

Cycling and Walking Promotion Grants: APPLICATION FORM 2012-2013

ABOUT YOUR GROUP/ORGANISATION

Q1 What is the name of the group / organisation?

The Accordia Bridge Group

Q2 For this application, who is the contact?

Dr Nigel Harris

Q3 What is their position in the group / organisation?

Chair

Q4 What is their daytime telephone number, address and e-mail address?

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Q5 If you are a voluntary group/Charity please answer the following questions:

5a) What are the names of the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of the group?

Chair: Dr Nigel Harris

Secretary: Stuart Weir

Treasurer: Ian Cray

5b) What are the main aims of the group?

To secure the construction of a foot-bridge over Hobson's Conduit to bring about beneficial community connectivity, linking the Accordia development and the eastern half of south Cambridge with

access to the railway station and buses with Empty Common and the western half of Cambridge with additional access to north and south Cambridge;

b. To encourage and organise as necessary improvement of the environment and biodiversity of the east bank of the Conduit and its water flow.

THE PROJECT

Q7 What is the name of the project you want us to fund?

Bridge over Hobson's Brook connecting pedestrian networks on each side. Outline Planning Approval Nov 2012. 12/1078/OUT

Q8 Please give a description of the project - include information such as how the project will meet one or more of the aims of the grant, how will it work, who is the project aimed at and where will it be based.

This would link the pedestrian network within the Accordia site to the existing paths that run alongside the west side of the conduit and around the west side of the allotments. The width of the bridge would provide good manoeuvrability and easy access to wheelchair users and parents with push-chairs. The path link to the bridge on the Accordia side would be in permeable rolled hoggin with edging to match the existing paths in Accordia. All construction to be above the root protection zone of the trees and to avoid any impact on the puddled lining of the watercourse. The east end of the bridge will be level with the existing path and on the west side to fall modestly to the level of the existing footpath.

Q9 Where will the project be based?

Adjacent to CB2 8DA. Off-site partial pre- fabrication of bridge superstructure will minimise construction time on site.

Q10 Who will manage the project?

The works specification will be subject to advice received from the local authority in relation to construction being of adoptable standard. Following a pre-qualification exercise of potential contractors, we will undertake a competitive tendering process for a design and build contract. The on-site work will be supervised by a structural engineer and architect (trustees). Local authority Building Control, Planning and Public Realm officers will inspect

Q11 How many people will benefit and how will you measure this?

A footbridge will make a significant contribution to permeability. It will increase ease of movement at a local level, opening up access for Accordia residents to the green spaces of Empty Common, its amenities, the allotments and in time to a community orchard; and for residents of neighbouring communities to the Accordia shop, play area and garden space; and at a city-wide level, facilitating connectivity for residents of south Cambridge to the railway station, bus routes, Addenbrooke's and the city centre. We estimate that pedestrian movements in the area will increase between 25-30% from the existing light levels of less the 100 movements/day.

Q12 Are you working with any partners? If so please give details.

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FUNDING

Q13 What are the project's start and finish dates?

Start: Autumn 2013

Finish: Dec 2013

Q14 If the project is ongoing, how will it be funded once the Cycling and Walking Promotion funding ends?

We anticipate that post completion the bridge will not require significant resources with the exception of quinquennial maintenance. We anticipate that the bridge will be adopted by the City Council post completion.

Q15 What are the full costs of the project?

Please attach a detailed breakdown of the costs, together with quotes, where appropriate.

Item/activity (Quantity/ Units)		Total cost (£)
Planning		760
Building control		640
Licence		3000
Insurance		950
Design and build		13200
Contingency		1300

Total Project Costs-

19850

Q16 How much funding are you seeking from the Cycling and Walking Promotion Grant?

15% of total project costs - £2875.

Q17 What, if any, are your other sources of funding for this project?

Veolia Environment Trust

MONITORING

Q18 How will you monitor the project?

The trustees come from a variety of professional and managerial background. The trustees all have experience in a variety, of community, charitable and local authority engagement. We have extensive experience in the fields of finance, public relations, construction management with specific expertise in planning, structural engineering and architecture. One of our trustees is professionally involved in evaluating and managing grant aid applications and projects for The Heritage Lottery Fund and English 'Arm's length body'.

Q19 How will you assess the outcome(s) or success of the project?

Success will be measured by monitoring how much use is made of the bridge. The completion of the bridge will approximately coincide with the release of the 65 new allotments on Empty Common. It is known to us that a number of Accordia residents have applied for an allotment and it is expected that more will apply when access via the bridge is made possible. We would expect to see Accordia residents broadening their present active interest in the green spaces on the east bank to include similar conservation management on the west bank of the Brook. It is not beyond the trustees to count the number of people using the brookside walk on a typical fine Saturday in May this year, and then conduct a count again under similar conditions when the bridge is built.

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