	Venta Icenorum	(156)	(3)	(153)	0	(153)	0	0	0	0	0
2023/24	GP093	South Norfolk	Ongoing	Green Inf.	Cringleford Country Park	(798)	(330)	(468)	0	(27)	(250)	(191)	0	0	0
2023/24	GP092	South Norfolk	Ongoing	Green Inf.	Queens Hill Community Park	(154)	(20)	(134)	0	(134)	0	0	0	0	0
2023/24	GP091	Broadland	Ongoing	Community	Youngs Park Aylsham AGP	(900)	(650)	(250)	0	(250)	0	0	0	0	0
2023/24	GP090	South Norfolk	Ongoing	Community	Easton Village Hall	(1,505)	(1,000)	(505)	0	(505)	0	0	0	0	0
2023/24	GP89	Norwich	Ongoing	Community	Sloughbottom Park Regeneration	(8,512)	(7,662)	(850)	0	0	(850)	0	0	0	0

AGP Year	Ref	Applicant	Status	Theme	Expenditure	Project Budget	Other funding	IIF funding	Spend to 2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
2024/25	GP088b	County	Not Started	Education	Education - Wymondham High Academy	(13,000)	(8,000)	(5,000)	0	(2,500)	(2,500)	0	0	0	0
2023/24	GP088a	County	Not Started	Education	Education - Wymondham High Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022/23	GP087	County	Ongoing	Education	Education - Hethersett High Academy	(9,500)	(7,500)	(2,000)	0	(2,000)	0	0	0	0	0
2022/23	GP086	Broadland	Complete	Community	Yare Boat Club	(271)	(191)	(80)	(80)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022/23	GP085	Norwich	Complete	Community	FDC - Heartsease Open Academy	(480)	(330)	(150)	0	(150)	0	0	0	0	0
2022/23	GP083	County	Ongoing	Green Inf.	Wherryman's Way Access Improvements	(445)	(229)	(217)	0	(37)	(180)	0	0	0	0
2022/23	GP082	Broadland	Ongoing	Transport	Broadland Country Park - Horsford Crossing	(174)	(30)	(144)	0	(144)	0	0	0	0	0
2022/23	GP080	County	Ongoing	Transport	Yellow Pedalway Extension	(1,903)	(303)	(1,600)	0	(100)	(1,500)	0	0	0	0
2021/22	GP079	Norwich	Complete	Community	FDC Bowthorpe 3G Pitch	(929)	(679)	(250)	(250)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021/22	GP078	Norwich	Ongoing	Green Inf.	Kett's Heights	(312)	0	(312)	(10)	(302)	0	0	0	0	0
2021/22	GP077	Broadland	Ongoing	Green Inf.	Bure Valley Path	(641)	(582)	(59)	(10)	(49)	0	0	0	0	0
2021/22	GP076	Broadland	Ongoing	Community	Brundall Sports Hub	(2,259)	(1,799)	(461)	0	(461)	0	0	0	0	0
2021/22	GP075b	County	Complete	Education	Education - Ormiston Victory Academy	(9,000)	(5,000)	(4,000)	(4,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020/21	GP075a	County	Complete	Education	Education - Ormiston Victory Academy (added to 21/22 allocation)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020/21	GP074	Broadland	Ongoing	Transport	Plumstead Road Roundabout	(1,350)	(625)	(725)	0	0	(725)	0	0	0	0
2020/21	GP073	Norwich	Complete	Community	Norwich Parks Tennis	(423)	(320)	(103)	(16)	(87)	0	0	0	0	0
2020/21	GP072	Norwich	Complete	Community	Recreation Road Pool	(60)	0	(60)	(60)	0	0	0	0	0	0

AGP Year	Ref	Applicant	Status	Theme	Expenditure	Project Budget	Other funding	IIF funding	Spend to 2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
2020/21	GP071	South Norfolk	Complete	Community	Crusaders Rugby Football Club	(344)	(194)	(150)	(150)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020/21	GP070	South Norfolk	Complete	Community	Wymondham Tennis Club	(140)	0	(140)	(140)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020/21	GP069	Broadland	Complete	Community	Aylsham Sports Hub Stage 3	(766)	(381)	(385)	(385)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020/21	GP068	South Norfolk	Complete	Green Inf.	Frenze Beck Green Infrastructure	(45)	(10)	(35)	0	(35)	0	0	0	0	0
2020/21	GP067	County	Complete	Green Inf.	Ketts Country Long Distance Trail	(86)	0	(86)	(86)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020/21	GP066	Norwich	Complete	Green Inf.	20 Acre Wood Community Access Improvements	(62)	0	(62)	0	(39)	(13)	0	0	0	0
2020/21	GP065	South Norfolk	Complete	Green Inf.	East Wymondham Green Infrastructure	(75)	(15)	(60)	0	(50)	0	0	0	0	0
2020/21	GP064	Norwich	Ongoing	Green Inf.	Hellesdon Station Green Infrastructure	(453)	(221)	(232)	(2)	(230)	0	0	0	0	0
2020/21	GP063	Broadland	Ongoing	Green Inf.	Broadland Country Park (prev NWW)	(1,265)	(546)	(719)	(433)	(143)	(143)	0	0	0	0
2019/20	GP062	County	Ongoing	Education	Education - Cringleford	(10,000)	(8,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP061b	County	Ongoing	Education	Education - Blofield	(11,000)	(9,800)	(1,200)	(200)	(1,000)	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP061a	County	Complete	Education	Education - Brundall	(850)	(50)	(800)	(800)		0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP060	County	Complete	Community	Mile Cross Library self-access improvement	(35)	0	(35)	(24)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP059	County	Complete	Community	Earlham Library self-access improvement	(35)	0	(35)	(26)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP058	County	Complete	Community	Loddon Library self-access improvement	(35)	0	(35)	(22)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP057	County	Complete	Community	Costessey Library self-access improvement	(35)	0	(35)	(26)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP056	County	Complete	Community	Harleston Library self-access improvement	(35)	0	(35)	(22)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP055	Broadland	Complete	Community	Community Sports Hub - The Nest Horsford	(4,625)	(3,501)	(1,124)	(1,124)	0	0	0	0	0	0

AGP Year	Ref	Applicant	Status	Theme	Expenditure	Project Budget	Other funding	IIF funding	Spend to 2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
2018/19	GP053	County	Closed Prematurely	Transport	MW: Surfacing Works (Drayton)	(24)	0	(24)	(24)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP052	Broadland	Complete	Green Inf.	Thorpe Marriott Greenway	(121)	0	(121)	(109)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP051	County	Ongoing	Green Inf.	Green Infrastructure: Access for All	(150)	0	(150)	(86)	(64)	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP050	Norwich	Ongoing	Green Inf.	Yare and Wensum Valleys Link	(170)	0	(170)	(45)	(125)	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP049	Norwich	Complete	Green Inf.	Earlham Millennium Green Improvement Project: Phase 3	(25)	0	(25)	(20)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP048	South Norfolk	Complete	Green Inf.	Wherryman's Way: Yare Valley Cycle Route	(23)	0	(23)	(16)	(2)	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP047	Norwich	Complete	Green Inf.	Yare Valley Walk-Cringleford Meadow (formerly UEA to Eaton Boardwalk)	(47)	0	(47)	(4)	(43)	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP046b	County	Complete	Transport	Marriotts Way-Costessey resurfacing & Drayton ramp	(491)	0	(491)	(416)	(74)	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP046	County	Closed Prematurely	Transport	MW: Thorpe Marriott to Costessey	(12)	0	(12)	(12)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018/19	GP045	Norwich	Complete	Transport	Green Pedalway-junction improvements	(560)	0	(560)	(462)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017/18	GP044	County	Complete	Education	Education - Hethersett Academy & Junior	(13,000)	(11,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017/18	GP043	County	Complete	Community	Diss library: self service improvements	0	0	0	(29)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017/18	GP042	County	Complete	Community	Plumstead Road Library: self service improvements	0	0	0	(112)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017/18	GP041	County	Complete	Community	Wroxham Library: self service improvements	(153)	(33)	(120)	(34)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017/18	GP040	South Norfolk	Complete	Community	Ketts Park Sports Hub: Wymondham	(800)	(550)	(250)	(250)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017/18	GP039	South Norfolk	Closed Prematurely	Community	Hales cricket and bowls clubhouse improvements	(5)		(5)	(5)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017/18	GP038	Norwich	Complete	Community	Football pitch improvements	(115)	(15)	(100)	(45)	(40)	0	0	0	0	0

