



Broken Bridges Nature Reserve

Helping the City deliver its' environmental, social and economic goals

Request for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Grant

Salisbury Guildhall

4th November 2024

<https://mybrokenbridges.org.uk/donate>

What the Community asks of Salisbury City Council

- **£50,000 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) grant to enable the completion of the purchase of 35 acres of Fitzgerald Farm**
- On purchase this land will be subject to an asset-lock within the Community Interest Company (CIC)
- Approval of this CIL Funding request will:
 - Put us within touching distance of the negotiated price (commercial-in-confidence)
 - Enable our private donors, who have pledged to close the gap
 - Unlock significant s106 money and create a platform for future grants, subsidies and donations to drive improvements to facilities & lives of Salisbury residents
 - Avoid any impact on SCC's General Reserve
- This CIL grant would come without future costs, liability or commitments to SCC.

Sources of Funding

Source	Total	Running Total
S106	£ 75,000	£ 75,000
Grants	£ 10,200	£ 85,200
Donations	£ 80,368	£ 165,568
CIL	£ 50,000	£ 215,568



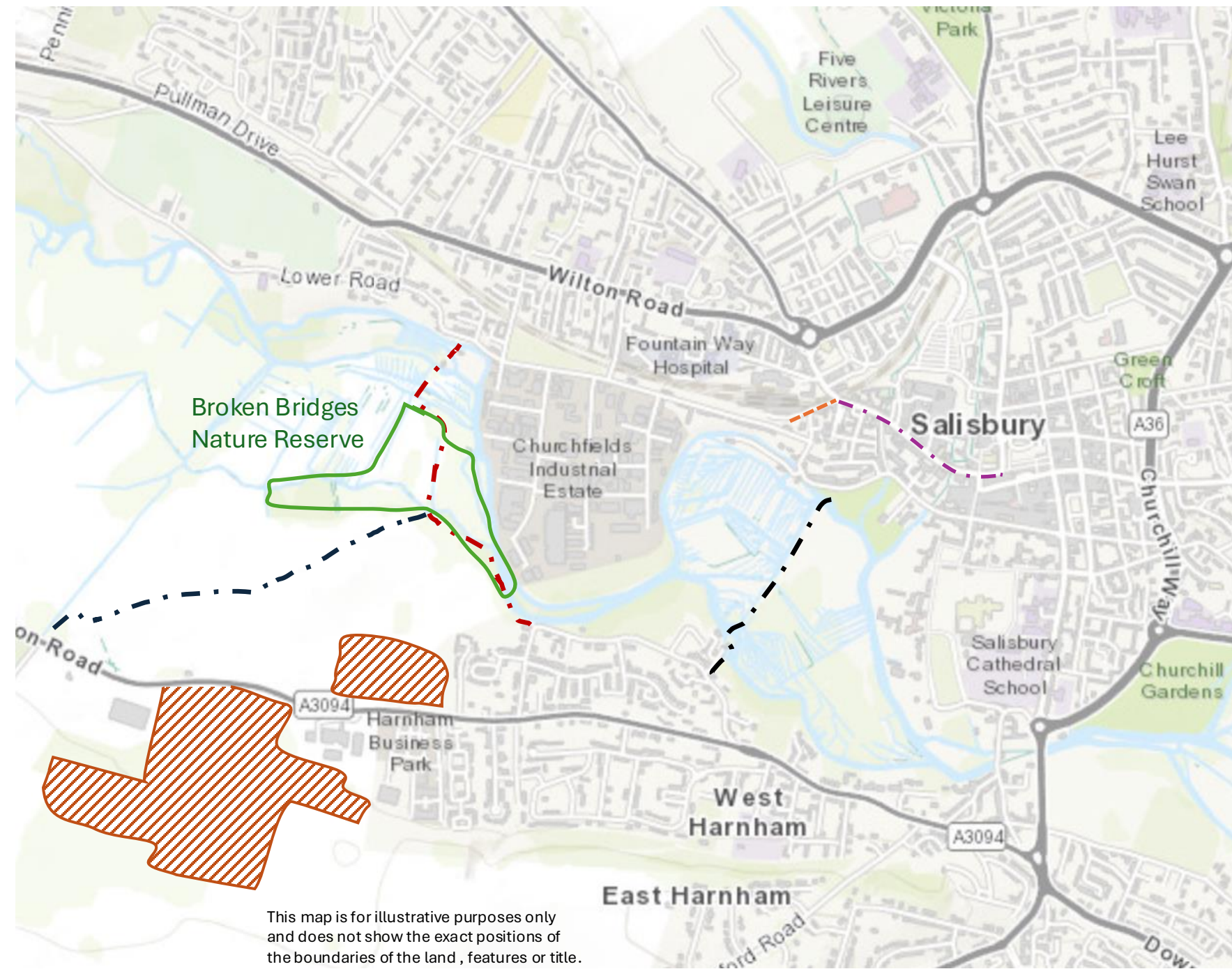
Benefits for City – A Green Lung and Nature Corridor

