

Section 106 Monies Committed

Developers are often required through Section 106 planning agreements to make financial contributions towards the provision or improvement of infrastructure if a need is generated by the new developments. These monies must be spent as set out in the planning agreements and in accordance with government guidance.

For Councillors' information, below are the details of the latest projects to which S106 developer funds have been committed from funds collected under the Transport and Libraries categories.

S106 Category: Transport

Car Club

As part of the planning conditions for Geraint Thomas House, a S106 contribution was collected to be used to contribute towards the provision and implementation of a Car Club on or near to the Development to benefit its residents. A dedicated parking space outside the front of the development has also been allocated. The Car Club car can also be used by any Crawley resident or business.

A total of £20,007 has been collected towards this purpose. To date £17,664 has been spent on providing a car club for a period of 3 years, due to complete in 2024. It is proposed that the remaining £2,343 Section 106 money for Geraint Thomas House is spent on boosting membership uptake of the Car Club by creating a digital advert for use on display screens including Queens Square and bus shelters around the town. Any remaining money will be used for social media advertising. To complement this promotion, Co Wheels is to provide a time limited offer to residents. It is anticipated that this promotion will boost utilisation so that when the 3-year funding comes to an end, the Car Club Car will be able to continue to operate without further financial support.

Station Gateway

£76,182.16 of S106 Transport monies currently held by Crawley Borough Council are being used as match funding towards the Station Gateway Public Realm Improvement scheme, as part of the Crawley Growth Programme.

The S106 monies will specifically be used as a contribution towards the design costs of the scheme. The design work will focus on the Martletts – Haslett Avenue West – Friary Way public realm, a new segregated cycle path on Station Way and the Friary Way bus station upgrade, including changes to the junction at Friary Way. This will support the overall aim of transforming this key Gateway into Crawley.

Route 200

In February 2021 the council's planning committee resolved to grant the Gatwick School in Crawley permanent planning permission. The main bus route for the school is the Route 200 buses and it is anticipated that growth in pupil numbers at the school will mean that the capacity of these two Route 200 buses will be exceeded.

A developer contribution of £84,000 has been received to support an additional service, operated by Metrobus, on route 200 during the morning peak hour during school term time to arrive at Gatwick Road North between 08:00 and 08:20 for three years. It is anticipated that during the three-year period the general demand for the Route 200 bus service will grow as residential development along that route occurs and in consequence of passengers discovering the additional service and switching to bus travel such that Metrobus will at the

end of the three years be in a position to consider running the service without subsidy to and from Gatwick School.

S106 Category: Libraries

Crawley Library Improvements

£17,515.33 of S106 Libraries monies currently held by Crawley Borough Council are being used by the library service, who are programming a phase 2 package of improvements at Crawley Library. The project will consist of a new reception desk on the ground floor and associated ground floor layout revisions to meet additional demand.