AGP Year	Ref	Applicant	Status	Theme	Expenditure	Project Budget	Other funding	IIF funding	Spend to 2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
2017/18	GP036	Norwich	On Hold	Green Inf.	Castle Gardens	(220)	(70)	(150)	0	0	(150)	0	0	0	0
2017/18	GP033	Broadland	Ongoing	Green Inf.	Strumpshaw Pit Circular Walk	(60)	(25)	(35)	(35)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017/18	GP031	Norwich	Ongoing	Green Inf.	Riverside Walk accessibility improvements	(200)	0	(200)	(30)	(17)	(153)	0	0	0	0
2017/18	GP030	Norwich	Complete	Green Inf.	Sloughbottom Park - Andersons Meadow	(343)	0	(343)	(343)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017/18	GP029	Norwich	Complete	Green Inf.	Marriott's Way-Barn Road Gateway	(64)	(18)	(46)	(46)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017/18	GP027	South Norfolk	Closed Prematurely	Green Inf.	Lizard and Silfield Nature Reserves	(14)	0	(14)	(14)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023/24	GP026c	County	Ongoing	Transport	Long Stratton Bypass CDBL (See borrowing costs)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016/17	GP026b	South Norfolk	Complete	Transport	Hempnall Crossroads	(4,064)	(3,758)	(305)	(305)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016/17	GP026	County	Ongoing	Transport	Long Stratton Bypass (see borrowing costs below)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016/17	GP025	Broadland	Complete	Transport	NDR (see borrowing costs below)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016/17	GP024	Norwich	Complete	Transport	Colney River Crossing (NRP to Threescore)	(422)	(251)	(171)	(171)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016/17	GP023	Norwich	Closed Prematurely	Green Inf.	Carrow to Deal Ground riverside walk	(29)		(29)	(29)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016/17	GP022	Norwich	Complete	Green Inf.	Pink Pedalway - Heathgate	(250)	(100)	(150)	(150)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016/17	GP019	Broadland	Closed Prematurely	Transport	St Faiths to Airport Transport Link	(20)	0	(20)	(20)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015/16	GP017b	County	Complete	Transport	Cromer Rd - Aylsham Rd (A140)	(416)	(329)	(87)	(87)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015/16	GP016	County	Complete	Transport	Golden Ball Street (NATS)	(3,448)	(2,425)	(1,023)	(1,023)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015/16	GP013b	County	Complete	Transport	Roundhouse Way	(795)	(745)	(50)	(50)	0	0	0	0	0	0

AGP Year	Ref	Applicant	Status	Theme	Expenditure	Project Budget	Other funding	IIF funding	Spend to 2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
2015/16	GP013	County	Complete	Transport	Eaton Interchange	(825)	(725)	(100)	(100)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015/16	GP011	County	Complete	Transport	St Clements Toucan Crossing	(339)	(226)	(113)	(113)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015/16	GP009	County	Complete	Green Inf.	Marriott's Way - Phase 2	(250)	0	(250)	(237)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015/16	GP008	Norwich	Complete	Green Inf.	Earlham Millennium Green - Phase 2	(66)	0	(66)	(52)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014/15	GP007	South Norfolk	Complete	Green Inf.	Norwich Health Walks	(40)	0	(40)	(38)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014/15	GP006	County	Complete	Green Inf.	Marriott's Way - Phase 1	(60)	0	(60)	(60)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014/15	GP005	Norwich	Complete	Green Inf.	Riverside Walk	(70)	(19)	(51)	(48)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014/15	GP004	Norwich	Complete	Green Inf.	Earlham Millennium Green - Phase 1	(15)	0	(15)	(3)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014/15	GP003	Norwich	Complete	Green Inf.	Marston Marsh	(30)	0	(30)	(24)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014/15	GP002	Norwich	Complete	Green Inf.	Danby Wood	(35)	0	(35)	(26)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014/15	GP001	Broadland	Ongoing	Green Inf.	Harrisons' Wood	(45)	0	(45)	(44)	(1)	0	0	0	0	0
2014/15	GP001	Broadland	Ongoing	Green Inf.	Harrisons' Wood secured funding (S106)	45	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
						(123,889)	(85,290)	(38,599)	(16,586)	(9,262)	(7,307)	(5,276)	0	0	0

Table 3 IIF Expenditure Summary* - Table 2, above is summarised in the 'Full Growth Programme' row.

IIF Expenditure	Project Budget	Other funding	Allocation	Spend to 2023/24	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/2028	2028/29
Full Growth Programme	(123,889)	(85,290)	(38,599)	(16,586)	(9,262)	(7,307)	(5,276)	0	0	0
Cash Reserves - Equal to one years City Deal loan repayment	0	0	(2,345)	(2,345)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Reserves - Match Funding	0	0	(3,350)	(4,000)	(4,000)	0	0	0	0	0
Match Funding: The Nest - Phase 3	8,104	7,454	(650)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GP25 Broadland Northway (amount borrowed)	205,000	165,000	(40,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest and loan repayment against borrowing	0	0	0	(14,957)	(2,057)	(2,057)	(2,057)	(2,057)	(2,057)	(2,057)
Loan set up fee	0	0	0	(14)	0	0	0	0	0	0
GP26 Long Stratton Bypass (City Deal Borrowing)	46,231	36,231	(10,000)	0	0	(10,000)	0	0	0	0
Forecasted interest and loan repayments against the borrowing	0	0	0	0	0	0	(741)	(741)	(741)	(741)
Forecasted loan set up fee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
City Deal Borrowing Loans Fund	46,231	0	(4,500)	0	0	0	(4,500)	0	0	0
LSBP Developer Contribution - Loan	46,231	0	(4,500)	0	0	0	0	(589)	(589)	(589)
LSBP Developer Contribution - Set Up fee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL borrowing costs (annual payment made from pooled CIL)	0	0	0	(14,971)	(2,057)	(2,057)	(2,798)	(3,387)	(3,387)	(3,387)
Programme Management Fee	0	0	(115)	0	0	(115)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL pooled CIL funding requirement	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	(15,319)	(9,479)	(8,074)	(3,387)	(3,387)	(3,387)
Actual pooled CIL Income	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,246	0	0	0	0	0
Forecasted pooled CIL Income	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,212	2,918	4,258	4,995	5,591	8,253
Forecasted annual pooled CIL surplus / (deficit)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	(7,861)	(6,561)	(3,817)	1,608	8,358	8,358
CIL Interest Earned	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forecasted CIL balance (including interest)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21,254	14,693	10,876	12,484	20,842	29,201
Forecasted Cumulative CIL income	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	62,505	65,423	69,681	74,676	80,268	88,520
Cumulative CIL income (including interest)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	68,417	71,336	75,593	80,588	86,180	94,432
Forecasted Cumulative CIL commitment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	(47,164)	(56,643)	(64,717)	(68,105)	(71,492)	(74,880)

* Current Draw down figures are made up of part actual draw down (spend) and part programmed future draw down

5 Project Delivery Update

This section provides an update on projects that are currently underway, which were funded in previous Annual Growth Programmes. They are grouped by their Sponsoring Authority as denoted in the AGP. There are currently 31 active projects in the growth programme.

