

**Bracknell Forest Council  
Record of Decision**

<b>Work Programme Reference</b>	<b>I114372</b>
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1. **TITLE:** Provision of a new outdoor Trim Trail at The Elms Park in Bracknell

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

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To seek approval for the allocation of S106 funding (£11,275) to support provision of new outdoor recreational facilities (Trim Trail) at The Elms Park, a Bracknell Town Council site.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** No

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

6. **DECISION:**

- i. That £11,275.00 of S106 contributions are allocated to fund a new trim trail at The Elms Park.
- ii. To condition that appropriate planning permission is secured if/where required, and the grant be paid in full upon completion of the works.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

- i. The equipment will provide a new trim trail at The Elms Park.
- ii. The developer contribution proposed for this project has been collected through a S106 agreement towards the cost of providing, expanding or improving open space and/or outdoor recreational facilities within 3km of Foundation House in Bracknell.
- iii. The new facilities proposed by Bracknell Town Council are in line with providing new active Open Space of Public Value (OSPV).
- iv. S106 funding is secured in accordance with adopted planning policy. Of significance is Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) (2015) (ref. section 5.11 Open Space of Public Value and the 'Plus One' Principle whereby works are prioritised towards improving quality of existing open spaces over time.
- v. The justification for requiring developers to supporting the improvement of open space and outdoor recreational facilities is given in The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF):

'8. Promoting healthy and safe communities

98. Access to a network of high-quality open spaces and opportunities for sport and physical activity is important for the health and well-being of communities, and can deliver wider benefits for nature and support efforts to address climate change...'

- vi. The improvements deliver key objectives in:

The Council Plan 2019-2023

*11. Ensure there are opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports and leisure activities.'*

And

Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (2012).

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

- vii. The improvements deliver objectives in the Bracknell Town Neighbourhood Plan  
Policy EV2 Protection & Maintenance of Local Green Space  
K: The Elms Park: 136

**8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- i. Not utilising funding to deliver these improvements:
  - could result in a failure to mitigate the impact of the development
  - might lead to funds being returned to the developers
  - would be a missed opportunity to provide new facilities that bring value to the local community
- ii. There is no other nearby open space improvement project within close proximity to Foundation House suitable to be 'applied for the purpose' within the given timeframe,

which is mid-December 2022.

- iii. There is £11,275.00 specified for spend at The Elms Park from the development at The Braccans. This is allocated specifically for spend on improvements to the playground and wouldn't qualify for spend on a new trim trail.

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

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

<b>Date Decision Made</b>	<b>Final Day of Call-in Period</b>
13 June 2023	20 June 2023