

## **Community Infrastructure Levy (Neighbourhood CIL Spend) Procedure Note (7.10.2022)**

This Procedure Note is intended to be shared with the Portfolio holder for Planning Policy & City Development in consultation with the Milton and Baffins ward Councillors and the Milton Neighbourhood Forum.

### **Background**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 a recommendation is going to Full Council to approve the adoption of the Milton Neighbourhood plan (MNP) as part of the Development Plan for Portsmouth. The MNP has an impact on CIL spend (Neighbourhood portion). 25% of CIL income from affected developments (where planning permission first permits development in the MNP area on or after this date) will be directed to the CIL Neighbourhood pot for that ward instead of 15%.

The location of the MNP not only spans a large proportion of the Milton ward, but also extends in a northerly direction into the Baffins ward, namely Milton Common. Appendix A provides an illustrative map of the Portsmouth wards and the area spanning the Milton Neighbourhood Plan Area.

### **Purpose of Procedure Note**

The procedure note is intended to outline the proposed adjustments to the Council's current Neighbourhood CIL spend procedure to reflect the introduction of a Neighbourhood Plan.

### **Proposed amended process**

It is important to reflect the adoption of the MNP within the Council's current Neighbourhood Spend application process to ensure that priorities within the MNP are met within future relevant bids and the Milton Neighbourhood Forum (MNF) as a constituted body are part of the decision-making process.

The MNP and supporting evidence document set out the priorities for the future of Milton in general terms, these are broadly categorised in Appendix B of this Procedure Note.

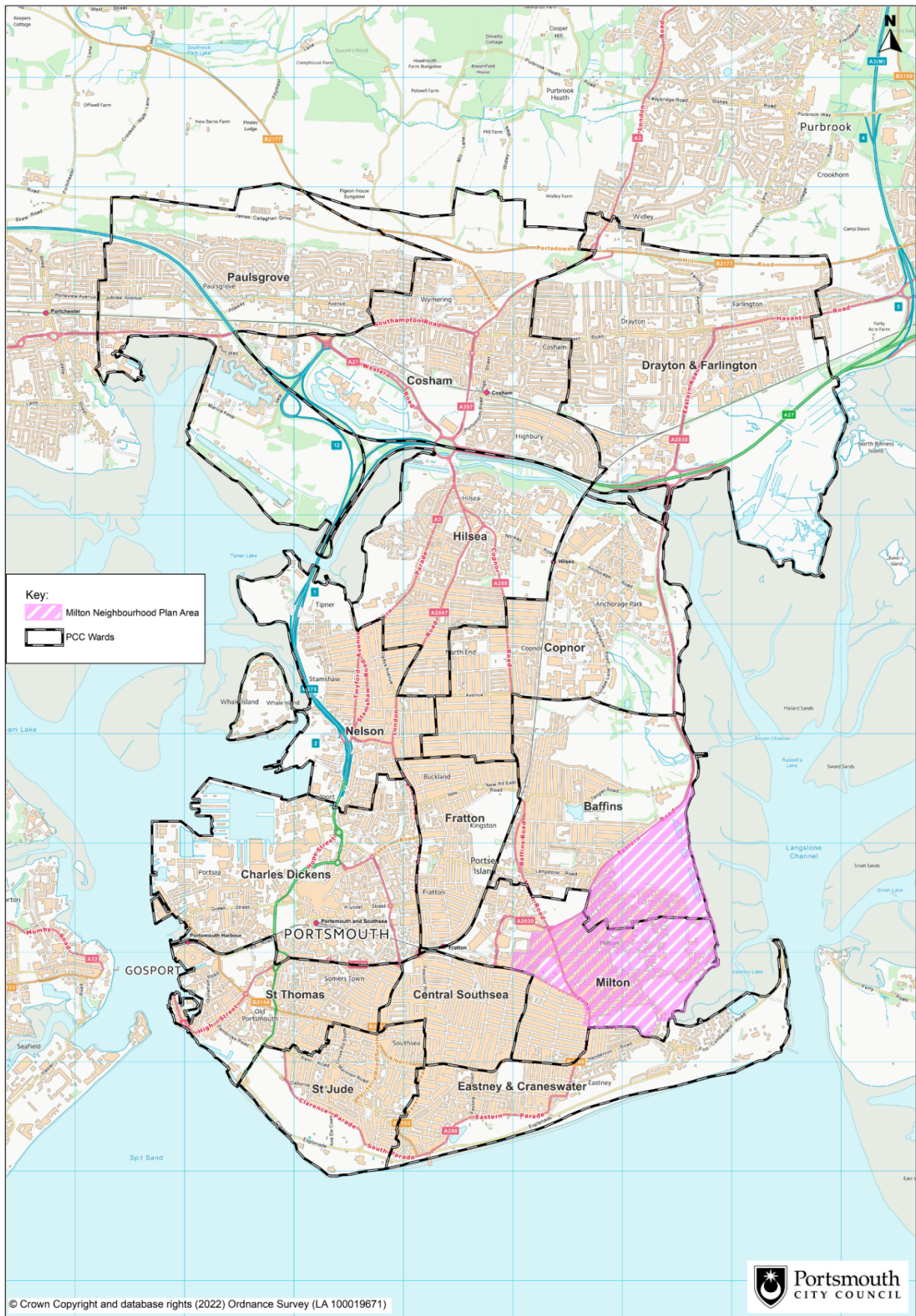
It is proposed to include the MNF as a formal consultee alongside Ward Councillors from the affected wards on relevant bids. As a result of the MNP spanning into the Baffins ward, the MNF will also be consulted on Neighbourhood CIL spend applications located within the Baffins ward.

