

Mercia Park Community Fund

I'm pleased to report that the Community Fund, as trailed in the newsletter and my email last month, is now live and application details are available at: www.llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-funds/

To recap, the £350,000 fund will be split over the construction of the project and we anticipate that grants will be awarded on a six-monthly basis.

The grants of between £2,000 and £5,000 will be available for 12-month projects, and £3,000 grants will be on offer to help existing community projects with their operating costs for up to three years. Larger grants of £10,000 will be available in exceptional circumstances to projects which meet specific criteria.

Please do share the link above with local groups and if you have any questions about applications, the team at the Leicestershire and Rutland Community Foundation is ready to help.

Construction work on site

Earthmoving continues to be the focus of activity on site and the main deliveries are aggregates and plant equipment which are be routed via the A42 and M42.

We have recently submitted our Employment Scheme (Construction Phase) to NWLDC which sets out our proposed approach to construction skills and training for Mercia Park. The strategy has been developed in partnership with the council, the Department for Work & Pensions, construction partners as well as local colleges including Stephenson College and North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College.

We are currently working with Winvic and subcontractors to explore how and when we can safely deliver against the objectives in our Employment Scheme whilst meeting our social distancing commitments.

As a reminder, if you have any questions about construction-related activity or queries about anything you have seen on site, you can contact the site team directly by calling 01604 678 960. Alternatively, for non construction related enquiries please email us on info@merciaparkconstruction.co.uk.

New CLG member

We were recently contacted by the Chair of Austrey Parish Council to enquire whether they could join the CLG. Based on the parish's proximity to Mercia Park we have confirmed their membership and we look forward to welcoming their representative to future meetings.

Please do let me know if you have any questions about any of the above.

We will continue to review Government social distancing advice and as soon as it is appropriate, we will share dates for a potential next CLG meeting.

Kind regards
David