

Borough Councillor's report to Downham Market Town Council
Councillor Josie Ratcliffe
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CIL Funding Pot

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge that local authorities set on new developments in order to raise funds to help fund infrastructure, facilities and services. The Borough Council recently approved these applications which had been submitted by Downham Market Town Council:

- Market Starter Kits to support business start-ups and community events
- Information Signs to direct visitors to the town centre and attractions
- High Street Lighting to create colourful displays and enhance events

Applications will soon be invited for a second round of funding, but the criteria is not yet known. Suggestions for projects that would benefit the town can be emailed to the Clerk on clerk@downhammarkettc.co.uk

Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Borough Councillors receive regular briefings from senior staff at the QE Hospital, initially about their Covid response and more recently regarding the condition of the building and their preparations for a funding bid. They thanked the campaigners who are drawing attention to the need for a replacement hospital in King's Lynn. Local residents signed nearly 500 postcards on a stall on Downham Market's market, which with others will be presented to Health Secretary Sajid Javid next week.

We're encouraged to sign these petitions which support the hospital funding bid:

"Prioritise funding for a new hospital for King's Lynn & West Norfolk":

- <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/590390>
- Headed up by 'Love West Norfolk' Ambassador James Bagge

"Build a new hospital for King's Lynn":

- <https://www.change.org/p/build-a-new-hospital-for-king-s-lynn>
- Promoted by the EDP newspaper