

CAPITAL PLAN LIST C – EVALUATIONS

	Project	Open Spaces: Haysden Country Park – Site Improvements		
	1	Specification:		
		(i)	Purpose of the scheme	General site improvements to include proposals brought forward by the Haysden Country Park Volunteers. Works to include improvements to the western end of Barden Lake.
		(ii)	Relevance to National / Council's Strategic Objectives	(a) National: Reducing childhood obesity, increasing child participation/activity and promoting healthier lifestyles. (b) Council: 1i) Identifying new sources of external funding to support capital schemes. 2d) Further working with our communities. 2g) Improving public open spaces and enabling everyone to enjoy them in safety. 2h) Improving the appearance and quality of the Council's leisure facilities 4e) Further improving local play and leisure facilities
		(iii)	Targets for judging success	(a) Increased range of facilities available to the public. (b) Reduced bank erosion. (c) Sustaining/Improving visitor satisfaction surveys. (d) Reduce flooding
	2	Description of Project / Design Issues: Primarily located to the west end of Barden Lake the project aims to improve the visual amenity and public use of this area. This bank has been subject to significant bank erosion and as such is devoid of grass or any marginal vegetation. The project proposes to install a section of revetment (Gabions) on this section of bank along with the planting of marginal plants and the re-landscaping and re-seeding of the bankside. In addition, new public facilities are proposed to include picnic tables, play sculptures, path works and a jetty/platform. The scheme also includes new drainage from the Ballast Pit to alleviate the flooding issues that currently affect the main car park, toilet block and western end of Barden Lake.		

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3	<p>Consultation: The scheme has been brought forward by the Haysden Country Park Volunteer Group and is supported by the Country Park's User Panel.</p> <p>The desire to improve these areas of the park is identified in the Park's Management Plan, which was subject to stakeholder consultation. Support for the project has been given by the Tonbridge and District Angling and Fish Preservation Society.</p>						
4	<p>Capital Cost: The cost of the project works is £46,000.</p>						
5	Profiling of Expenditure						
	2016/17 (£'000)	2017/18 (£'000)	2018/19 (£'000)	2019/20 (£'000)	2020/21 (£'000)	2021/22 (£'000)	
	£46,000						
6	<p>Capital Renewals Impact: None</p>						
7	<p>Revenue Impact: Maximum loss of investment income on the Council's contribution if no further funding were secured would be £593 per annum (based on a 5% return on £11,867)</p>						
8	<p>Partnership Funding: £35,000, subject to a third party payment of £3,500, has been secured from the Cory Environmental Trust Britain. £2,633 has been offered by the Tonbridge & District Angling and Fish Preservation Society to specially support the drainage element of the project. The Haysden Country Park Volunteers have offered to assist with the implementation of the project as 'payment in kind'</p> <p>Total £37,633</p>						
9	<p>Post Implementation Review: 12 months after completion.</p>						
10	Screening for equality impacts:						
	Question			Answer	Explanation of impacts		
	a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?			No	Publicly accessible open space.		

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		b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	Yes	Yes, a handrail and non-slip decking used on the jetty. Consideration is also been given to accessible picnic seats and a new path.
		c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?	N/a	
	11	Recommendation: Transfer from List C to List A		