14 projects completed delivery in the financial year 2023/24, these are:

- [GP038 – Football Pitch Improvements](#)
- [GP046b – Marriotts Way: Costessey Resurfacing & Drayton Ramp](#)
- [GP047 – Yare Valley Walk: Cringleford Meadow Improvements](#)
- [GP048 – Wherryman's Way: Yare Valley Cycle Route](#)
- [GP61a – Brundall Primary School Extension](#)
- [GP065 – East Wymondham Green Infrastructure](#)
- [GP066 - 20 Acre Wood Community Access Improvements](#)
- [GP068 - Frenze Beck Green Infrastructure](#)
- [GP069 – Aylsham Sports Hub Stage 3](#)
- [GP070 – Wymondham Tennis Club](#)
- [GP071 – Crusaders Rugby Football Club Clubhouse Extension](#)
- [GP075 – Ormiston Victory Academy](#)
- [GP085 – FDC Heartsease Open Academy](#)
- [GP086 – Yare Boat Club](#)

2 projects have withdrawn from the programme:

- [GP081 - Wensum Walkway](#)
- [GP096 - Guildhall Hill and Exchange Street](#)

Projects which have completed in the last 12 months are included here as their final delivery report. Projects which have completed in previous years are not included. [View an interactive map of all growth programme projects here.](#)

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5.1 Broadland

GP001 - Early Delivery of Public Access to Harrison's Plantation

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £45,000

Total Budget: £45,000

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

This project secures areas of woodland located off Blue Boar Lane, Sprowston (associated with the White House Farm development proposal) for public access and future use as a 'Woodland Park', as set out within Sprowston Neighbourhood Plan.

Delivery Update:

Public access was achieved in 2016 and Broadland District Council has been enhancing, maintaining, and managing the site since that time. Negotiations are in hand for Harrisons Wood and Boar Plantation to be transferred directly to Sprowston Town Council in summer 2024, following the completion of a cycleway from Boar Plantation to the White House Farm development, for ongoing maintenance and management.

GP033 - Strumpshaw Pit Circular Walk

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £35,000

Total Budget: £60,000

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

This project aims to expand the dog walking capabilities of Strumpshaw Pit, offering an alternative location for walking and offsetting the impact of visitor numbers in the protected sites of Norfolk.

The project deliverables are:

- Part 1: Improvement to the landfill gas infrastructure (Complete)
- Part 2: Improvement of parking facilities for cars and bicycles, addition of benches and dog bins.
- Part 3: Improvement of the circular walk and links to the entry points (Complete)
- Part 4: Consideration of biodiversity improvements along the path (Complete)

Delivery Update:

Work has progressed rapidly over the last year, the site is now fully DSEAR (Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations) safe for public access, and visitors now have open access across the site. Parts 3 and 4 are also complete, with a range of cutting and clearance work undertaken to improve the paths, and an area of bramble cleared to restore wildflower meadow. In addition to this a memorial woodland has been planted and bench seating and dog bins have been installed across the site. The project has recently undertaken an additional consultation on a revised car park concept: a planning application will be submitted in October 2023; construction is planned for spring 2024 and the project will complete in the summer.

GP063 – Broadland Country Park

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £719,290

Total Budget: £1,265,000

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

Broadland Country Park (BCP) was purchased with IIF funding by Broadland District Council in 2019. The new Country Park was launched online with its new name at Easter 2021 with a new website, a promotional film and a blog site. Ideally located adjacent to the Broadland Northway, the Thorpe Marriott Greenway cycle and pedestrian route, and the purple and yellow bus routes, BCP helps to manoeuvre the Greater Norwich area into a strong position in which to deliver sustainable, well-planned communities by enabling a mitigation strategy that alleviates the impact of growth on the internationally designated sites in Norfolk.

Delivery Update:

Planning Solutions Consulting have recently undertaken an options analysis and financial appraisal for the future of Broadland Country Park, with a draft report presented to the Council to consider future options. Meanwhile the team have been working to increase visitor numbers at the park: including but not limited to setting up a new Instagram account to market the park, trialing a mobile catering van and holding 10 events, including summer cycling and a Night Safari.

Partnership working has also continued with the Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists Society, to complete surveys which have identified over 2,700 species so far, with a final written publication due to be published in 2025. Volunteering has progressed at the site, which has been aided by the installation of rest and toilet facilities, which will also improve the accessibility of the park.

GP069 - Aylsham Sports Hub Stage 3

Category: Community

CIL Funding: £385,000

Total Budget: £766,000

Project Status: Complete

Project Description:

The project has delivered a full-size, floodlit 3G pitch which can be sub-divided into 3 smaller pitches, suitable for football, hockey and rugby, on the site of the Aylsham Sports Hub at Aylsham High School, owned by the Aylsham Cluster Trust.

The pitch provides all weather floodlit facilities in the Aylsham area, which are available to local clubs and teams, and for recreational football players to hire on a pay-as-you-go basis or block bookings.

Delivery Update:

The 3G pitch which completed and handed over on 28 August 2020, has been accredited by both the FA and FIFA as an approved facility and is well utilised, running at 95% capacity during peak times. There are 21 local Broadland clubs with over 50 teams that use the facility, including walking football teams. In partnership with the school, a local rugby training academy has been set up to support access to rugby for young people in the area - the first of its type in Norfolk. The 3G pitch is also currently used for hockey practice and other sports.

The school is in the process of setting up a range of accessible coached programmes that can link into holiday and weekend provision and is part of the HAF programme through Active Norfolk. Recent talks with Norfolk FA have suggested that the changing facilities and community café could be considered in the updated Norfolk FA/ Football Foundation Local Facilities Plan from 2025.

GP074 - Plumstead Road Roundabout

Category: Transport

CIL Funding: £725,000

Total Budget: £1,350,000

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

The project will deliver a new T-junction on Plumstead Road as well as new footways and cycleways, a new pedestrian crossing, road re-alignment and associated services. In delivering the scheme, the project will ensure that the strategically important orbital link road between Salhouse Road and Plumstead Road can be delivered.

Delivery Update:

An additional £625,000 of match funding from the LEP and Business Rates Pool has been secured to facilitate delivery. In January 2023 Broadland District Council cabinet approved delivery of a T-junction scheme, to help bring forward more expediently the strategic link from Plumstead Road to Salhouse Road.

Broadland District Council is reviewing options for project delivery, which includes entering a works agreement with a third party. The works agreement is drafted, and it is expected that this will be completed early in 2024, allowing works to commence on site in Autumn 2024. The County Council will continue to work with Broadland District Council and the developer of the land to the southeast of Plumstead Road to bring forward the strategic link from Postwick Hub to Plumstead Road.

