

Developer Contributions (£106) – Projects Funded in 2020/21

New homes and other buildings create extra demands on local facilities. Where it is not possible to address a development's impact on-site, the Council seeks off-site contributions from developers via agreements known as Section 106s. These payments are used to mitigate impacts by funding new facilities or to expand and improve current amenities in the locality. Below are some projects which have been fully or part-funded by these developer contributions in the financial year 2020/21.

Adventure Playground Refurbishments

The play equipment at Adeyfield and Grovehill & Woodhall Farm Adventure Playgrounds had become rotten and some had been removed, leaving very little play value for visitors. The old structures were replaced with new play equipment in 2020 meeting modern standards which means that the Adventure Playgrounds are now safer and require less maintenance than previously.

There has been fantastic feedback from users of the sites, with families commenting on how colourful the playgrounds now look and appreciating the more inclusive equipment. Covid restrictions have meant a limit on the number of people that could be on site at any one time, but the sites were nearly hitting full capacity every day in the first half of July 2021.



Adeyfield Adventure Playground funding: £70,000
Grovehill & Woodhall Farm Adventure Playground funding: £109,000

New 3G Floodlit Sports Pitches

New 3G artificial turf pitches with floodlighting were installed at the Adeyfield and Grovehill & Woodhall Adventure Playground sites in 2020. 3G artificial turf is a very durable all weather surface which does not get easily damaged or waterlogged. When combined with the floodlighting this means that the pitches can be used for more hours a day and more days per year than traditional turf pitches.



The Adeyfield 3G pitch is 35m x 18m, whilst Grovehill has a full size pitch. Demand for all weather sports pitches in the borough is high – these will provide additional facilities that can be used by the public, community and sports clubs. Feedback from users has been very positive since these new facilities opened.

Adeyfield 3G pitch funding: £54,500

Grovehill & Woodhall Farm 3G pitch funding: £156,500

Housing at Northend and Westerdale



Williams House, Northend and Howe Grove House, Westerdale in Hemel Hempstead were completed in Summer 2020. They are two former council garage sites and now provide 12 flats to support residents in need of temporary accommodation. Across the two developments they offer 10 two-bedroom and two one-bedroom flats.

Developer Contributions Funding: £1.2 million (funded over 2 years)

Cupid Green Playing Pitches



Dacorum Borough Council has 5 football pitches at Cupid Green playing fields - these range from junior pitches to full size adult pitches. The location suffers from poor drainage which results in match/practice cancellations or damage to the pitches. Developer Contributions have funded new equipment to assist with drainage works and funding for works to improve the playing surface, with the aim of bringing it from 'poor' to 'community' standard within 3 years. The results are already looking good!



Developer Contributions Funding: £121,000 over 3 years (2020/21 was Year 1)

Cupid Green Tennis/Netball Courts

The courts at Cupid Green Playing Fields were showing their age. They received a complete resurface, new nets and gates were installed and general improvements were made to the area. The courts re-opened in Spring 2021. There are 4 tennis courts/3 netball courts available to hire and these can be used by the general public free of charge, with a small charge for organisation or club use.

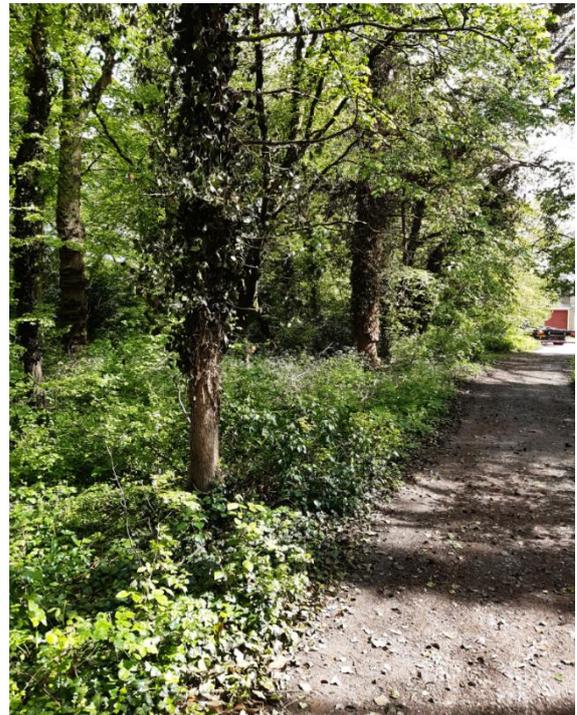
Developer Contributions Funding: £60,000



Improvements to the Nicky Line



The Nicky Line, a former railway line, is a popular cycle route and footpath. It also forms an important green corridor for wildlife. A four year project funded by Developer Contributions aims to enhance public access to, and use of, the Nicky Line as a sustainable transport option and for leisure purposes. The project also focuses on improving habitat diversity, and appropriate management of trees near adjacent properties to reduce risk to these buildings.



***Developer Contributions Funding: £146,625
over 4 years (2020/21 was Year 2)***
