

## **LANDFILL COMMUNITIES FUND**

### **Approved Objects**

Approved objects are:

- A. Reclamation, remediation, restoration or any other operation that facilitates the economic, social or environmental use of land where its use has been prevented or restricted because of previous use.**

A site need not be contaminated to qualify for contributions. The creation of new wildlife habitats or public parks; redevelopment; or other environmental or amenity improvements; are examples of projects that would qualify for contributions. No benefit must accrue to any person who carries out or knowingly permitted the previous use.

- B. Any operation intended to prevent or reduce any potential for pollution or to remedy or mitigate the effects of any pollution on land polluted by a previous activity.**

This includes operations which use techniques to treat contaminated soil on site or operations that remove the soil and return it to the original site after treatment. No benefit must accrue to any person who carried out or knowingly permitted the previous use.

- D. Where it is for the protection of the environment, the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or amenity in the vicinity of a landfill site.**

The environment is interpreted as including the social and built environment as well as the natural environment. Projects which do not relate to a public park must relate to another amenity. An amenity is something that makes the environment more pleasant or comfortable and/or improves the aesthetic qualities of an area for the general public. Common examples of amenities include activity centres, bridleways and cycle paths, community centres, village halls, sporting facilities, museums and libraries. A park or amenity is open to the public if it is for the public as a whole and there are no unreasonable limitations as to the people who can use it for example parks and amenities only accessible to specific user groups defined by age, sex, disability, race. However it is acknowledged that some parks and amenities by their nature may have certain restrictions places on their use, For example, the equipment in a play area may be restricted to a certain age range for health and safety reasons but the amenity as a whole

can be used by the general public as they can access the play area. The park or amenity must not be operated with a view to profit and open to all to join if the facility is operated on a membership basis.

**DA. Where it is for the protection of the environment, the conservation or promotion of biological diversity through**

- (i) the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat; or**
- (ii) the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat; on land or water situated in the vicinity of a landfill site.**

Works must relate to a particular site which need not be open to the public. Neither the project site or the organisation running it may operate with a view to profit. The work must not be required by any order, notice, agreement, act or condition.

NB "biological diversity" has the same meaning as in the United Nations Environmental Programme Convention on Biological Diversity of 1992.

This would include the creation of wildlife habitats, conservation areas and urban forestry, and the promotion of positive land management and community involvement.

**E. Where it is for the protection of the environment, the maintenance, repair or restoration of a building or other structure which is a place of religious worship or of historic or architectural interest.**

Such places must be open to the public. They must be located within the vicinity of a landfill site and must not be operated with a view to profit.

**F. The provision of financial, administration and other similar services to enrolled environmental bodies.**

You may use contributions to finance your own administration costs. However, the proportion of landfill operators' contributions that you spend on administration must not be higher than the proportion of your total income spent in this area. You may also provide financial, administration and other such services to other enrolled environmental bodies.

**Note**

Objects C and CC were removed from the Scheme on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003.

Object DA was added on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2003