

APPLICATION FORM

Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative 2016/17

Please ensure you have read through the supporting LHI guidance document before completing this application form. You must complete all sections, failure to provide adequate information may result in your application being discounted or further information being requested. It is strongly advised that you contact the Local Projects team to discuss your application prior to submission. The options available are outlined in the LHI application guidance notes.

Please return your completed application to local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Deadline for submission - **Monday 2nd November 2015**

Applicant Details;

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OBJECTIVES OF YOUR PROPOSAL: *(see guidance notes)*

What highway issue or improvement would you like to address?
What solution are you proposing? (e.g. Speed control, new footway, parking restrictions etc).

SUMMARY OF OBJECTIVES:

This application aim to achieve the following key objective:
Increase safety for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists at the interchange of Garden Walk and Bateson Road

Background

There is a T-junction at the interchange of Garden Walk with Bateson Road. Garden Walk is two-way traffic heading south into Victoria Road, yet the majority of vehicular traffic is southbound into Victoria Road as vehicles are not permitted to enter into Garden Walk from Victoria road, leaving the balance of the north-wards vehicular traffic to local residents access. The same does not apply to cyclists who use the two-way traffic at both directions in similar volumes. One end of the T-junction is the rear entry to the Chesterton High School which is used heavily by students during peak hours. Besides students and local residents, the junction is heavily used by residents of Arbury wishing to reach Victoria Road heading east towards Victoria Bridge/Midsummer Common area, hence it carries disproportionate traffic to its size. It is a preferred route as it does not have speed bumps or traffic congestion like Stretten Avenue due to the dual vehicle nature of traffic.

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OBJECTIVES (continued)

Problem

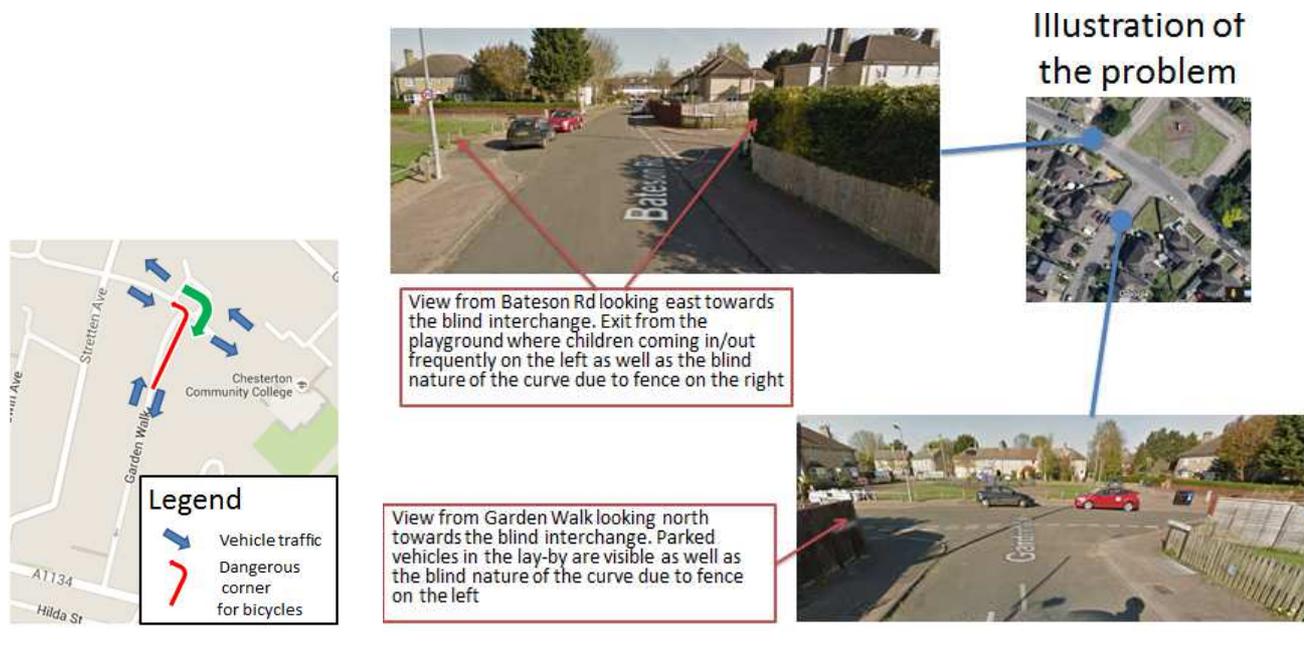
Cyclists approaching the interchange from Garden walk moving northwards into Bateson Road (red arrow – refer image below) can be hit by vehicles turning into Garden walk from Bateson Road travelling west to east (green arrow). Due to the blind nature of the curve, pedestrians crossing as well as students hanging around the interchange during peak hours are also at risk of injury from vehicle collision. The problem is further aggravated by parked cars at the interchange, practically forcing vehicles from Bateson Road to turn into the oncoming traffic lane of Garden Walk.