GP076 – Brundall Sports Hub

Category: Community

CIL Funding: £460,573

Total Budget: £2,259,090

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

This is phase one of the project which is known as Brundall Sports Hub. It will deliver a multi-sport floodlit 3G pitch with fencing, floodlighting, a maintenance storage container, hard standing pathways, car parking and a single storey club house/changing room building. The building incorporates plans for a community gym which will be capable of hosting various sports clubs, teams and coaching sessions within the community, whilst drawing people into the village.

Delivery Update:

Construction of the pitch, car park and surrounds completed in February 2023, and Norwich City Community Sports Foundation have since become the official operator of the 3G pitch. Brundall Parish Council formally appointed a contractor to construct the community building in September 2023, with works due to commence at the end of October and complete in Summer 2024.

To support with rising costs on the project, the Greater Norwich Growth Board awarded an additional £360,573 to support the delivery, and the project continues to seek other additional funding to complete the building.

GP077 – Bure Valley Path

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £59,124

Total Budget: £641,406

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

The Bure Valley Path is already a well-used walking and cycling route and a key component of the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Plan project 'the Green Loop'. Despite this, there remain a series of obstacles which prevent it from reaching its full potential as a Norfolk-wide destination and alternative destination to the Natura 2000 sites.

This project will deliver a broad range of improvements to the Bure Valley Path and the surrounding area. Including provision of a pedestrian and cyclist access crossing over the A140, creation of 5 circular walks, way marking, surface and biodiversity improvements.

Delivery Update:

The introduction of 5 circular walking routes was completed in January 2023. Work is continuing to progress with the installation of waymarking posts, interpretation panels and benches alongside the completion of an asset register and delivery of route maps, all due to be complete by December 2023. The provision of a pedestrian and cycling crossing is now expected to come forward as part of the nearby Hopkins Homes development; as a result, this element of the project has been withdrawn from the annual growth programme.

GP082 – Broadland Country Park, Horsford Crossing

Category: Transport

CIL Funding: £143,700

Total Budget: £173,700

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

The principal aim is to encourage green transport options for accessing Broadland Country Park. This project will provide:

- A road crossing Refuge Island on the B1149 Holt Road at Horsford, to cater for both pedestrians and cyclists entering Broadland Country Park.
- Installation of a new 'welcome' sign, directional signage and cycle racks at Broadland Country Park, Sandy Lane entrance.

Delivery Update:

The project has successfully delivered the refuge island on the B1149 and installed the cycle racks at the Sandy Lane entrance. In June 2023 the Infrastructure Delivery Board agreed to additional funding of £43,033 to make up a funding shortfall arising from inflationary increases. The team are due to install the information boards in December 2023 which will conclude the project.

GP086 – Yare Boat Club

Category: Community

CIL Funding: £80,000

Total Budget: £271,000

Project Status: Complete

Project Description:

This project was part of a multi-stage programme designed to improve and expand the existing rowing facilities at Yare Boat Club. It will enable the volunteer-run club to proactively take their sport out to the local community and particularly to younger people (18-25): encouraging and enabling participation whilst specifically targeting those that would not stereotypically access the sport from within the local lower socio-economic communities.

Funding was allocated to stage one of the programme, which delivered a new, light weight boatshed. This new storage can accommodate all current club and member-owned boats that are currently kept on-site and will prevent further degradation to the fleet (caused by exposure to the elements). The new boatshed is large enough to allow for continued expansion of the club and will increase the lifespan of the fleet.

Delivery Update:

The club successfully delivered the new boatshed in late 2022, with the majority of the construction work being carried out by club members. The new shed opened for use in February 2023 and has been in use nearly every day of the week in daylight hours, by a combination of individuals and crews. The boat shed was officially opened by Alan Campbell (2012 Olympic single scull bronze medalist) on 14 October. The club successfully completed their first outreach programme to integrate new 18–24-year-olds into the club in 2023 and aim to hold another programme in 2024.

GP091 – Youngs Park Aylsham

Category: Community

CIL Funding: £250,000

Total Budget: £900,000

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

This project at Youngs Park in Aylsham will see the installation of a full-sized 3G artificial grass pitch. This will replace an existing full-sized natural turf pitch. Successful delivery of this project will contribute towards a variety of outcomes identified within Norfolk County Council's Together for Norfolk business plan, Sport England's Uniting the Movement strategy, the FA's National Football Facility Strategy, Aylsham Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan and the Greater Norwich Physical Activity and Sport Strategy (PASS) and associated updated Playing Pitch Strategy.

Delivery Update:

The project was granted planning permission for the 3G Pitch in July 2023 by Broadland District Council. The project team are now progressing a funding application to the Football Foundation to secure the outstanding match funding, if successful work is expected to start in January 2024 and complete in the spring. To strengthen the case for the pitch, conversations are ongoing with a range of sport and community groups to broaden users at the facility, especially during off-peak hours.

5.2 Norwich

GP031 - Riverside walk accessibility improvements

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £200,000

Total Budget: £200,000

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

This project, which is an important part of the River Wensum Strategy Delivery Plan, aims to enable the use of the Riverside Walk (between New Mills and Carrow Bridge) by all, including access measures on and adjacent to the walk, and improved signage and waymarking linking the river with the city centre and other key attractions.

Delivery Update:

This project was on hold for the majority of 2023, but team capacity has been added to enable it to progress. It is now expected that the wayfinding element of the project will restart in Spring 2024 and complete in Summer 2024, while the accessibility works are due to recommence in Spring 2024 and complete by the end of 2024.

GP036 - Castle Gardens

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £150,000

Total Budget: £220,000

Project Status: On Hold

Project Description:

This project provides restoration and improvement works to Castle Gardens to promote the use of the gardens as a linear park. Restoration works will safeguard the gardens for future use whilst planned improvements will ensure that the gardens can be maintained within the available budgets. The linkage to the gardens from the surrounding street scene will be enhanced along with improved linkages to the castle and green.

Delivery Update:

Delivery of this project has been delayed due to access restrictions whilst works to the Castle Keep continue. It is anticipated that a handover of the main project in Spring 2024, will free up the compound to enable work to the gardens to commence. An updated consultation exercise will be undertaken prior to project commencement in 2024.

GP038 - Football Pitch Improvements:

Category: Community

CIL Funding: £100,000

Total Budget: £115,000

Project Status: Complete

Project Description:

This project aimed to provide football pitch improvement works at Eaton Park, Sloughbottom Park, Britannia Barracks and Fountain Ground, including drainage improvements, improved grass species and improved goal facilities through the provision of new posts, nets and additional ground sockets. It also included provision of additional equipment to allow a good standard of maintenance for the pitches, allowing pitches to be moved annually to prevent excessive wear, improve the playability of the pitches and increase capacity.

Delivery Update:

All phases of the project successfully completed in 2023, following the regrading and reseeding of all the identified sites, procurement of machinery to improve maintenance and increase capacity of pitches, alongside the installation of the new goals and sustainable irrigation.

GP047 – Yare Valley Walk, Cringleford Meadow Improvements (formerly UEA to Eaton Boardwalk):

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £47,000

Total Budget: £47,000

Project Status: Complete

Project Description:

The project has improved the last remaining section of the Yare Valley Walk between the UEA and Cringleford. The works have provided better access to the Yare Valley Walk for all users and acts as a starting point for many by:

- Providing a 1.2m wide hardcore path from the car park to the point Norwich City Council land adjoins Bartram Trust Land
- Providing interpretation at Cringleford Meadow car park
- Installing waymarking posts
- Grubbing out part of a historic ditch system for biodiversity enhancement (fish spawning)
- Enhancing the informal car park to provide a welcoming and key starting point for circular walks.

