

LOCAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS 2015-16

To: Cambridge City Joint Area Committee

Meeting Date: 28th October 2014

From: Executive Director: Economy, Transport & Environment

Electoral division(s): All

Purpose: To consider and score the applications from community groups for funding under the Local Highway Improvement Initiative.

Recommendation: Determine by scoring, which applications should be taken forward for delivery in 2015/16 Local Highway Improvement Initiative.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** The Local Highway Improvement Initiative (LHI) is popular with communities in Cambridgeshire. It enables them to propose improvements to the highway with the County Council funding up to £10,000. Previous improvements have included parking controls, footpath extensions, feasibility studies and localised traffic calming.
- 1.2** Each community have to pledge at least 10% of the cost of the project and to apply for LHI funding during the summer / autumn of the preceding year.
- 1.3** Each 'District/ City Council' area of Cambridgeshire has its own allocation of funding for the LHI initiative. A panel of Local Members assesses the applications in their area and scores them in order of preference

2. LOCAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCORING PROCESS

- 2.1** The LHI applications for the Cambridge City area are to be assessed by the Cambridge City Joint Area Committee.
- 2.2** The rationale for proposing which applications are delivered is based upon the scoring system and available budget per District/ City Council area. The scoring categories and criteria are as follows:

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 member of the panel will score each of the 3 categories (above) using the scoring guideline below.

Score 0: Fails to deliver any improvement

Score 1-3: Delivers few improvements/ aims of the LHI Initiative

Score 4-6: Delivers some improvements/ aims of the LHI Initiative

Score 7-9: Delivers substantial improvement/ aims of the LHI Initiative

- 2.3** Cambridge City area has County Council funding available for allocation in 2015/16. The CJAC will score the applications and the scores will determine the rank of projects. Funding estimates within the applications will be listed and projects scoring high enough will be recommended for delivery in 2015/16.
- 2.4** Any application scoring less than 4 will not be recommended for delivery in 2014/15 as it delivers few or none of the improvements/ aims of the LHI Initiative.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officers:

- LHI funding can be delivered by supply chain staff that live in Cambridgeshire.
- LHI projects can improve links to local places of work or commerce.

3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

The following bullet point sets out details of implications identified by officers:

- LHI projects can improve the highway network in such a way that people have greater access to the network, promoting walking or cycling.

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

The following bullet point sets out details of implications identified by officers:

- Vulnerable people can be supported by the LHI process by improving road safety, removal of parked vehicles or by accessibility improvements.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

Resources to deliver the LHI Initiative have been securing within the Local Projects Team of Cambridgeshire County Council and with the Streets and Opens Spaces Team of Cambridge City Council.

4.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

If the CJAC does not score the LHI applications there is a risk that the LHI funding for Cambridge City may not be allocated and spent. In addition the City Council Environmental Improvement Projects programme has not yet had its allocation of funding confirmed.

4.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

Some LHI applications will significantly improve access for those with disabilities.

4.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

The Police will have to be consulted with any proposal that requires future enforcement action to be taken by the Police; examples include parking controls or changes to speed limits. It may be the case that projects are recommended for delivery in 2015/16 but the Police will not support the proposal.

4.5 Public Health Implications

- LHI projects can improve the highway network in such a way that people have greater access to the network, promoting walking or cycling.

SOURCE DOCUMENTS GUIDANCE

Source Documents	Location
<i>None.</i>	

Appendix 1

List of Applications for LHI funding 2015/16 in the City of Cambridge

Cambridge City				
Local Highway Improvements Applications 2015/16				
<i>Road Name/Local Community Group</i>	<i>Issue description/location</i>	<i>Likely cost</i>	<i>Level of contribution</i>	<i>Comments and possible improvements</i>
Adams Road/ Wilberforce Road (Newnham) - Newnham Councillors	Removal of redundant road signs and street furniture.	£1,800	10%	Some limited removal of no longer required infrastructure may be possible. Further parking restrictions under development in the area will inevitably increase signing overall.
Alex Wood Road/ Mere Way/ Carlton Way (Arbury) - City Cllr C Perry	Road narrowing/build-out to help reduce traffic speeds where people cross.	£3,000	10%	Some form of narrowing may be practicable but would be difficult to achieve close to the junction where most people are likely to cross. Would require further detailed investigation.
Bury Court (Petersfield) - residents group	Parking restrictions junction Bury Court with Stone Street.	£5,000	£500	Need for controls recognised. Likely deliverable, subject to local agreement and statutory process. Potential objections from other residents. Bury Court not all adopted highway. Similar restrictions in area proved contentious in past.