- Broken Bridges Nature Reserve will aim to address three of the most important issues of current times:
 - **Biodiversity Loss**
 - **Access to green space for health and wellbeing**
 - **Climate Change**
- The total acreage is **35 acres** or 14.2 hectares, comprising approximately 2/3 unimproved meadows and 1/3 woodland.
- The **River Nadder and Spring Creek** together with their banks are part of the River Avon System SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) and SAC (Special Area of Conservation).
- The **floodplain** meadow remains one of the rarest lowland grassland types in the UK.
- The **woodland** is predominantly '*salix carr*' - wild, transient, boggy and rare.

Dactylorhiza incarnata
a marsh-orchid



Lost from many sites in Wiltshire, Broken Bridges has a rare subspecies which needs to be protected.



This map is for illustrative purposes only and does not show the exact positions of the boundaries of the land, features or title.



Benefits for Salisbury – Social and Economic



- Once in lifetime opportunity to securing and improving much loved local natural asset. Huge local support from Salisbury residents
- Fostering sense of community and pride in place



- Better access to businesses in Churchfields, Fisherton Street and City Centre for residents in Harnham and 800+ new homes in Netherhampton and West Harnham
- Maximizing the investments and use of the railway station and Fisherton Street
- Avoid any impact on SCC's General Reserve
- Releasing £75k Wiltshire Council planning obligation monies for Salisbury residents



- Enhancing Salisbury's reputation as a great place to live and invest in
- Supports any future development in Churchfields



- Mitigating inevitable increase in traffic congestion on Harnham Road once houses built
- Reduced car journeys and pollution into Salisbury City centre
- Easing pressure on parking, allowing more space for those travelling further

Ophioglossum vulgatum
or 'Adders-tongue'



Abundant in 2009, none found in 2024

Benefits for Salisbury – Environmental



- Reverse decline, enhancing Salisbury’s biodiversity, reinforcing tree planting projects and River Park investment
- Improved management of Salisbury’s SSSI sites
- Improved fencing, arboriculture and public right of way
- Improved flood management



- Promoting wellbeing through active volunteering in conservation and research
- Natural resource for schools, College and 6th Form Centre for planned educational activities
- Carefully managed public access to natural environment



- Improved pedestrian/cycling/disabled access between Bemerton and Harnham and for 800+ new homes in Netherhampton and West Harnham to Salisbury
- Promoting physical health through active travel



Salisbury Residents support....

270 residents wrote supporting designation as Community of Asset Value

“Having the opportunity to protect and improve access to nature for the residents of Salisbury here would make the whole area a wonderful asset for the city.”

“...an oasis of calm where one can walk, away from roads, with easy access to nature and beautiful views.”

Donated £85,368 to date

“Broken Bridges is a gem in our city and must be kept as a nature reserve.”

“Having sought the opinions of many of my neighbours, I know local support for this application is massive.”

“It is an incredibly important piece of habitat for a whole range of wildlife and a vital area of green space on the edge of the city.”

“Please save Broken Bridges, it was my only safe place when I was abused as a child”

“It’s imperative the integrity of this gorgeous area is rescued from its derelict state, preserved and enhanced.”



You have the opportunity today to:

- Unlock significant additional funding, including £75k s106 money, while creating a platform for future national grants and subsidies to drive improvements to facilities & the lives of Salisbury residents
- Secure a treasured community asset of value for generations to come.
- Reverse biodiversity loss whilst improving the quality and access to green space for health and wellbeing.



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