Delivery Update:

The project successfully completed in July 2023, providing a major enhancement to the Yare Valley Parkway of 1.2km of accessible riverside path alongside biodiversity and associated interpretation enhancements.

GP050 - Yare and Wensum Valleys Link:

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £170,000

Total Budget: £170,000

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

The River Wensum and Yare run close together in the west of the city between Marriott's Way and the Three Score development site. The link between the two river valleys is a recognised green infrastructure corridor and the route of the purple pedalway. The project will improve this link for walkers, cyclists, and wildlife.

Delivery Update:

Works at Oval Road & Knowland Grove, Bunkers Hill Wood are complete. Following a public consultation that identified a lack of support for the traffic calming measures on Norwich Road, this element of the project was withdrawn. Work is continuing to develop with both the Gunton Road to Marriot's Way link and the Linear Green Space. Initial meetings have taken place with the contractor, and work on site is scheduled to commence in January 2024.

GP064 - Hellesdon Station Green Infrastructure

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £232,200

Total Budget: £453,399

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

The project will deliver a range of inter-related green infrastructure improvements in the Hellesdon Station area. Overall, the project includes 25 sub-projects covering Hellesdon Station / Marriott's Way, Hellesdon Mill Meadow, Marlpit Paddock and Hellesdon Marsh. These improvements will boost the transport and ecological functions of strategic green infrastructure corridors to support growth. Works include:

- Improvements to the Hellesdon Road crossing and provision of ramped access and path on Marriott's Way
- Improvements to the Hellesdon Mill Meadow
- Improvements to Hellesdon Marsh including provision of a canoe platform.

Delivery Update:

Construction of the Hellesdon Road crossing and Marriott's Way ramped access and path completed in March 2021. Construction of Hellesdon Mill Meadow and Hellesdon Marsh improvements have been re-programmed to Q4 2023/24. The Infrastructure Delivery Board recently approved a revised scope to extend the proposed path from the car park to the river/canoe portage, on to Marriott's way/Iron bridge and in addition to replace wooden steps leading from the riverside path up to the bridge, with an accessible ramp. The project is expected to complete in March 2024.

GP066 - 20 Acre Wood Community Access Improvements:

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £62,450

Total Budget: £62,450

Project Status: Complete

Project Description:

This project has improved an existing woodland path through 20 Acre Wood from Enfield Road to Earlham Green Lane. It involved:

- Installing a raised hard surface path to make it suitable for cyclists, pedestrians, mobility scooters and push chairs, whilst avoiding any damage to tree roots. Additionally, way-markers were installed at each end of the path, and a wooden chicane to slow pedestrian movement from the path to the tarmac path and road.
- Delivering an element of community engagement working with the Friends of West Earlham Woods and the local Infant and Primary Schools, to develop a sense of community ownership of the woodland.

Delivery Update:

The project completed in March 2023, following additional remedial works to the footpath to ensure that the surface remains compact for future use. Positive feedback has been received from the local community and the Friends of West Earlham Woods, following successful delivery.

GP078 – Kett's Heights

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £312,000

Total Budget: £312,000

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

Kett's Heights is described as one of Norwich's best kept secrets, containing the remains of a medieval chapel and 19th century garden terraces. It is named after Robert Kett who occupied the site during his advance on the City in 1549. The site was acquired by Norwich City Council in the 1980s and is managed by the Friends of Kett's Heights, who are supported by the Norwich Fringe Project.

The improvements to Kett's Heights provide for a more accessible and resilient space, and for enhancements to the green links through this area (linking with Mousehold Heath and Lion Wood). Current access to the site is from Kett's Hill via a pedestrian gate and a series of failing timber steps. As such there is no DDA compliant access or provision for maintenance vehicles.

The project aims to provide:

- Improved access to the site with new steps from Kett's Hill and provision of a new ramped access from Ladbrook Place.
- Repairs to the walls and infrastructure of the site, ensuring their preservation and the safety of users of the site.
- Creation of new habitat and improvements to existing habitat, leading to increased biodiversity.
- Community involvement – continued support to and from the Friends group, volunteer programme for delivery of biodiversity enhancements and conservation repairs to the site infrastructure.

Project Delivery Update - Norwich City Council

Delivery Update:

A contractor was successfully procured in September 2023 to complete the works. The tender return exceeded the available budget; however, some additional funding has been secured from the City Council allowing the contract to be awarded. It is anticipated that work will commence in October 2023 with completion proposed in February 2024.

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GP085 – FDC Heartsease Open Academy:

Category: Community

CIL Funding: £150,000

Total Budget: £480,000

Project Status: Complete

Project Description:

The FDC@OpenAcademy project provides a new 7v7 3G football pitch, replacing the current youth sized grass pitch. The new pitch connects to the existing full-sized 3G football pitch that is currently operated at the facility, increasing their 3G pitch capacity by an additional 50%. It enables more football activity covering both the traditional and recreational formats of the game. As well as being able to host football programmes such as Walking Football, Disability football and Health & Wellbeing football-focused interventions.

Delivery Update:

The project successfully secured match funding from the Football Foundation in January 2023 followed by confirmation of planning permission in April. Work commenced on site in July and consequently completed in September 2023. The pitch is now open for use.

GP089 – Sloughbottom Park Regeneration

Category: Community

CIL Funding: £850,000

Total Budget: £8,512,025

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

This project will deliver a linked set of new community facilities including a new 3G football pitch, league standard changing rooms, multi-purpose Pavilion and Café, upgraded Play Park, refurbished and upgraded BMX track, storage facilities, upgrade to Dolphin Path and other park infrastructure – car park, paths resurfaced, lighting and signage.

The full project comprised Norwich City Council's Levelling Up Fund (LUF) application for the North Norwich constituency. The specific elements within the project to be funded through the IIF as match funding for the full LUF bid were the 3G pitch, changing rooms and the upgrades to the Dolphin Path.

Delivery Update:

Norwich City Council was notified by the government on 20 November 2023 that it would receive the full LUF funding sought in its original application, subject to a validation checking process, which includes reviewing the budget given the time that has passed since the original LUF submission in June 2022. The City Council has restarted its work on the project so that it can successfully complete the validation check and move forward to full implementation alongside its partners organisations Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the Football Foundation. The government has indicated that the deadline for spending LUF is March 2026.

GP096 – Guildhall Hill and Exchange Street

Category: Transport

CIL Funding: £2,771,548

Total Budget: £3,122,452

Project Status: Withdrawn

Project Description:

This major project was to create a public space destination in the civic heart of Norwich between the Guildhall, Jarrold Department Store and the Market that would be connected to the north of the city centre via a rejuvenated Exchange Street. The improved public space would support and encourage more intensive use of nearby retail and commercial space and feature the following main changes:

- Reinforcing freedom of movement for pedestrians to walk along and across Exchange Street and supporting the recently agreed traffic restrictions by widening and paving the footway, elevating the asphalt carriageway close to footway level and introducing permanent street furniture so people can sit outside and enjoy their surroundings.
- Enabling cyclists to ride up to the Market Place on Exchange Street as well as continuing to ride down to St Andrews Street, with provision of cycle parking.
- A new taxi rank would be created in a well-lit and level location between City Hall and the Forum close to the corner of St Peter's Street and Bethel Street.
- Creating an attractive and generous seating and planted area below the Guildhall where the taxi rank currently lies. The arrangement of seating and planting would open, and frame pedestrian routes currently blocked by parked and manoeuvring taxis. Access to parking for disabled motorists and commercial loading for the Market and business premises on Guildhall Hill would remain.

The project was part of the Connecting the Norwich Lanes programme, led by Norfolk County Council.