Carlyle Road/ Chesterton Road (Arbury) - City Cllr C Perry	Drainage improvements and safer crossing access for pedestrians.	£2,200	10%	Pedestrian and cyclist movement in the area is hampered by deep puddles following rain and vehicles turning into and out of the junction. Would require further detailed investigation.
Cavendish Avenue (Queen Ediths) - County Cllr A Taylor	Footway slab resurfacing.	£10,000	10%	Deliverable; fundamentally a maintenance scheme.
Chesterton High Street (East Chesterton) - County Cllr I Manning	Footway improvements in front of row of shops.	£20,000	50%	Would involve significant cost and thus be difficult to deliver within the scope of the LHI budget. Not supported as an EIP project by North Area Committee in Summer 2015.
Christchurch Street (Market) - County Cllr E Cearns	Suitable replacement of heritage style street lights.	£6,000	10%	Existing lighting due for replacement as part of County PFI project. Desire to replace with similar to existing.
Church End/ Neath Farm Court (Cherry Hinton) - County Cllr S Crawford	Parking controls in vicinity of junction.	£2,000	10%	Already fully funded in City Council's EIP programme 2014/15, subject to statutory processes.
Cockerell Road(Arbury) - City Cllr M Todd-Jones	Establishment of existing parking spaces in existing verge area, with protection of remaining areas via timber fencing and/or bollards.	£21,000	55%	A previous City Council EIP bid; so far not funded. Works estimate exceeds the £10k LHI limit, shortfall funding beyond 10% minimum required.

Davy Road (Coleridge) - County Cllr N Kavanagh	Limited waiting restrictions in Davy Road.	£2,000	10%	Significant parking demand. A management scheme, subject to local agreement and statutory process, could improve access but may lead to parking displacement into adjoining streets. Possibility to be included in an existing City Council funded scheme.
Ditton Lane (Abbey) - City Cllr R Johnson	30mph marking or additional signage.	£2,000	10%	The presence of street lighting in 30 mph limits constitutes repeater signing and further upright signs or carriageway roundels are specifically precluded. Alternative 'SLOW' carriageway markings may be practicable.
Emmanuel Street/ St. Andrews Street (Market) - County Cllr E Cearns	Installation of controlled pedestrian crossing.	£20,000	50%	Would involve significant cost and thus be difficult to deliver within the scope of the LHI budget.
French's Road (Arbury), St Lukes Primary School - City Cllr M Holland	Improved signage at school + pedestrian crossing.	£5,000	10%	The route is a cul-de-sac leading to a small business development. The suitability and need for the measures requested would require assessment.

Glebe Road/ Holbrook Road (Queen Ediths) - County Cllr A Taylor	Parking control & traffic calming measures.	£10,000	10%	Justification for parking controls would require assessment. These roads are likely to have their speed limit reduced to 20 mph as part of the next phase of the citywide project; subject to local support and statutory process. Completion anticipated November 2015.
Grange Road, near Cranmer Road (Newnham) - Selwyn College	Installation of a new Zebra crossing.	£15,000	33%	Feasibility assessment required. Cost will exceed LHI contribution, applicant will need to fund shortfall.
Green End Road/ Nuffield Road (East Chesterton) - County Cllr I Manning	Improvements to cycle facilities at mini-roundabout junction.	£11,000	10%	Improvement appears feasible but will require detailed design and safety comments.
Histon Road, near Borrowdale (Castle & Arbury) - City Cllr C Perry	Installation of a Zebra Crossing.	£20,000	50%	Feasibility assessment being undertaken as part of City Councils EIP programme 2014/15. If practicable, it would impact upon the existing speed camera - requiring either removal or relocation.
Kings Hedges Road (Kings Hedges) - Spencer Hagard	Improve shared-use cycleway between Milton Rd and Ramsden Square.	£11,000	10%	Cycleway part on/off road. Minor local adjustments may be possible. Trees in vicinity.
Lady Margaret Road (Castle) - City Cllr P Tucker	Install pedestrians phase on Madingley Road/ Lady Margaret Road junction traffic signals	£10,000 +	50%	May involve significant cost and thus be difficult to deliver within the scope of the LHI budget.
Madingley Road (Castle & Newnham) - City Cllr P Tucker	Complete cycleway improvement along Madingley Road to Park & Ride site.	£10,000 +	90%	Would involve significant cost and thus be difficult to deliver within the scope of the LHI budget.

Marshall Road (Queen Ediths) - County Cllr A Taylor	Parking control measures.	£5,000	10%	Narrow road with parking demand both sides. A management scheme, subject to local agreement and statutory process, could improve access but may lead to parking displacement into adjoining streets.
Mill Road (Petersfield & Romsey) cycle stands - Julian Huppert MP	Provision of new cycle parking stands in Mill Road.	£3,000	10%	Footway areas along Mill Road are well used and not all are adopted highway. Possible scope for additional cycle parking facilities, locations need to be agreed.
Mill Road, Install retractable bollards - Cllr Bourke	To facilitate temporary and partial road closures for special events.	10,000	10%	It is possible to install bollards in the carriageway of Mill Road, although any road closure would require additional signage. Maintenance may prove difficult.
Mill Road, Widen carriageway pinch point os Cutlacks - Cllr Bourke	Works to widen carriageway on Mill Road os Cutlacks to improve carriageway width.	£50,000	80%	Feasibility undertaken 2014/15, likely to involve realignment of underground services and purchasing of private land. East Area Committee did not allocate funding to project in 2014/15
Perse Way and Carlton Way junction area (Arbury) - City Cllrs M Todd-Jones & C Perry	Timber railing protection for grass areas to prevent parking in area around shops.	£4,500	10%	A previous City Council EIP bid; so far not funded. Works estimate exceeds the £10k LHI limit, shortfall funding beyond 10% minimum required.
Purbeck Road (Queen Ediths & Coleridge) - County Cllr A Taylor	Improvements to junction markings with Hills Road.	£2,000	10%	The introduction of 'give-way' road markings at the junction appears feasible.