Public Consultation

As part of the community improvement projects lead by the Bateson Green initiative, the community has raised significant concerns about the safety of the interchange. However, no specific consultation has been undertaken to identify a solution. This is something that we seek to be undertaken as part of this proposal once the funding is approved.

Suggested Solution

Following consultation with the County Council and in particular Steve Thullborn with whom we met on site, it is clear that the solutions may vary from a simple improved sign-posting and road marking all the way to a more engineered solution that could entail changing the flow of traffic or parking patterns. Whichever solution is put forward, it is evident that the lives of the properties immediately adjacent to the interchange will be affected and thus require a careful and targeted consultation. As such, this proposal is **not** putting forward a particular solution, but rather seeks the expert consultation of the traffic officers from the council to put forward suggested solutions and through a public consultation plan, land on the most appropriate solution.



CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE COMMENTS: (see guidance notes)

If your application does not need Police consultation then please write not applicable in the box below.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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| County Council LHI funding applied for: | £10,000 | Maximum £10,000 |
| + | | |
| Applicant contribution: | £1,000 | Minimum of 10% of total cost |
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| Total Estimated Project Cost: | £11,000 | Total of above (see indicative costs) |

Please note that unless you contribute at least 10% of the total cost, your proposal **will not** be assessed. It is strongly advised that you contact the Local Projects team on the above email address to discuss this part of your application.

Please outline how your proposal fulfills the following aims of the LHI Initiative;

PERSISTENT PROBLEM: (see guidance document)

How does your proposal aim to address the problem and to what degree will it resolve or improve it?

This problem has troubled our community for a long time. The Garden Walk Residents association has spent a lot of effort in the past to place on the tarmac signs of bicycles to warn vehicles moving southbound Garden Walk of oncoming bicycle traffic. As for the interchange, we have witnessed a number of near misses.

ROAD SAFETY: (see guidance document)

How will your proposal contribute to improving road safety?

It will significantly reduce the risk to cyclist, pedestrians and vehicles alike at the interchange. This will occur by reducing the probability of collision by finding a solution to reduces the overall risk

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT: (see guidance document)

How does your proposal provide community improvement?

Given the presence of the High School and children using Bateson Green park, the community will benefit significantly by reducing the risk of injury and allowing parents a higher peace of mind for the commute of their children.
Additionally, it is worth mentioning that our community features many elderly residents who are waking their pets on the adjacent Park (Bateson Green) and improvement of the interchange safety will further encourage them walking through that interchange

ADDED VALUE: (see guidance document)

Are there any additional benefits to your proposal?

The community is currently investing significantly in the improvement of the adjacent park (Bateson Green) which directly faces the interchange. By improving the safety of the interchange, Bateson Green's use will be improved as the associated access hazard will be reduced.

Thank you for taking the time to submit your proposal.