Delivery Update:

Project Delivery Update - Norwich City Council

Following an unsuccessful bid to secure funding from round two of the Levelling up Fund, £2,771,548 was agreed to be allocated to this project to help lever in the additional £3,022,452 that was still required to deliver the project to the original scope. An exercise to review the scope, programme and budget proceeded between the City Council and Norfolk County Council. However, it has since been decided that the temporary traffic restriction on Exchange Street should be lifted, allowing traffic to flow through the project area again. The project was subsequently reviewed by the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Delivery Board and because no further funding has been secured the project has been withdrawn from the Annual Growth Programme. Should an alternative funding stream be identified an application to the GNGB through the match funding process would be welcomed and expedited to secure and draw down money from the alternative funding stream.

5.3 South Norfolk

GP048 - Wherryman's Way: Yare Valley Cycle Route:

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £23,000

Total Budget: £23,000

Project Status: Complete

Project Description:

This project will improve the Yare Valley Cycle Route, which follows the Wherryman's Way Loddon cycle loop. This links into the Norwich cycle map and Norwich pedalways project.

Delivery Update:

The project successfully completed in July 2023, following the completion of onsite works and tying the route into the Norwich Cycle Map.

GP065 - East Wymondham Green Infrastructure:

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £60,222

Total Budget: £75,222

Project Status: Complete

Project Description:

Oxford Common is an area of natural countryside that has been identified as having the potential to support recreation and enhance GI provision within the South and East Wymondham areas. The project will install appropriate infrastructure around the site to create an accessible area for local residents to visit for recreation purposes. The project will establish approximately 1800 metres of new permissive paths, resulting in a newly defined circular route and the possible enclosure of 9 hectares of grassland to restore the site to County Wildlife Site (CWS) standard.

Delivery Update:

This project progressed during 2023 to install the culvert, boardwalk and both bridges, to establish 1800 metres of new permissive paths, resulting in a newly defined circular route. Profiling the access ramps has also been completed. The Infrastructure Delivery Board approved additional funding of £15,800 in January 2023 to cover inflationary cost increases. The project completed in August 2023 and Oxford Common is now open to the public.

GP068 - Frenze Beck Green Infrastructure:

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £35,200

Total Budget: £45,200

Project Status: Complete

Project Description:

The project delivers a number of green infrastructure updates and installations on Frenze Beck, on the eastern edge of Diss. The work includes installation of new entrance gates, design and installation of new information boards and trails, installing seating and picnic benches and installation of gravel footpaths to unlock access to two viewing areas.

Delivery Update:

In 2022, the new gate and picnic benches were installed at Frenze Beck. The new interpretation boards were installed on site in February 2023 followed by the delivery of a new section of the footpath in September, which consequently completed this project. The ongoing management of the site is managed by a committed team of local volunteers.

GP070 - Wymondham Tennis Club:

Category: Community

CIL Funding: £140,394

Total Budget: £140,394

Project Status: Complete

Project Description:

The project improves Wymondham Tennis Club's facilities at Kett's Park in Wymondham. It provides a new fourth court to increase capacity in an area of high housing and population growth. Additionally, it includes resurfacing of three existing courts, conversion of floodlights to LED Lumineers to provide lower running costs and delivers a greener operation; the enhancement will also see netball courts provided on the site, bringing outdoor, publicly accessible floodlit courts to Wymondham for the first time.

Delivery Update:

All work was successfully completed in November 2022, following the installation of the floodlights at Wymondham Tennis. Feedback from the community has been very positive. It is anticipated that this new facility will lead to increased membership at Wymondham Tennis Club and increased financial sustainability of leisure facilities at Kett's Park.

GP071 - Crusaders Rugby Football Club Clubhouse Extension:

Category: Community

CIL Funding: £150,000

Total Budget: £344,307

Project Status: Complete

Project Description:

The project delivers new infrastructure and enhanced facilities at Crusaders Rugby Club, based in Little Melton (South Norfolk). The enhanced facilities provided include: 3 en-suite changing rooms that meet Rugby Football Union (RFU) guidelines, a new officials' changing space, refurbished and extended social spaces, an accessible entrance, first floor viewing area and new accessible toilet facilities.

Delivery Update:

The phase 1 project successfully completed in September 2022 and delivered a clubhouse extension, with 3 new en-suite player changing rooms, new and accessible toilets, and new official's changing rooms. These works have been extremely beneficial for the club and has meant improved facilities for the ever-increasing membership and the community.

GP090 – Easton Village Hall

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £505,000

Total Budget: £1,505,204

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

The project will deliver a new, multi-use community centre with off road parking in Easton which is due to receive significant residential growth over the coming years. Upon completion, it will enhance recreational provision, promote social integration and create a thriving, sustainable community.

It is designed to be large 565m² hall that will facilitate sports, kitchen, changing, bar and meeting/ offices areas. It will also innovatively be able to deploy as an on and off-grid relief centre for emergency services and the community 24/7 as and when required. It will be fit for the future with extensive EV charging capacity for electric vehicles providing exemplar services for both Easton and the wider area.

Delivery Update:

The project broke ground early 2023 and the build continues to progress. The groundworks, brickwork and steel frame were completed over summer 2023 and the building is currently in the final stages of being clad and wrapped to reach the watertight milestone by November 2023. Other works completed include the drainage and services to the building as well as cabling for the EV charging network. The project has experienced some delays to the original timeline due to the current challenging market conditions; two insolvency events have impacted upon the principal contractor which has caused inevitable delays. At present work is underway to consider the overall impacts to budget and how to move forward with contracts for the internal phases of works as well as the other significant building stages. The project team on the ground are committed to delivering this fantastic building for the community of Easton and are working towards project completion in early 2024.

GP092 – Queens Hills Community Park

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £133,553

Total Budget: £153,553

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

Queen's Hills Community Park is a 90-acre multifunctional green open space on the southern edge of Queen's Hills in Costessey, Norwich. It is also designated as a County Wildlife Site (CWS), demonstrating its value and importance to wildlife. The Community Park comprises: a Community Woodland, 4 play areas at Queen's Hills and East Hills Woods managed by South Norfolk Council. Costessey has one of the largest populations in South Norfolk, having seen significant amounts of development in recent years, and includes one of Greater Norwich's strategic employment locations at Longwater.

The aim of this project is twofold. The first: to provide formalised and improved access to and within the park for community and visitors, and second: to protect the existing woodland. This project will deliver, formal footpaths, way markers, 5 circular walks, an additional access point to the park, 6 cycle racks, stock fencing for a grazing area.

Delivery Update:

The steps were installed at Queens Hill Community Park in June 2023. An invitation to quote was distributed in September 2023 for the outstanding works, including but not limited to the footpath improvements and the installation of fencing and bicycle stands. The project remains on track to complete in February 2024.

GP093 – Cringleford Country Park

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £468,000

Total Budget: £798,000

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

Cringleford, as one of the five major growth locations in South Norfolk, has experienced a rapid expansion in its population. The Parish Council is purchasing land in the Yare Valley adjacent to the UEA woods, so that it can be protected from development and be made accessible. The primary purpose of this project is to secure and open up additional green space for the community.

The project will deliver:

- 17.24 ha of land including 5.87 ha of managed woodland (Cringleford Wood) and 8.56 ha pasture.
- A new accessible bridge crossing for the River Yare
- 400m of accessible boardwalk across the land to the bridge.
- 400m cattle and dog-proof fencing to maintain grazing and protect users of the pasture.
- A new path linking Cringleford with UEA's boardwalk, the Yare Valley walk, and the wider Kett's Country Long Distance Trail and Circular paths.
- 3 disabled parking spaces for accessing the new path.

