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2. Title of proposal Site Refurbishments

LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL

25 JUN 2009

3. Name of group or person making the proposal

Ahmed Faraji/Leicester City Council

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4. Short description of proposal. Please include information on **how the money will be spent, who will benefit, when they will benefit, and how we will know when the proposal has been successful.**

It is important that your answer to this question is clear, because we will only pay the costs when we can see evidence that the outcomes you describe here have been achieved. You can provide further details in your supporting information if you want to.

Refurbish a dilapidated raised planting area. Repair structure and replant
With mixed lavender species.

5. Have you provided supporting information?

Tick if yes

6. What is the total cost to the Community Meeting?

£ 2580.80

7. How have you estimated or calculated the cost? Please show each item of expenditure and say whether it is an estimate or an actual cost.

Item	Cost £	Estimate or actual cost?
Repair and replant area	£2580.80	£2580.80
Total		

8. Have you tried to get funding for this project from anywhere else, either in the Council or from another organisation? If so, please give details

NO

9. Who proposed the project? Please provide contact details.

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Your position in organisation or group	Parks Officer
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Section 2: Delivery agency (this could be a single person, group of people or a group or organisation)

10. Who will deliver the project? Please provide contact details.

Name of contact person	As Above
Your position in organisation or group	As Above
Name of organisation or group	As Above

Address As Above	
Phone number As Above	Email As Above

11. Declaration

I have read the *Guide to the Community Fund* and I accept the arrangements described in that guide. I confirm that the information I have given on this form is true. I will inform the council immediately if any of the information I have given on the form changes.

Name	Ahmed Faraji
Signature	
Date	16/06/2009

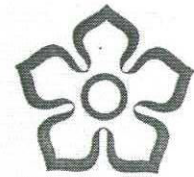
Please send this completed form back to:

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Tudor Gardens

Tudor Gardens is a small green space that is well used by the local residents as well as a cut-through. In the past, the gardens have suffered from anti social behaviour and drug problems. But since the site was cleared of obstructing vegetation about a year ago and consequently the area has a safer feel to it. There has been a significant reduction in reports of this type of behaviour. And in last year or so, Parks Services in partnership with the police have organised few activities involving school children in planting the borders and grassed areas with daffodils and tulips bulbs to give the area a new look and a feel good factor for residence and visitor alike.

With our frequent visit, patrol and consulting local residents, one of the ugliest and unsightly site of this lovely green space is an old and dilapidated raised structural break shaped island in the middle of the greens, to repair it, removing huge rocks that are mainly used to smash bottles against them, and replanting it with mixed Lavender species will give Tudor Gardens its original purpose as a beautiful and inviting sitting to residents and visitors to the site.

Parks Services has allocated some funding to wards the installations of more seats, bins and major repairs to the perimeter fencing as an enhancement to the quality of the place and the attractiveness of the site.

By financing this project, Tudor Gardens will not only have a facelift but preserving and giving a life back to an attraction that is well loved by people and cared by local authority.

Your Help is much appreciated





Accesses to Tudor Gardens

Tudor Gardens has three gates and is easily accessible from all Directions.

There are no buildings on these sites. Tudor Gardens has a centrally Located raised planter feature constructed of granite blocks that stands Approximately 0.5 meters above the pathways.

Landscape evaluation

Tudor Gardens occupies 0.2 hectares adjacent to the busy St Augustine's / Narborough Road North junction. The surrounding locality has a mixture of terraced housing, more modern town houses and low rise flats. A retail furniture outlet borders one side of the site.

Tudor Gardens is a small and pleasant green space that is well used as a cut-through and consequently can easily and quickly become untidy from dropped litter or anti-social behaviour. The Tudor Gardens and Tudor Road aspects were cleared of obscuring vegetation about two years ago and the site subsequently has a much more open and safe feel about it.

Tudor Gardens is short-mown grass with a perimeter of mixed shrubs including Senecio, Mahonia, Gorse, Berberis, Cornus, Pyracantha and Viburnum.

Many are evergreen, including the Laurel hedge that encircles several sections of the boundary. This hedge has been removed from the northern fenceline to provide unrestricted sightlines, open the area up and discourage anti-social behaviour. Taller shrubs on the western boundary adjacent to a commercial premises disguise this ragged wooden boundary fence. The St Augustines side of the

area has a deeper shrubbery, complimented by the highway verge plantings outside of the area. Together they form an effective screen from the busy road. The site contains a pleasant variety of semi mature trees including; Prunus, Lime, Cotoneaster, Hazel and Rhus. There are currently no plants in the centrally located raised bed and turfing or seeding the area may be favourable.

Hardworks, furniture and fencing details

A black-painted hoop-top metal fence surrounds the Gardens, 1.5 meters high. The boundary to 'Mick & Dens Furnishings' shop has a barrier of primarily wood, in a very poor state of repair. Tarmac paths criss-cross the site and there are 2 seats with slabs underneath, 2 litter bins and a vacant wooden post that may once have held a dog bin. In the centre of the Gardens is a raised planter with sides made of granite setts.

Site observations

An observation survey was carried over several days, at a variety of times, to observe how the local community use West End & Westcotes Green Spaces. At Tudor Gardens most people were seen walking through the area. Only one person was observed sitting on a seat eating lunch. Several young children were observed at Vernon Street Play Area and adults accompanied these. The main use for St Paul's Pocket Park is as a cut through from the end of Kirby Road towards the City Centre. A small number of children were seen on the play equipment. At West End Neighbourhood Centre Play Area one family were observed using the play equipment. No one was observed in

Quality audits

Tudor Gardens scored 49%. In this instance the items: Building cleaning and Play provision / quality were not applicable. Dog fouling, Litter management, Grass maintenance and Shrub maintenance were considered to be meeting expectations. Items that were considered to be below expectations were: Welcoming aspect, Good, safe access for all and Facility and furniture provision / quality. Signage did not meet any expectations as there is none on this open space.

Landscape evaluation

The Tudor Gardens and Tudor Road aspects of the site were cleared of obscuring vegetation about two years ago and consequently the area now has a safer feel to it. The metal perimeter fence has some minor damage that requires repair and it would benefit from repainting within the next few years. The boundary fence to 'Mick & Dens

Furnishings' is owned by them and in a very ramshackle state. The tarmac footpaths through the gardens require some minor repairs, although the surfaces are generally worn and complete resurfacing will be required at some point in the future. The 2 seats are in need of decoration and replacement slabs underneath. The vacant wooden post needs to be removed and a replacement dog bin should be installed. The raised planter in the centre of the Gardens is in need of some repairs to the granite setts that form the sides. A very old sign on the Tudor Road fence-line should be replaced with something up to date.

Recreational evaluation

This is a small and pleasant green space that is well used as a cut through. In the past, the Gardens have suffered from anti social behaviour and drug problems, but since the removal of some of the perimeter vegetation there has been a significant reduction in reports of this type of behaviour. The central raised bed would be ideal for the creation of a new feature to rekindle local interest. There may be opportunities for this as part of PPG17 funding from the redevelopment of the nearby Riverside. More quality seating within the Gardens could also encourage more people to spend some time here.