NIF application

Who are Sustainable Communities Hulme C.I.C.?

SusCoHulme are a member led community interest company, who are looking to improve and expand green infrastructure of Hulme, whilst improving traffic calming measures for our local neighbourhood. We aim to have all projects be multi-benefit and improve local climate resilience.

What would we like to do?

We are looking for funds to plant up and maintain the existing green space (Figure 1), and begin our planning for the second phase of the green space, expansion and inclusion of a Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS, Figure 2).

Improving green space – Phase 1

We will be improving the biodiversity and appearance of the space on the corner of Saint Marys St and Parsonage St through community planting and maintenance (Figure 1). We expect the costed time of this project to run for 6 months.



Figure 1: Improving green space aims, outcomes, and location.

Through phase 1 of the project we will directly involve local stakeholders, these include: residents, an NHS dentist, the Kath Locke Centre, Loretto College, Legacy FM, and the Kurdish Centre. To engage stakeholders we will flyer them and speak to organisation representatives, and residents living in the immediate vicinity.

We will provide local stakeholders with an opportunity to:

- help with deciding what plants should be used,
- help with maintenance,
- and apply to be a member of the Sustainable Communities Hulme C.I.C.

SuDS scheme – Phase 2

On Parsonage Street outside Parsonage Dental Practice there is an unused off-road paved space, which is ideal for transformation into a SuDS scheme. The area is currently a flood risk zone 3, susceptible to surface water flooding due to rainfall (Figure 3). The SuDS scheme will help improve flood resilience for the local stakeholders.



SuDS

Parsonage Street

Aims
- Extend existing tree area
- Introduce more fruit trees
- SuDS

Outcomes
- Flood resilience
- Biodiversity improvements

Figure 3: SuDS scheme aims, outcomes, and location.

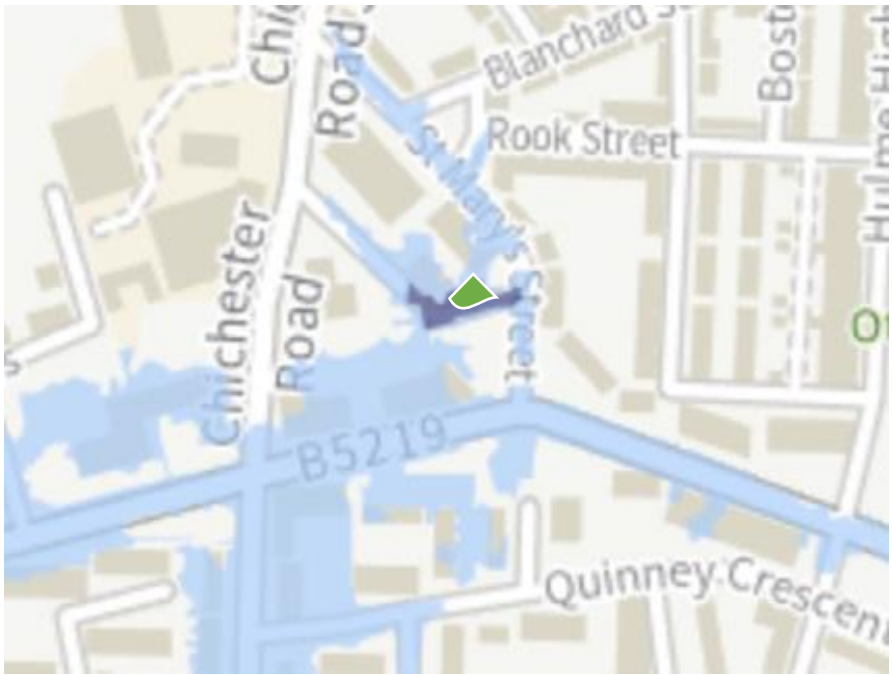


Figure 2: Flood risk, EA website. SuDS scheme shown in green. Dark blue colouration indicates a flood risk zone 3, the highest surface water flood risk zone.

What are our outcomes?

By delivering a volunteer led green space, will provide:

- improved visual aspect,
- greater local biodiversity
- a community growing space

Improved local aspect will be measured using simple Likert surveys to stakeholders before and after green space improvement.
We will measure the changes in biodiversity through counting species before and after the plants are added to the green space.

As this is the first project our organisation is undertaking, we intend to develop organisational skills, and methods. We aim to learn:

- How to best facilitate local green space maintenance.
- Local engagement routes

Measuring facilitation of green space will be achieved by regular visual inspections of the planters by directors, and comparing this with how volunteers are engaged. Once we have found a good way to facilitate maintenance, we plan to deploy more green infrastructure across Hulme.

How will the money be spent?

We will use the funding to purchase utility mapping, plants, maintenance tools, insurance (indemnity, liability, product), utility maps for the area, and planning permission for a the SuDS scheme.

Item	**Detail**	**Cost (£)**
Plants	*Phase 1*	800
Maintenance tools	*Phase 1 & 2* Litter pickers (4x£4) Bag openers (4x£10) Strimmer (1x£100) Pruners (2x£30) Pruner sharpener (1x£10) Watering can (£5) Trowel (2x£5)	250
Insurance	*Phase 1 & 2*	250
Planning permission costs	*Phase 2*	462
Utility mapping	*Phase 2*	150
Engagement materials and room rental	*Phase 1*	88
Total		**£2000**

Thank you for reviewing our application. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to email: suscohulme@gmail.com