



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Hitchin Area Committee**

2. Date: **4 Mar 2014**

3. Summary of application: **Buggy Shelter/park**

Name of organisation: **Oughton Children's Centre**

Sum requested: **£953**

Total project cost: **£1,453**

Brief details:

Oughton Children's Centre is a Sure Start Children's Centre and provides a range of services for children and their families from pregnancy right through to when a child goes into Reception Class at Primary School. The services are aimed at improving child's health and well-being, including readiness for school and the families economic well-being through education and employment. The Centre would like to provide parents with a buggy shelter. At the moment the families park them along the sides of the corridors and this is a potential emergency exit hazard. The provision of a buggy shelter outside the Centre will enable parents to leave their buggies in a safe, secure and dry space.

Matched / linked funding: **£500**

Funder:

Matched /linked funding: **£0**
or DRR

Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

The Children's Centre on Westmill is of immense value to that area of Hitchin, including surrounding villages, providing workshops/activities for every day of the week including Saturdays. These services range from Job Centre Plus, Parenting Groups, Creative and messy play and Munch Lunch Club amongst others. The Centre has received funding from their County Councillor's Locality budget and he suggested that they approach Area Committee for further funding. The cost of the shelter and installation is £1,452.50 and the County Councillor has funded £500 towards this cost.

The Community Development Officer has examined this application against the Authority's Area Grants Policy, the organisation's accounts and grant history, and considers it an eligible application to put before the Committee.

Amount recommended: **£953**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date: