

Applications for Funds for Local Highway Improvements

What Funding Is Available?

Cambridgeshire County Council is making a budget available for applications from local communities who would like to take a shared approach to providing small projects to improve their local highways and streets.

This approach gives local people a real influence over highway improvements in their community.

Successful projects will be those that will provide improvements considered to offer benefit to the local community. For example, better signing and road markings, pedestrian improvements, parking controls or dropped crossing points.

Who Can Apply for the Funding?

All community groups and charities are eligible to apply for the funding.

How Do I Apply For The Funding?

You can apply using the application form attached.

Applications should be submitted by no later than 12th September 2014. Applicants can seek up to a maximum £10,000 as a contribution to their projects, which could include highway improvements for as little as £500. The expectation is that the applicant will provide at least 10% or more of the overall cost of their project. Where an applicant is able to offer a greater percentage contribution the bid will be looked upon more favorably.

We ask applicants to identify the objective of their bid e.g. to reduce traffic speeds or assist pedestrians and applicants can indicate a preference for a particular type of solution however, it should be noted that until detailed work is carried out, no guarantee can be given to the deliverability of their preferred solution. The attached guide gives an indication of typical costs of various highway improvements.

County Council officers will provide advice on issues such as safety and deliverability in order for each panel to prioritise each application.

Applicants should demonstrate that there is support for the scheme from local people. The panels will take into account the views of local Parish Councils and District Councillors as appropriate, before making recommendations on allocating the funding.

Things To Consider When Applying

Where improvements are constructed to County Council standards, long-term maintenance will become the responsibility of the County Council.

However, any on-going running costs – such as electricity for street lights or regular routine safety equipment maintenance inspections – will need to be met by the applying group.

We recognise that communities may want to adopt a higher standard of design, such as incorporating special materials or features to enhance the local environment.

We are happy to work with applicants who wish to adopt this approach, provided they are prepared to take responsibility for the additional maintenance liability. The Member panels will be asked to reflect on any implications of adopting a higher design standard.

Further Help

Your Area Highways Team are always available to advise on any aspect of this initiative on 0345 045 5212.

Please return your application to:

local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Local Highway Improvement Initiative Funding Application Form

Please complete all sections of this form.

Please note failure to provide adequate information may result in your proposal being discounted, or further information being sought.

Applying Organisation: WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

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Location of Proposal:

CHAPEL STREET, WATERBEACH

Objectives of Proposal: What would you like to address? What would you like to achieve? (e.g. Speed control, new footway, parking restrictions etc).

THE PROPOSAL IS FOR THE PROVISION OF A ZEBRA CROSSING ON CHAPEL STREET, BETWEEN THE GAULT, A VILLAGE OPEN SPACE WITH PLAY EQUIPMENT, AND NICE'S GARAGE.

WE REQUEST THE INCORPORATION OF RED AND WHITE '**SLOW**' SIGNS PAINTED ON THE CARRIAGEWAY APPROACHING THE CROSSING AND '**GIVE WAY**' SIGNS AT THE JUNCTIONS OF GREENSIDE WITH CHAPEL STREET AND ST ANDREW'S HILL AND CHAPEL STREET; ROADS THAT ARE EITHER SIDE OF THE PROPOSED CROSSING.

There are businesses and other facilities such as the recreation ground that are positioned either side of the road and pedestrians have to make many crossings in order to access these businesses and facilities. The viability of the shops is also threatened by the lack of a crossing point.

The Parish Plan Survey 2007 (Attached) indicates the concern of residents many old, infirm and people with disabilities live in and use the area and currently take some risks to cross the road.

We also have children crossing to and from the recreation ground for play and to attend Waterbeach Colts Football Club and the Way Project Youth initiative. Both are a vital part of our strategy to provide activities for our young people.

THIS APPLICATION IS A REPEAT OF APPLICATIONS MADE PREVIOUSLY AND IS ONLY FOR A CROSSING PROVISION.

Panels will score each of the proposals received against the following aims of the LHI initiative:

1) Persistent Problems:

The degree to which ongoing difficulties are addressed

2) Road Safety:

The degree to which a proposal could reduce hazards or improve road safety

3) Community Improvement: (social or economic)

The degree to which a proposal addresses something felt to be very important locally.

Each of these aims will be scored in the following way:

Aims 1 - 3

Score 0: **Fails** to deliver any improvement

Score 1-3: Delivers **few** of the aims of the LHI initiative

Score 4-6: Delivers **some** of the aims of the LHI initiative

Score 7-9: Delivers a **substantial** improvement

Any Local Highway Improvement that includes changes to the Public Highway that will require Police enforcement or physical traffic calming features will need informal consultation prior to the submission with Cambs Police via Derek Crosby, Traffic Management Officer. derek.crosby@cambs.pnn.police.uk. 01480 422458

e.g. speed limit changes, parking restrictions or physical traffic calming features in the carriageway.

Please detail the comments of Derek Crosby, Traffic Management Officer, Cambridgeshire Police in the box below.

If your proposal does not need Police consultation then write not applicable in the box.

Derek Crosby has been consulted and responded that whilst he has some concern regarding the proposed location and the identification of desire lines, these issues can be assessed, determined and addressed by the highway design engineers.

In essence, the proposal for the installation of a formal crossing in order to enhance road safety and care for the most vulnerable road user, namely the pedestrian is worthy of merit and fully supported by police.

Please outline how your proposal fulfills the LHI Initiative aims.

It is very difficult for pedestrians to cross Chapel Street and Cambridge Rd in the vicinity of the Gault and Village green due to relatively high volumes of fast traffic. This is particularly bad at peak times when the village is used as a rat run by traffic trying to escape the congestion on the A10. In the last 12 months there have been traffic accidents including a cyclist who was injured. Long term parking, partly driven by a 7% increase in usage of the Railway Station, is also a problem in this area adding to the dangers of crossing the road. The introduction of a crossing would deter parking thus improving safety.

Road Safety: e.g. improving crossing facilities for pedestrians

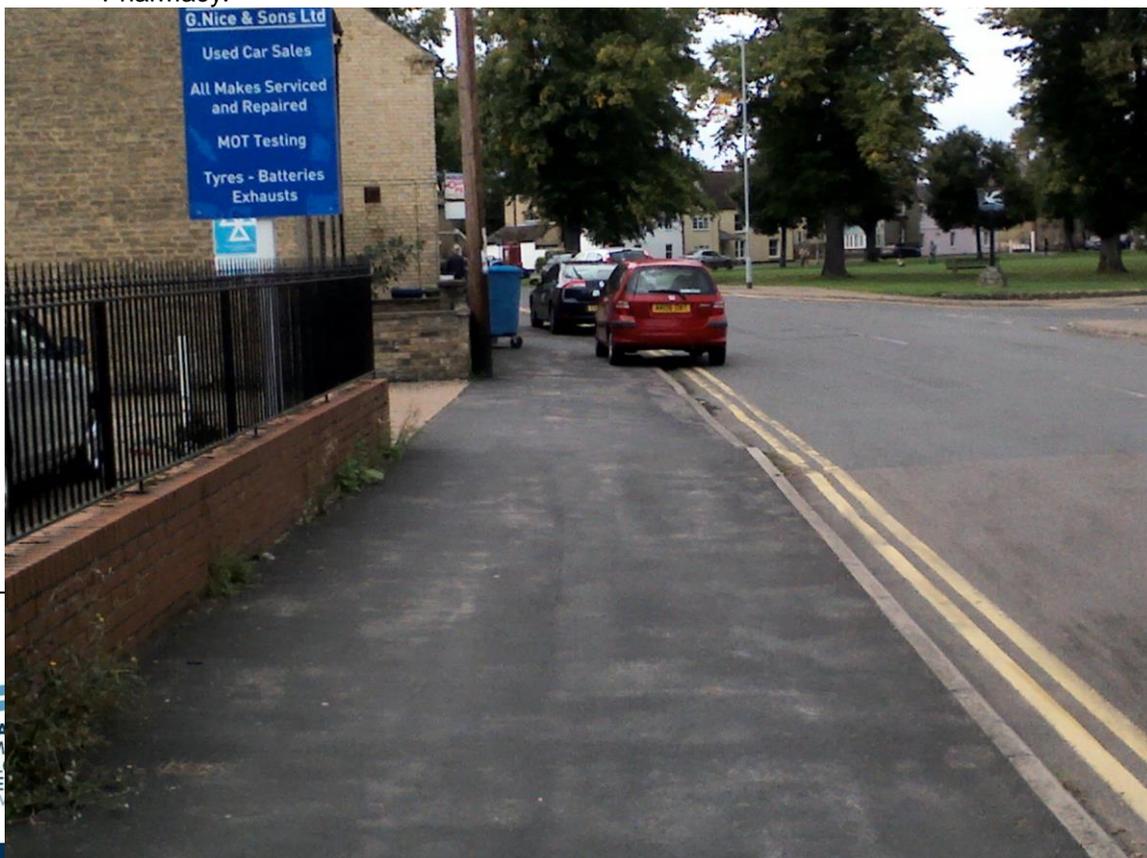
Waterbeach PC firmly believes that a crossing in this area is essential for the safety of pedestrians and the traffic levels in the village steadily rise. We further believe that it is long overdue and hope that after several attempts we are able to gain some financial support for the scheme. We hope that a crossing will provide a visual reminder to motorists that there are pedestrians to consider and they should slow down. We also hope to deter parking to give better lines of site when crossing.

Community Improvement: e.g. new streetlight or disabled parking spaces

The Residents Waterbeach have indicated their desire for a crossing in this area as far back as the Parish Plan in 2007 and the council have been working towards that ever since.

Some of the reasons identified to justify this crossing are

- Provide safe Crossing for children going to recreation ground. This is supported by a letter from the Chair Waterbeach Colts which is attached.
- Provide safe crossing for pedestrians particularly the young and aged to pass between the shops that are situated either side of the road. This is supported by an letter which I have attached, this is from the Sheltered Housing Officer who is responsible for Chapel Close complex
- Being able to safely cross this road should deter illegal parking on the bend in front of the Pharmacy.



Please attach additional information in support of your application e.g. plans, correspondence. (Maximum of 3 pages)

Attachments: Letter from Waterbeach Colts.
Letter from Sheltered Housing Officer
Extract from Parish Plan Survey 2007

Financial Contribution:

Can you confirm that you understand that you will be asked to contribute at least 10% of the cost of the scheme?

Yes

Please note that unless you are able to contribute 10% of the costs your proposal **will not** be assessed.

The estimated cost of your project: £__25K_____ (see indicative costs)

We are looking for £10K with Waterbeach PC contributing the Balance

Thank you for taking the time to submit your proposal.