

## Environment and Sustainability Assessment

<b>Project Title: The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)</b>				
<b>Department:</b> Places Prosperity & Sustainability	<b>Team:</b> European and International Affairs		<b>Person Responsible for assessment:</b> Mark Reed	
<b>Date of assessment:</b> 01/03/2024		<b>Is it a new or existing proposal? : Existing</b>		
<b>Brief description of the proposal:</b> This is a 3-year funding package from Central Government. The funds will be used on sub-projects.				
<b>Potential impacts of the policy/development decision/procedure/ on:</b>	<b>Positive Impact</b>	<b>Negative Impact</b>	<b>No Specific Impact</b>	<b>What will the impact be? If the impact is negative, how can it be mitigated, what action will be taken?</b>
Natural Resources- Impact on natural resources including water, soil, air	✓			C&P Pillar: The development of the pocket parks in East Birmingham and Glebe Farm will not impact on natural resources.
Energy use and CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	✓			C&P Pillar: Introduction of an e-cargo bike scheme in Stirchley will contribute towards reducing 'last mile' vehicle movement and with an aim to lower local CO <sub>2</sub> emissions which is to be determined.  A programme to install energy efficiency timers on festive lights across the city will reduce energy use by ~50% by only illuminating features at the appropriate time of day.
Impact on local green and open spaces and biodiversity	✓			C&P Pillar: The creation of four new pop-up parks will provide new green spaces in East Birmingham and will be managed by four local groups to maintain and support these spaces. They will consist of small parklet designs with planting, seating, and sited on hardstanding in local centres.

Use of sustainable products and equipment			✓	N/A
Minimising waste	✓			LBS Pillar – Circular economy project. This project will be delivered through an external contractor managed by the R20 team and will seek to work with SME to reduce waste through circular economy (one SME’s waste becoming the raw materials for another SME). This will direct waste away that would otherwise pollute the environment and end up in landfill. Overall, the project has a target for GHG a reduction of 25,000 tonnes.
Council plan priority: a city that takes a leading role in tackling climate change	✓			C&P Pillar: The delivery of projects on e-cargo bikes, timer switches on lights and developing new green spaces will support the move to net zero and offer increased opportunities to raise local biodiversity through pocket parks.  LBS Pillar – Circular economy project.
Overall conclusion on the environmental and sustainability impacts of the proposal	UKSPF across the C&P Pillar and LBS pillar is having a positive impact in relation to Environment and Sustainability with projects contributing to a reduction in waste, CO2 and improving green spaces around the city. Most of the positive impact in relation to the categories above is coming from the C&P pillar with contributions from the LBS pillar. The P&S pillar is people focussed will not have an impact on Environment and Sustainability.			

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