To reflect the adoption of the MNP, the Council's Draft CIL Neighbourhood Portion Spend Guidance Note (DNPSG) will be updated to reflect the insertion of the MNP. Appendix C provides a copy of the proposed updated DNPSG. The application process itself will remain the same, however, the main amendment is the inclusion of the MNF as a formal consultee as referred to within the application process summary in the DNPSG.

As an illustrative example, if a Neighbourhood CIL application was submitted that was located within either the Milton or Baffins wards, the CIL team would first carry out an initial assessment against the published criteria and also the MNP priorities (as documented within Appendix B of this Procedure Note). If applications are considered suitable, a statement along the lines of '*It is considered that the proposed spend item meets the local priorities as set out within the Milton Neighbourhood Plan*' will be added to application correspondence (e.g. Cllr and MNF consultation, s151 consultation, MIS item and AD review request).

Ward Councillors from the affected ward(s) along with the MNF would then be contacted by email to request confirmation as to their support of the application. In a situation where differing views may be provided and an agreement cannot be reached, as per the DNPSG the Neighbourhood CIL application will be reviewed by Cabinet to arbitrate.

**Appendix A: Portsmouth Ward and Milton Neighbourhood Plan Area**



**Appendix B: Priorities as set out within the Milton Neighbourhood Plan and supporting evidence document**

<b>Transport:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junction improvements (Improvements to key junctions including at Velder Avenue/ Milton Road, Milton Road / Locksway Road, Goldsmith Avenue / Milton Road and Eastney Road / Bransbury Road.</li> <li>• Improved cycle and footpath infrastructure provision to encourage sustainable transport</li> <li>• Improved bus provision with associated infrastructure</li> <li>• Electric vehicle charging infrastructure</li> </ul>
<b>Community Facilities:</b>	The Plan encourages the development of new community facilities and the protection of existing facilities including: Libraries, churches, Nursery's, halls, and community cafes.
<b>Green Environment and Biodiversity:</b>	Enhancement to Milton's local green environment including wildlife habitats and corridors, green spaces, trees and woodland spaces and create biodiversity net gain.
<b>Heritage</b>	Refurbish or reuse designated and non-designated heritage assets
<b>Retail</b>	Proposals that support the Eastney Road Retail Centre
<b>Other</b>	The supporting evidence to the Milton NP document also mentions other issues impacting Milton including Health; Adult Social Care; Air Pollution and education which infrastructure could aid.