

Hampstead Town Ward CIL Worksheet 2018

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1. Your project description

The Hampstead Village Shul is a self-funding, not for profit community centre that is fully integrated with Hampstead culture and community. The Synagogue provides services for the Jewish residents of Hampstead as well as Hampstead residents at large. Founded in 2007, it serves a young and growing community with ever expanding needs as well as a pre-established wider community with pre-existing and ever changing needs.

The Hampstead Village Shul provides a wide range of services to the community including:

- Supporting hundreds of poor families by providing food, amenities and other such help
- Sunday School for 50+ children aged 4-11
- Various classes, social, cultural and charitable events such as weekly mothers' meetings, lunch and learn sessions for local businessmen, cultural/educational events and arts and crafts for families with young children.
- Educational and social space for the local community
- Educational space for local schools
- Charity drives such as clothes or food drives
- Counselling and therapy sessions for trauma victims
- Community support groups
- Event space for religious, educational and social purposes
- Religious sanctuary and prayer space

The suggested project involves Hall improvements to Hampstead Village Shul including the refurbishment of our social room which will improve the appeal for youths as well as

	<p>informal learning and discussions and meet the needs of all of the Hampstead Village Shul building's users and the general public.</p>
<p>2. Is this an infrastructure project, as described above, and located in the Hampstead Town Ward?</p>	<p>Yes. The project will upgrade and improve the community facilities in The Village Shul, Hampstead, for the Shul's members and the wider community. The building is located on New End Road.</p> <p>The Shul is used every day of the year by the local Jewish community, it is used daily by Heathside School for classrooms and offices (in line with the Hampstead Baptist Church) and every Friday and Saturday for Sabbath services by up to 200 Hampstead residents, all of whom live in the NW3 area.</p> <p>In addition, The Village Shul hosts speakers talking on a variety of educational and cultural topics such as charity, holocaust, children charities, philosophy, ethics, medical concerns and so on. It is used as a cultural hub for Hampstead.</p> <p>The suggested development will allow the Shul to be used more effectively as a venue for community classes and productions, thus securing a supplemental income stream for the future, and further embedding The Village Shul within the culture and heritage of the Hampstead community.</p> <p>It is also in line with the recently adopted Neighbourhood Plan: It ensures that Hampstead is lively and contemporary, by allowing motivating educational events to take place in a modern space being used most effectively through technology and other facilities. It also safeguards the fine heritage of streets and buildings, and enhances a community with good amenities, a sense of belonging and mutual support, by bringing people together for inspiring events in a modern space within a historical building of Hampstead.</p>
<p>3. How will it improve the lives of residents and offset</p>	<p>Expected positive outcomes for 500 + members of The Village Shul (100% of whom are</p>

<p>the impact of development? How does it benefit the wider community?</p>	<p>from NW3 postcodes), 50 families whose children attend Sunday School, and thousands of people who benefit from communal activities, events, performances, lessons and charitable activities.</p> <p>This augmentation project will benefit current NW3 residents as well as new people moving into the area as a result of new property developments by enhancing community events held in the Village Shul and allowing us to be more effective in our endeavours. It will enable us to offer improved facilities to a huge number of people from diverse backgrounds in so many ways.</p> <p>Practically, one example of how this project will benefit the community is by providing a lounge area for local teens to discuss a variety of topics in a safe fun zone, as well as host more informal and hands on workshops in a relaxing environment and setting.</p> <p>The social hall of the Village Shul is already used by a number of different groups, as demonstrated above. We anticipate that this number could be considerably increased with the augmented facilities.</p> <p>Allowing the social hall of the Synagogue to be used as a venue for community classes and productions also secures another income stream for the future of the Village Shul.</p>
<p>4. What is the cost of the project? How much CIL would be required? What other sources of funding have you considered?</p>	<p>Total cost of project £20,000.00</p> <p>Unlike Churches, there is no higher body to fund the Hampstead Village Shul. It is an entirely self-funded organisation. Members of the community pay a membership fee (some are subsidised) and donors support the community.</p> <p>The members of the Hampstead Village Shul will otherwise fund suggested project.</p> <p>Other funds raised to date for the purpose of building improvements, £120,000 the additional £20,000 will come directly out of the The Village Shul's account, where its been designated for this purpose.</p> <p>We have historically been successful in raising similar amounts of monies for this</p>

	ongoing project.
5. Are there any ongoing costs to Camden?	No
6. How will any other ongoing costs be met?	By The Village Shul.
7. Who would project manage? Who would be the project champion?	Ellis Green & Yisroel Weisz
8. Are there any potential issues or risks? For example, is consent required? Are there safety or security assessments required?	<p>No known issues or risks, the project can start as soon as funds are available.</p> <p>The Village Shul owns the freehold and there are no restrictions that would apply to the suggested development. The building is self-contained and in our seven years there has never been any complaints from neighbours. Therefore we are confident that this will not be a hindrance nor will it cause any noise pollution, especially since a primary purpose of the Village Shul is to integrate ourselves within the Hampstead community. The proposed changes will not increase the level of noise within the building, they will merely allow for more effective provision of services to the community.</p>
9. Other issues?	No.