

**Bracknell Forest Council  
Record of Decision**

<b>Work Programme Reference</b>	<b>I094008</b>
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1. **TITLE:** Parks and Open Spaces Quality Improvement – Farley Wood

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Place, Planning & Regeneration

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To seek approval for the allocation of S106 funding (£50,595) to support improvements to outdoor recreational facilities at Farley Wood in Binfield.

To confirm which financial contributions secured from developers under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 will be applied to the project.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** No

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Member for Culture, Delivery and Public Protection

6. **DECISION:**

That £ 50,595 of S106 contributions (as summarised in Annex 1 of the report to the Executive Member) are allocated to fund improvements to outdoor recreational facilities at Farley Wood.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The borough council has adopted a Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (2012) and the Farley Wood project is in accordance with delivering the following two priorities:

*8. Enhance outdoor sport and play provision (including ancillary facilities).*

*11. Encourage greater community involvement and additional partnership working between agencies, groups and organisations.*

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Not carrying out a project at Farley Wood could lead to funds being returned to the developers, if no other qualifying scheme was located through which to deliver enhancements in the time available.

Not using s106 funding could result in a failure to mitigate the impact of development and a missed opportunity for 'providing, expanding or improving open space, and/or outdoor recreational facilities.'

The wide range of S106 contributions available in the borough have been assessed in order to eliminate those lying outside the distance constraints of the developments as set out in the respective s106 agreements.

Development monies amounting to £30,593 (index linked) are already secured through the

Popes Farm development. The additional £20,002 required to deliver these improvements to this popular community/sports facility is from two further developments; Land off Rainforest Walk and Winchester House. These are both less than 2.3kms away and within distance constraints set out in the legal agreement.

The spend deadline for Land at Rainforest Walk is 31.10.2020, so this needs to be committed ASAP and there are no other local viable projects where it can be spent/committed as quickly.

9. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director: Place, Planning & Regeneration

10. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

<b>Date Decision Made</b>	<b>Final Day of Call-in Period</b>
21 September 2020	28 September 2020