

## Investment Fund - Feasibility and Development Funding Application Form

1. SCHEME:

Bristol Cycling Hub

2. Lead Organisation

Bristol City Council

3. Partner organisations

4. Scheme contact details

Name:	Alex Adeeko
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5. Scheme Type - mark with an X

Transport	X
Non-Transport Housing Enabling	
Business Support	
Skills	

Other (please specify):

6. Is this investment linked to any others within the early investment or wider Investment Fund programme? If so, please set out the relationship and linkages.

Details:

The proposed **Bristol Cycling Hub (BCH) Project** is a strategic and transformative initiative by Bristol City Council (BCC) to create a regional inclusive cycling infrastructure at the Henacre Open Space in Lawrence Weston, between Henbury and Shirehampton in northwest Bristol. The project is intended to cater for cyclists of all ages and all levels and will include a competition-grade track (or velodrome) allowing high speeds and safe racing conditions. Competition grade tracks such as that proposed for the BCH are used for events and are built to accommodate local and international championship competitions.

The proposed BCH underlines the importance of cycling as a key component of BCC's sustainable transport, urban development, public health, and socioeconomic policy goals. It is dedicated to increasing cycling participation, nurturing an inclusive environment, and reinforcing the crucial role of Bristol Bikeability in realising these goals.

This investment will complement and serve as a key enabler to all investments (current and future) in sustainable transport and active travel proposals, particularly cycle infrastructure schemes and liveable neighbourhoods.

## 7. Total Funding required for this phase of works

### *a. Spending Profile (£)*

Description	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	Total
Project Initiation & Startup (BCC Officers' Cost)	£17,241.36 (Actuals)	£5,000	-	-	£22,241.36
Ground Investigations (Third Party/Consultants' Cost)	£14,981.45 (Actuals)			-	£14,981.45
Pre-Application Fee	£1,525.00 (Actuals)				£1,525.00
Outline Business Case & Full Planning Application (BCC Officers' Cost)	-	£100,000	£20,000		£120,000.00
Outline Business Case & Full Planning Application (Third Party/Consultants' Cost)	-	£520,000 (Agreed Fee Proposal)	£10,000 (Agreed Fee Proposal)		£530,000.000
Stakeholder Engagement and Communications		£50,000			£50,000.00
Contingency		£75,000			£75,000.00

*b. Cost Breakdown (£)*

	Investment Fund (£)	Match Funding (£)
In house staff costs (Actual Spend & Estimates)	£142,241.36,	
Pre-Application Fee (Actual Spend)	£1,525.00	
Third Party Support (Actual Spend & Fee Proposal)	£544,981.45	
Other (Stakeholder Engagement and Communications)	£50,000	
Other (Contingency)	£75,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£813,747.81</b>	

8. Please describe the scheme to be developed (including its objectives and expected impacts) and the proposed activity to be undertaken through this investment.

A. Details of the scheme to be delivered:

The BCH will replace the current Bristol Cycle Centre at Old Whitchurch Athletics Track in Bamfield. It aims to deliver an inclusive cycling community, offering programmes for skill improvement, social prescribing, and physical rehabilitation. The BCH will feature a safe traffic-free zone for cycling education and aligns with the Bristol Bikeability's mission to promote cycling as a viable and sustainable transportation option, supporting the city's strategic goals for a greener and more accessible urban landscape.

Delivery of the BCH Project is contingent on securing full planning permission. In this regard, a Full Planning Application (FPA) will be submitted for determination by BCC - as a **Regulation 3 planning application to ensure planning certainty**. The proposed BCH is a major strategic project and due consideration will be given to determining the FPA in a timely and objective manner and mitigate associated delivery risks.

The BCH will be built on a former landfill site at Lawrence Weston in northwest Bristol, which is one of the most deprived areas of the city. The facility will incorporate the following components:

- Bikeability/learn to ride areas

- A 1km competition standard cycling track
- Decarbonised amenity/operational building(s) and car/cycle parking facilities
- New connections to and upgrading of the local cycle network, as required

The BCH will be a transformative regional multi-purpose infrastructure that promotes cycling, provides training and learning opportunities, hosts competition events, delivers classes for disabled users, and serve as the focal point of Bristol's travel behaviour change programme. The flagship centre will help boost levels of cycling and physical activity in the city and surrounding areas by delivering cycle training and leisure activities alongside an extensive programme of sporting activities and new pathways into sports cycling. The BCH will also act as a hub for delivering targeted active travel and health programmes as well as local community programmes, creating additional employment, training, and local inclusion benefits.