Delivery Update:

Cringleford Parish Council have been working to complete the land purchase to secure the site, this is currently forecasted to complete in Autumn 2023. Additional work has continued to develop alongside this, to ensure the delivery of the site when it has been purchased. It is expected that the project will complete in Spring 2026.

GP094 – Venta Icenorum

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £153,128

Total Budget: £155,627

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

This project will upgrade and expand the car park by 2,000m² (doubling the existing capacity) so it is fit for purpose and can accommodate the increased number of visitors. The car park will be free to visitors for the foreseeable future however, a small fee may become payable in the longer term to assist with sustainability of the site going forward. The extension will help mitigate the problem with visitors parking on the rural road and reduce the risks to road users. Entry will be via a new height security barrier to prevent entry overnight. There will be allocated bays for disabled visitors (blue badge holders), and provision for 2 new Electric Vehicle charging points with associated utilities.

New cycle parking bays (to secure at least 12 bikes) will be included to encourage cycling to the site, simultaneously relieving pressure on the car park. Finally, a new oak gazebo will be erected at the entrance to Venta Icenorum marking it as a formal entrance point, to act as a meeting point for visitors, hold information boards and provide some shelter too.

Delivery Update:

The project has been tendered and a contractor appointed. In mid-September, the contractor submitted a planning application to South Norfolk Council. It is expected a decision will be made at the end of October. Works are expected to commence in the winter and complete in the spring 2024.

GP097 – Hethel Technology Park

Category: Transport

CIL Funding: £5,000,000

Total Budget: £10,560,000

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

This project will deliver:

- A 3-arm Roundabout on the C186 (Wymondham Road) to the west of the current Hethel Engineering Centre access. The roundabout will provide a new access via a realignment of the southern end of Potash Lane through the Strategic Employment Allocation HETHEL2.
- A new road (as indicated above) through HETHEL2 providing access 'limbs' into the employment allocation to serve the employment facilities (new and existing) at Hethel.
- Footway and cycleway infrastructure alongside the sections of new road.
- Closure of the existing junction of the C186 Wymondham Road and Potash Lane to vehicular traffic at Hethel.

Delivery Update:

A revised, high level scheme programme has been produced by the Project Engineer, to help support funding applications and inform the detailed design of the scheme. A planning application has been submitted for the works and an outcome is expected in November 2023. Work is ongoing to secure the additional funding required to enable this scheme to progress. It is forecast that if all other aspects of the project are secured, delivery of the scheme will commence in Spring 2025.

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GP026 - Long Stratton Bypass

Category: Transport

CIL Funding: £14,500,000 CIL Supported Borrowing

Total Budget: £46,900,000

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

The Long Stratton Bypass is identified as a Regional Priority and is progressing as a Developer-led single carriageway bypass to the east of Long Stratton. It delivers an approximately 4km long single carriageway highway improvement on the eastern side of Long Stratton. The scheme includes both non-motorised and vehicular overbridges to ensure connectivity between Long Stratton and outlying settlements to the east of the proposal. Intermediate roundabouts will serve as both access points back into Long Stratton as well as entry points to the proposed new development areas.

Existing Public Rights of Way (PRoW's) affected by the proposal have been subjected to a Side Roads Order consultation, this will ensure that the proposed amendments to the PRoW's will allow safe and convenient access across the bypass.

Delivery Update:

Formal Planning Consent was issued in September 2023, following agreement of the S106 and planning conditions. As a result, Norfolk County Council have instructed the Secretary of State for Transport to commence consideration and determination of the Side Roads Order. Norfolk County Council will submit the Full Business Case to DfT in December 2023, following a decision on the Order, to secure their allocation of funding.

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In September 2023, the Greater Norwich Growth Board agreed a £4.5m loan to South Norfolk Council to forward fund the developer's contribution to the bypass. Work is continuing to progress to secure outstanding funding. It is expected that construction will commence in spring 2024 and be completed in autumn 2025, however this date is dependent upon key precursors having been completed in advance.

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GP046B - Marriott's Way Ramp & Resurfacing:

Category: Transport

CIL Funding: £526,000

Total Budget: £526,000

Project Status: Complete

Project Description:

The Marriott's Way Thorpe Marriott to Costessey surfacing works (GP46) and Marriott's Way Ramp (GP53) projects came forward as part of a programme of works identified through the Marriott's Way Implementation and Delivery plan, informed by public and stakeholder consultations in 2015. Having progressed both schemes, it became apparent that the works required, and the initial estimated costs needed review.

In January 2021, the Infrastructure Delivery Board concluded that due to the scale of additional funds required, these projects should be re-presented as one merged new IIF application. The combined project was recommended for inclusion in the IIF by the IDB on 18th January 2021. The original total budget for both projects of £185,000 was increased to a combined total of £526,000.

The project improves access and accessibility on Marriott's Way and links into a number of other projects along the route which are funded from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Transforming Cities as well as the IIF. It helps facilitate the use of Marriott's Way as a key walking / cycling route and as a sustainable transport corridor for people commuting into and out of Norwich. The project involves improvements in access points and resurfacing between Thorpe Marriott and Costessey, plus the creation of a ramp to the rear of the Tesco supermarket in the Drayton area which will reduce the gradient, allowing much improved accessibility for all.

Delivery Update:

The project successfully completed in September 2023, delivering:

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Improved access on Marriott's Way - Drayton by construction of a new access for all ramp and an improved surface suitable for a number of different users including walkers or all abilities, commuting and recreational cyclists, and horse riders. Well drained surface provides all year-round access. Improved biodiversity with apple trees and wildflower seeds planted.

Improved access on Marriott's Way – Costessey by constructing a new level, well drained surface suitable for a number of different users including walkers, commuting and recreational cyclists, and for horse riders. Path widened to 3 metres to decrease potential conflict between users and increased carrying capacity along route. Choice of materials allows water to drain through as well as off the path so sections that were inaccessible wet periods are now free draining creating all year-round access to the trail.

GP051 - Green Infrastructure, Access for All:

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £150,000

Total Budget: £150,000

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

A number of Green Infrastructure trails across the Greater Norwich area have been audited for both power chair use and general accessibility, identifying the improvement works necessary to allow such access. This project implements a range of smaller scale accessibility improvements across various projects and areas. The funding allocated is £30,000 a year for five years with different project areas being delivered each year.

Delivery Update:

This project has delivered various enhancements with collaboration between the Norfolk Trails team and the Green Infrastructure team. The final stage, which is expected to complete by March 2024, will deliver a series of accessibility projects that supply greatest benefit and value for money. This will include improvements to:

- Marriott's Way A-Frame Bridge to Costessey Lane - resurface ramp area and improve drainage; cutback vegetation to improve visibility for cyclists and wheelchair users; Improve stepped access for walkers to provide increased space for different user groups.
- Boudicca Way (Saxlingham Nethergate BR6) - Improve access along the Boudicca Way for walkers and horse riders and alleviate the current flooding issue by improving the drainage along the PROW.

GP061a – Education – Brundall

Category: Education

CIL Funding: £800,000

Total Budget: £850,000

Project Status: Complete

Project Description:

Provision of 2 new classroom block, demolition of caretaker bungalow and improvement to parking provision.

Delivery Update:

This project has been successfully completed.

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GP061b – Education – Blofield Primary

Category: Education

CIL Funding: £1,200,000

Total Budget: £11,000,000

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

Relocation and expansion of the existing Blofield primary school to 420 places on a new site.

