



# Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council

**Non-confidential**

## **WLDC Large Village Retail Grant Proposal**

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**Report to:** Planning Committee 23-09

**Report by:** Clerk

**Power/duty which decision falls under:** General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011

**Which council objective(s) it falls under:**

- Maintain and improve community facilities and amenities
- Protect and enhance our green spaces and street scene
- Preserve and enhance heritage assets, environmental assets and wildlife
- Retain and encourage employment and tourism opportunities
- Improve the well-being of residents
- To foster public participation and engagement
- To recognise the climate and biodiversity emergency and it should be considered as the basis of all decision and policy making

**Consideration on carbon reduction:**

**Public Sector Equality Duty (*Consider or think about how policies or decisions affect people who are protected under the Equality Act*)**

**Consideration of risk management in relation to the proposal<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup>*Risk areas to consider - strategic/operational, likelihood/impact, add to risk register?, any contingency planning needed?*

## **Background**

WLDC have accessed central funding for a pot of funding that larger villages in their district can apply for to improve their look and feel; to foster a sense of pride and belonging; and increase their usage, footfall, and prosperity.

The fund can be used to support two key areas:

### **1) Capital Grant**

A maximum capital grant of £6,000 per eligible location. Capital grants can be used for physical changes to boost the look and feel of larger village/neighbourhood retail and commercial areas, by investing in public realm changes such as street planting, seating areas, installation of signage and other measures to improve the areas, strengthen the social fabric and foster a sense of pride in place and belonging.

### **2) Revenue Grant**

A maximum revenue grant of £3,000 per eligible location. Revenue grants are available to support publicity campaigns and events. Publicity campaigns and events that will boost footfall and encourage residents and visitors to visit these areas thereby supporting local businesses and the wider local economy.

- The maximum total grant available per village is £9,000.
- WLDC can fund up to 100% of project costs.
- The funding cannot be matched against other funding schemes delivered by West Lindsey District Council

## Proposal

### 1) Apply for a Capital Grant of £6,000

It is proposed the grant could be shared between two areas in the village - the northern end and southern end - gateways to the retail areas

#### a) Northern Gateway

Improve the public realm at north of the village by at the Church Lane/Church Road Junction including removing end of life street furniture, and installing new street furniture e.g. base, bench, and low maintenance planting



Wildlife Bench Seat  
£1,395 +VAT Delivery £125+VAT  
+ fixings




Deer and Stag Bench Seat  
£1,395 +VAT Delivery £125+VAT  
+ fixings

A bespoke bench would be out of budget at £3,200+VAT + Delivery £125+VAT


**b) Southern Gateway**

Improve the public realm at south end of village: An intergenerational workshop to create a community shoal of fish (part of NDP project 4.1) located in the southern gateway to the retail area as per the Saxilby Waterfront Masterplan, with further workshop(s) for those who would like to add their own fish.

**James Sutton Sculpture**



**Community Shoal Concept**  
Shoal of 316 stainless steel fish with patterns and detail welded on.  
Individual fish designs can be taken from children at the primary school, community groups, care homes and sponsors.  
Their designs will then be transferred on to the fish to create a lasting memory.



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## Alternatively, can anything else be done in the central retail areas?

“The general public realm around the local shops needs improving to encourage and increase their usage in the future.” (NDP p27)

- 3) There is a bench at the Co-op which could be replaced with a new metal one
- 4) Could another bench also be placed nearer the pharmacy as residents wait here?

Would the Co-op support the project 50/50 and contribute? The co-op fencing at the front and pharmacy building require TLC if investing here...



Is there any thing that can be done the high street? Current thoughts are this would need a higher level of investment for example to replace the tarmac with block paving to improve the appearance of the public realm.

There is no space for a bench and a modern black metal bin is located outside One Stop.

Could bollards be installed on the pavement by the double yellow lines to reduce the incidence of dangerous parking on the corner (Circa £200 each, plus installation, plus LCC license). However, future CIL funding could be used for this?



## 2) Revenue Grant

Apply for a revenue grant for a community led events programme based in or around the retail area in 2024 for example for community events such as:

- Christmas Lights Switch-on and Market
- Recreation ground family event including - library event/bouncy castle/sports open days/stalls/fun run
- Mystery group event
- Library event

To be used as pump priming funding to support the set-up costs and promotion of community events.

Other options considered but not recommended:

- Saxilby Waterfront Public Toilets and Boater Facilities (shower/sluice) refurbishment (part of NDP project 4.1) – will prevent other funding pots being applied for at WLDC
- Bus shelter High St opposite Co-op (NDP project 2.10) - £3,000? – could be funded via alternative funding – LCC
- Work with LCC to install a cycle hire point (“Boris Bikes”) (NDP project 1.5) – LCC likely to fund after cycle track connection complete
- Bus stop and shelter(s) on Mill Lane (NDP project 2.13) – not in retail centre, as per funding guidelines, so it is ineligible

## RECOMMENDATION(S):

To recommend to full council to apply for the £9,000 grant for community projects which support physical changes and events that will boost footfall and encourage residents and visitors to visit these areas thereby supporting local businesses and the wider local economy:

- £3,000 for a community events support package
- £6,000 for public realm improvements in the retail zone
  - **Northern gateway:**  
Bench at the Church Lane/Church Road Junction (est. £1,500)  
OR replacement bench at Co-op  
OR new bench near pharmacy (subject to permissions/see if Co-op will buy one too?)

### **Southern gateway:**

Community shoal artwork (est. £4,400 for 100 fish)