Infrastructure is only beneficial if people use it as intended. The proposed facility will expand current capabilities at the temporary cycling centre by providing cycle training to people of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds, and across a much wider geographic area. It will also assist in improving people's understanding of travel options so that cycling becomes more attractive, safer, and beneficial.

The BCH is a key plank of Bristol's sustainability goals and aspirations and will be a key enabler for cycling trips through training, competitions, as well as school engagements to increase take up of cycling.

The project aims and objectives highlighted above align with CRSTS investment objectives and will contribute to a sustained increase in active travel modes and enable other legacy beneficial outcomes in the medium to longer term.

*[Note: please include details of the intervention expected to ultimately be delivered including the strategic fit, how the scheme is planned to be delivered and the cost.*

*Programme information should be included in section 10b]*

B. Details of the activities to be undertaken through this feasibility or development phase:

**See section 9 below.**

*[Note: If the planned output is other than an Outline or Full Business Case or Second Stage Skills Capital Application, please describe the scope and content of thereport which will mark the completion of this phase]*

9. Please set out how the activities to be undertaken through this Feasibility and Development Funding Application will be managed and resourced. If use of consultants or other third parties is proposed please describe how these have been, or will be, procured.

BCC's in-house project team, with collaborative support from a multidisciplinary consultancy team that has been appointed via the **BCC-SPI Procurement Framework**, will undertake the following primary activities for this phase:

- **Preparation of an Outline Business Case (OBC).** We will prepare a robust and proportionate OBC (in consultation with WECA's Grant Assurance Team) to evaluate and justify the BCH proposals. The OBC will outline the rationale, costs and risks associated with the BCH proposals with the aim of assisting decision makers to determine whether it is viable and in alignment with BCC's strategic goals and CRSTS investment objectives. The Full Business Case (FBC) is expected to be completed before September 2025.
- **Preparation and submission of a Full Planning Application and Associated Design Activities.** We will prepare and submit a FPA for the BCH scheme, along with all necessary supporting deliverables. While this proposal assumes that the scheme is a major non-EIA development, confirmation will be obtained through the required EIA Screening processes. Post-submission activities are not covered in this phase of the project, but these will be undertaken and completed in FY 25/26.

Technical inputs for this phase of the scheme will include:

- ✓ Project Management
- ✓ Business Case Development
- ✓ Cost Consultancy
- ✓ Town Planning

- ✓ Environmental Planning (EIA)
- ✓ Architectural Services
- ✓ Landscape Design
- ✓ Transport Planning
- ✓ Water Resources, Drainage and Utilities
- ✓ Acoustics
- ✓ Ecology and Arboriculture
- ✓ Lands Contamination
- ✓ Sustainability and Energy
- ✓ Stakeholder Engagement
- ✓ Heritage
- ✓ Air Quality

10. What output will be produced using the funds awarded as part of this Feasibility and Development Fund Application, and when will this be completed?

	Mark with an X	Date (mm/yy)
Feasibility Study		
Option Development		
Option Assessment Report		
<b>Outline Business Case</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>09/24</b>
Full Business Case		
Second Stage Skills Capital Application		
<b>Other (Full Planning Application &amp; Associated Deliverables)</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>04/25</b>

11. When do you plan to start and complete your project and what are the main project milestones? Please include the milestones related to the feasibility or development work to be undertaken through this application and the milestones for the subsequent implementation

phase through to completion.

*A. Milestones for the activities through this Feasibility and Development Funding*


Milestone	Date (mm/yy)
Complete Outline Business Case for WECA/BCC review and approval	09/24
Submit Full Planning Application & Associated Deliverables	04/25

*B. Planned milestones for scheme development or delivery beyond this initial phase.*

Milestone	Date (mm/yy)
Full Business Case & Associated Designs	09/25
Full Planning Consent	12/25
Construction Start	01/26
Construction Complete	03/27


12. Application signs off by the promoting organisation:

Senior Responsible Owner

Name:	Adam Crowther
Signature:	
Date:	25/04/2024



Section 151/Chief Finance Officer \*

Name:	Richard Young
Signature:	
Date:	23/07/2024

\* Where WECA are the applicant, this should be signed by the appropriate Director/Head of Service