Ramsden Square (Kings Hedges) - Neale Upstone	Access restrictions to reduce cut-through between Milton and Kings Hedges Roads.	£10,000	10%	A restriction is likely to be technically feasible, subject to a suitable location being identified and local resident's consultation and support. Also subject to statutory process.
River Lane junctions with Beche Road & Riverside (Abbey) - City Cllr R Johnson	Install 'STOP' sign at junctions.	£6,000	10%	Junction visibility is unlikely to be so restricted that a STOP marking and signs would be appropriate. Alternative junction markings might be considered.
Riverside (Abbey) - City Cllr R Johnson	Cycling/ Pedestrian access improvement trial.	£2,500	10%	This is a well-used route for walking and cycling along the river corridor into the city but facilities, especially for pedestrians, are limited. Likely to impact upon availability of on-street parking for residents, visitors and commuters.
Riverside (Abbey), Cycleway to rear of Tesco's - County Cllr J Whitehead	Improvements to slow cyclists joining Riverside from the cycleway to ensure safety for pedestrians using the Riverside footway.	£3,500	10%	It is unclear why the junction between the two routes is laid out as it is. Limited visibility and high cycle approach speed downhill compound dangers for pedestrians.
Riverside Bridge (Abbey) - City Cllr R Johnson	Riverside Bridge lane markings.	£1,000	10%	Road markings to better separate those using the river bridge from other users of Riverside, at the point of significant movement conflict.
Roseford Road adjacent Histon Road (Arbury) - City Cllr C Perry	Build-out narrowing of Roseford Road in the vicinity of Histon Road to reduce the speed of traffic turning and improve opportunities to cross the road.	£2,000	10%	Some form of narrowing Roseford Road may be practicable but would be difficult to achieve close to the junction where most people are likely to cross. Would require further detailed investigation.

Rosemary Lane/ Church End (Cherry Hinton) - County Cllr S Crawford	Installation of speed control feature.	£10,000	10%	These roads are likely to have their speed limit reduced to 20 mph as part of the next phase of the citywide project; subject to local support and statutory process. Completion anticipated November 2015.
Rotherwick Way, Alwyne Road, Hinton Avenue, Chalk Grove (Queen Ediths) - County Cllr A Taylor	Installation of new 'heritage' style street lighting.	£10000+	10%	Standard lighting replacement as part of County PFI contract. Likely to involve significant costs given the number of columns involved and thus unlikely deliverable within the scope of the LHI budget.
St Andrews Road area (East Chesterton) and Cutter Ferry Close (West Chesterton) - County Cllr I Manning	Parking restrictions.	£10,000	10%	Justification for parking controls would require assessment. Subject to consultation, statutory process and overall support.
St. Barnabas Court (Petersfield) - County Cllr A Walsh	Parking controls in area adjacent small play park.	£2,000	10%	Hi density cul-de-sac close to railway station and constructed with a shared surface lacking any specific parking controls. Justification would require assessment. Subject to consultation, statutory process and overall support.
Storeys Way (Castle) - local residents	Extension of parking controls at Huntingdon Road end of Storeys Way.	£814	10%	Additional parking controls already advertised and due to be completed 2014/15. The justification for further controls would require assessment and, if feasible, be subject to similar statutory process.

Suez Road/ Hobart Road - Simon Cooper	Parking restrictions.	£2,000	10%	Justification for parking controls would require assessment. Subject to consultation, statutory process and overall support.
Union Lane (East Chesterton) - County Cllr I Manning	Trial closure of Union Lane for (motorised) through traffic.	£10,000	10%	Would need majority support to include wider as well as local interests, including statutory process.
Union Lane/ Pearl Close area (East Chesterton) - County Cllr I Manning	Parking control along Union Lane in narrow section in vicinity of Pearl Close.	£2,000	10%	Narrow road with significant parking demand. A management scheme, subject to local agreement and statutory process, could improve access but may lead to parking displacement into adjoining streets.
Union Lane/ Pearl Close Junction (East Chesterton) - County Cllr I Manning	Parking controls at Pearl Close junction.	£2,000	10%	Narrow road with significant parking demand. A management scheme, subject to local agreement and statutory process, could improve access but may lead to parking displacement into adjoining streets.
Wadloes Road (Abbey) - Cllr Johnson	Addition of 'Bus Stop' markings	£1,000	10%	Deliverable proposal. Traffic Order required to make the bus stop 'enforceable'
Wilberforce Road (Newnham) - Cambridge Tennis Club	Parking restrictions Wilberforce Road in vicinity of Tennis Club	£1,200	10%	Parking restrictions are feasible, City Council have a scheme proposed for the area, due to go to consultation shortly.