

Appendix A

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Somerset West and Taunton Council

And

Cannington Parish Council

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) sets out the terms and conditions on and subject to which Somerset West and Taunton Council and (SWT) and Cannington Parish Council (CPC) have agreed to collaborate with each other regard the transfer of the remaining ring-fenced allocated Community Impact Mitigation (CIM) Fund for Cannington of £158,994.10.

Background

The Planning Obligation Board (POB) agreed in Dec 2018 applications submitted for the Cannington ring-fenced fund would be considered by the Board on an ad-hoc basis.

POB recently approved an application for a small amount of £4,500 for a community resident parking scheme. In light of this, and in regard to the remaining ring-fenced amount of £158,994.10 the POB could potentially end up receiving lots of small applications resulting in a considerable amount of time and resource to appraise and process.

Also considering that Cannington Parish Council (CPC) currently do not have any further projects in the pipeline. The POB considered and agreed a recommendation to transfer the total remainder of the Cannington ring-fenced monies to the CPC to administer.

Applications to the CIM Fund were considered by the POB against the criteria outlined in the Section 106 legal agreement for the Site Preparation Works at Hinkley Point (Appendix B). In regard to the criteria the CPC will be expected to undertake a similar evaluation process to assess future proposals for the ring-fenced monies.

Purpose & Conditions

A Grant Agreement will be entered into between SWT and CPC that will place conditions upon the CPC. This MOU seeks to clarify any responsibilities placed upon CPC. In particular, the MOU will enable WSC to transfer the ring-fenced funding for Cannington allocated under the Community Impact Mitigation Fund (CIM) directly to CPC.

The SWT Council report dated 18 March, 2020 has approved the POB recommendation to transfer the ring-fenced total remaining amount of £158,994.10 to CPC in one payment to CPC to administer. With the following conditions:

- CPC must undertake evaluation appraisal (Appendix B) of all proposals to ensure they mitigate impacts before approval.

- CPC must report back to the CIM Fund Manager regularly with progress updates.
- Any new proposals over the amount of £50,000 must be presented to the CIM Fund Manager and POB for approval.
- Previous CIM funded projects must be referred to the Planning Obligations Board if a request is made for additional funding.

Reporting

Progress will be monitoring will be the responsibility of CPC that will be relayed to SWT CIM Fund Manager quarterly, or when any proposal is presented to CPC.

Funding

The grant funding of £158,944.10 allocated as ring-fence for Cannington and transferred within the terms of the MoU represents the total CIM grant for Cannington. This funding will be released in full directly to CPC by SWT following execution of the MoU Agreement.

Term and Termination

This MOU shall commence on the date of signature by both parties and shall expire on completion of the allocated ring-fenced monies.

_____ Date:
 (Colin Allen)
 (Chairman, Cannington Parish Council)

_____ Date:
 (Nicki Maclean)
 (Economic Development & Tourism/CIM Fund Manager)