Delivery Update:

Planning permission was granted via committee on the 21st July 2023. The project is now expected to start on site in Autumn 2023 with Pentaco Construction appointed as main contractor, via the NCC Construction Framework. Land transfer from Broadland District Council is complete and construction scheduled to begin at the end of November. Once a final building programme has been agreed, a date for the existing Blofield Primary to relocate to the new site can be confirmed.

GP062 – Education – Cringleford Primary:

Category: Education

CIL Funding: £2,000,000

Total Budget: £11,000,000

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

Provision of a new 420 place primary school in Cringleford on S106 land from developers. An off-site nursery provision will be made, separate from the school scheme.

Delivery Update:

The project is now progressing well with RG Carter appointed as the main contractor. They are on site and approximately halfway through the build programme with an anticipated handover in the Spring 2024. This completely new school is on target to be open to families in September 2024, as Cringleford Prep under the sponsorship of Inspiration Trust Multi Academy Trust.

GP075 – Education – Ormiston Victory Academy:

Category: Education

CIL Funding: £4,000,000

Total Budget: £9,000,000

Project Status: Complete

Project Description:

Provision of a new three-storey classroom block and internal remodeling to increase the number of school places from 1050 (7 Form Entry) to 1500 (10 Form Entry) for 11-16year old pupils.

Delivery Update:

The new three-storey classroom block was successfully delivered in 2022. The extension has reduced issues with admission pressures in the area, and the school is now able to accommodate additional pupils from nearby housing developments.

GP080 – Yellow Pedalway extension

Category: Transport

CIL Funding: £1,600,000

Total Budget: £1,903,482

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

The project will deliver active travel infrastructure improvements in the Hellesdon area to the north of Norwich. These improvements will enhance the provision of different transport options along the strategic A140 corridor to support growth. A summary of the key project deliverables is outlined below:

- Extend an existing shared use cycling and walking path from the Broadland Enterprise Park and the Broadland Northway (A1270) roundabout to the junction with Amsterdam Way along Holt Road. Two new bus stops within laybys will also be provided adjacent to The Nest / Manor Park sports facilities.
- A new toucan crossing (for pedestrians and cycles) to connect The Nest / Manor Park sports facilities to the new bus stops.
- A short new length of shared use pathway (140 metres) will also be provided along the western side from the Broadland Northway (A1270) roundabout to the new junction at The Nest.
- A 40mph limit will be introduced in place of the short stretch of existing 'national speed limit' along Holt Road, to extend the existing 40mph limit at the airport end. This creates a safer environment for walking and cycling.

Delivery Update:

Preliminary design has commenced, and conversations have begun with the contractor to understand the scheme and its programme. Early engagement with local stakeholders has begun and work is underway to launch a public consultation in the Autumn. It is expected that the detailed design will be complete in the spring and construction will commence in autumn 2024.

GP081 - Wensum Walkway

Category: Transport

CIL Funding: £1,264,951

Total Budget: £1,974,096

Project Status: Withdrawn

Project Description:

This project was to deliver a new elevated walkway on the Wensum Riverside Walk, closing the last gap in this popular, traffic-free route from New Mills to Carrow Bridge. The walkway would connect St Georges Street to Duke Street along the southern bank of the River Wensum, for use by walkers and cyclists and those with physical, sensory and/or cognitive impairments.

Delivery Update:

Further feasibility work has concluded that due to the complexity of the build and inflationary cost pressures the current design is not feasible with the funding that has been currently secured. The aspiration remains to provide this link for pedestrians, but extensive feasibility and survey work is required to establish ground conditions in the area and the best way of linking to St Georges Bridge. That work is beyond the scope of the existing funding and the project team have concluded that currently there is no deliverable option, so this project has been withdrawn.

GP083 - Wherryman's Way access improvements

Category: Green Infrastructure

CIL Funding: £216,500

Total Budget: £445,148

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

The Wherryman's Way is a 37.5-mile walking trail from Norwich Train Station to Great Yarmouth Train Station via the Reedham Ferry following the River Yare through the protected landscape of the Norfolk Broads. The project will create access improvements on the route through sections at Surlingham, Bramerton and Hardley Flood allowing improved all-ability access. Improvements will include bank stabilisation at Surlingham, Bramerton and Hardley Flood, the installation of bridges at Hardley Flood, the upgrading of footpaths, the restoration of the bird hide on Hardley Flood and improvements to the moorings at Rockland Staithe.

Delivery Update:

Progress is continuing at Hardley Flood and Bramerton for access improvements, with the footpath improvements at Rockland Staithe already complete.

Ecological assessments have been completed over 2022 and 2023 at Hardley Flood and the feasibility study for the bridge replacement is also complete. Following the dredging and flood bank restoring, reprofiling works are planned for spring 2024. Planning permission will be submitted in Winter of 2023 with delivery programmed in Spring 2024.

Technical design is currently being prepared for Bramerton FP5 Riverbank restoration, in advance of planning permission which will be submitted by winter 2023, with delivery programmed in Spring 2024.

GP087 – Education – Hethersett Academy:

Category: Education

CIL Funding: £2,000,000

Total Budget: £7,000,000

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

This expansion of the existing school is a second phase of development in response to 1400 new homes in the village (1200 originally with an additional 200 recently confirmed).

Delivery Update:

Following its recent planning determination, the expansion of Hethersett High Academy to 9 forms of entry (total 2,700 pupils) started on site in October 2023, with an expected completion date of Autumn 2024. Contract award has been issued to Pentaco Construction. The scheme will deliver a new block with ten new classroom spaces, a new kitchen and dining spaces.

GP088 – Education – Wymondham High Academy:

Category: Education

CIL Funding: £5,000,000 [23-24 & 24-25 allocations]

Total Budget: £13,000,000

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

Expansion of Wymondham High Academy to 10FE (3000) 11-16 age pupils. This the 4th phase of the overall expansion to meet additional pupil demand from housing development in the town. This project is expected to begin over a summer break to allow the enabling works to take place with minimum interruption to the operation of the school.

The scope of the project includes a new gymnasium, Design and Technology block, including Food Technology and music curriculum space. In addition, works will be needed to address drainage issues on site.

Delivery Update:

This project has been allocated funding from the previous and current IIF funding cycles. It is currently at design stage and the plans are moving ahead. There has been redesign needed to ensure the scheme is affordable, but as it gets to the later stages of the strategic expansion this has become more challenging since building works are taking place alongside the operational school. However, there are positive meetings with the Multi-Academy Trust and School to plan this next phase.

GP095 – Hethersett to NRP Cycle Route

Category: Transport

CIL Funding: £501,015

Total Budget: £728,015

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Description:

This project will enable an off-carriageway, shared use cycling and walking path to be provided along the western side of Colney Lane from the junction of Braymeadow Lane to the bridge over the A47. This will enable the Pink Pedalway to be extended to Hethersett to link with the Blue Pedalway (the Pink Pedalway currently terminates at the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital). These improvements will enhance walking and cycling provision, supporting strategic growth of Wymondham, Hethersett and the NRP.

Delivery Update:

Progress has been made with the start of on-site preparatory works required for construction to be undertaken (removal of vegetation in Early September 2023). The land dedication is progressing and final signatures for transfer of ownership to NCC is expected soon. The Legal Order process for a reduced speed limit and parking restrictions is underway and running smoothly. The team are currently working on accelerating the programme should the opportunity arise to deliver works sooner than the current delivery date of April 2024.