



Northumberland County Council

SECTION 106 - HOUSING DEVELOPER FUNDS (Sport and Play) THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION FORM

EVALUATION CRITERIA

When completing your application for please bear in mind the panel considering your application will be looking at how well you meet the following criteria, please make sure your application takes into account the following and ensure that information relating to the criteria is included on your application form. Please remember that although you know your project thoroughly, the panel will not. It is, therefore, important to make sure you explain everything clearly.

MANDATORY CRITERIA - The answer to all questions in this section must be YES for an application (either PLAY or SPORT) to proceed to be scored for an award.

- 1. Is the project located in one of the relevant areas eligible for an award from the Housing Developer Fund ie. former Tynedale area, South East Northumberland area, North Northumberland area?** *(This will be subject to monies being available in the area for which the money is requested)*
- 2. Is the organisation eligible to apply to the s106 Housing Developer Fund?** *(must be a legally constituted, not-for-profit organisation with a bank account)*
- 3. Is the application for capital works/equipment?** *(NB. any sports field machinery must be specialised for sport use only)*
- 4. Does the project demonstrate provision for wider community use?** *(ie. is membership of the club open to anyone interested in the sport regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. Is the play area open for use by members of the public/community)*
- 5. Does the application demonstrate a need for the project?** *(SECTION TWO, Question 10 on the application form - The application must give full details of how the need for the project was identified and where appropriate, provide supporting evidence of this need, ie. results of community consultation, letters of support, feasibility study report, inspection report etc).*
- 6. Terms and conditions of Grant** - The applicant must declare that they have read and agreed to the standard terms and conditions of grant.

APPLICATIONS FOR PLAY

Criteria taken from the Play England Design for Play Guide

1. **Is the play/recreation area well located?** *(Is it where children would play naturally and away from dangerous roads, noise and pollution?)*
2. **Does the application demonstrate that participation in play will be increased or sustained within the community?**
3. **Does your play/recreation space provide a wide range of play equipment?** *(Is there a wide range of play equipment to allow for different play experiences?)*
4. **Does your play space allow children of different ages to play together?** *(Does the layout of the equipment and features allow use by a wide range of children?)*
5. **Is the play area fully inclusive allowing children of different abilities to play together?** *(It is not a requirement that all play equipment should be fully accessible to all, but the s106 panel will need to be content that consideration has been given to the needs of those with disabilities when funding play provision. The application must provide details of accessibility for those with disabilities to include consideration to those with mobility impairments (including wheelchair access to the play area and use of the equipment, visual impairments and hearing impairments. This list is not exhaustive, so consideration can be given to other disabilities such as Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or any other disability identified from local community consultation).*
6. **Has the play space/play equipment been designed and selected with sustainability and maintenance in mind?** *(Demonstrate how the play/recreation space has been designed with sustainability and maintenance in mind and if relevant provide supporting evidence such as design plans, supplier guarantees, maintenance programmes, details of sinking funds)*

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORT

1. **Does your application demonstrate that participation in sport will be increased or sustained?**
2. **Does the project demonstrate accessibility for those with difficulties and/or disabilities where reasonable?**
3. **Does your club/organisation have a Quality Mark or equivalent accreditation?**
4. **Does your club/organisation have an up-to-date Development/Business Plan?**
5. **Have you consulted with Northumberland County Council Sports Development Team and/or the National Governing Body for the sport involved?**
6. **Has consideration been given to sustainability and future maintenance of the facility and/or equipment?** *(if relevant provide evidence of design plans, supplier guarantees, maintenance programmes, details of sinking funds)*

GENERAL EVALUATION FOR BOTH PLAY AND SPORT

- 1. Does your application include full detailed costings for the project, including details of how the monies to complete the project are to be secured?**
- 2. What proportion of the total project cost is being sought from the Housing Developer Fund?** *(ie. an application where a high percentage of the total project cost is being sought from the Housing Developer Fund will score lower than an application which has secured other funding towards total project cost and thereby requesting a lower percentage from the Housing Developer Fund)*
- 3. Are all monies to complete the project secured?** *(ie. formal confirmation that other match funding has been awarded to the project)*
- 4. Is the project in a position to proceed?**
- 5. Does the application confirm there is provision to maintain the project?** *(details for future maintenance of equipment/land/building and who will cover the maintenance costs)*
- 6. Does your application specify project outcomes?** *(ie. is it clear what you hope to achieve with the project?)*