



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**

2. Date: **3rd Dec 2015**

3. Summary of application: **Support funding for the creation of community gardening beds**

Name of organisation: **Gt Ashby Community Gardening Project**

Sum requested: **£1,500**

Total project cost: **£3,000**

Brief details:

Following reconfiguration works to the small toddlers play area set amidst a residential area on Cleveland Way, officers from Grounds Maintenance and Communities Teams have met with a local residents group to look at the possibility of enhancing the site by creating some community garden areas.

Over recent years the play area and adjacent open spaces have suffered from on going anti social behaviour incidents. As a result, the Authority removed sections of the former metal perimeter fence and installed some lengths of post & rail on the surrounding grassed sections, primarily to try and deter further misuse.

From liaising with local residents the concept of softening the overall look of the area with some plants & shrubs around the sections of post & rail, has been proposed as a further enhancement.

Matched / linked funding: **£1,500**

Funders: **NHDC Grounds Team**

Matched /linked funding:

Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

The formation of the actual planting beds could be undertaken by the Authority's contractor with the designs and planting scheme managed, then maintained by local residents, as a form of community gardening project.

It is hoped that by engaging all the neighbouring families & residents in this initiative, a sense of ownership will develop and ultimately lead to improved community and social cohesion.

The group with continued assistant from officers is therefore seeking a grant contribution from the Committee's main budget in the region of £1,500 to develop, plant & maintain the community gardening beds adjacent to the play area equipment on Cleveland Way.

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.

Amount recommended: **£1,500**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

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Date: