

Local Highway Improvement Initiative Application Form

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for taking the time to apply for funding via the Local Highway Improvement Initiative.

The following form will guide you through the process step by step. As well as the information and prompts contained within the form there is much more on our website. I would urge you to read through this before you complete the form.

The following link will take you to our website –
Local Highway improvement funding-Cambridgeshire County Council

Should you have any further questions the LHI team can be contacted via email at -
Local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Applicant Details

By completing this form, you confirm that you are happy for Cambridgeshire County Council to use your data in accordance with our own Data Protection policies. More information on these policies can be found at - Data Protection Policy_ .(cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

1. District

Mark only one oval.

Huntingdonshire X

East Cambridgeshire

South Cambridgeshire

Cambridge City

Fenland

2. Parish/Town/City/Community Group? * Mark only one oval.

Parish X

Town

City

Community Group (i.e. Transport Working Group or Resident Association)

3. Applicant Name *

Buckden Parish Council

4. Applicant Email Address *

clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk

5. Applicant Contact Number *

07483333557

6. What is the population of the area of your requested improvement? * Please use this link to respond to this question.

3389

7. What is the maximum budget you are able to contribute towards your requested improvements?*

Please use the LHI Highway measures page on our website for indicative total costs for the different types of improvement

Cost £10.750 Budget figure 10,750

Contribution 50% 5 points cost to Council £5375

Contribution 40% -49% 4 points Cost to Council £4300 - £5267

Contribution 30%-39% Cost to Council £3225- 4192

Contribution 20%-29% 2 Points Cost to Council £2150 -£3117

Contribution 10%-19% 1 point Cost to Council £1075 £2042.

BPC to confirm contribution

Local Highways Initiative Information

8. What type of LHI Scheme are you applying for? *

More information on what part of the process your applications falls under can be found on our webpage - Local Highways improvement funding - Cambridgeshire County Council

Mark only one oval.

Non – complex ☒

Complex ☐

9. What specific type of measure(s) are you applying for? *

Please select the measure(s) below which you feel are most applicable to your application.

Mark only one oval.

Speed limit change (including buffer zones)

Street lighting

Parking restrictions such as double yellow lines or controlled parking zone.

Traffic restriction such as a weight limit or one way system

Signing such as new junction warning signs or flashing school signs

Road markings such as speed roundels or dragons' teeth

Village gateways

Central Island / Pedestrian Refuge

Priority Chicane

Footpath/Cycle Path

Vertical features such as speed cushions or a raised table

Zebra crossing

Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) ☒

Uncontrolled crossing point

Road narrowing

Other ☐

10. Description *

Please provide a short summary of the improvements you are applying for, where they will be located, and why you are making an application. Please be aware you will have the opportunity to go into more detail later in the form.

The application is for MVAS units on Lucks Lane Buckden. A new development has been built between Buckden and Stirtloe to the west of Lucks Lane and the sole access to the development is off Lucks Lane. 180 houses have been built and since most houses have more than one car the Lane now has at least 100 additional cars using it daily. There have been a number of complaints from residents about the speeding along that road. The Village Speedwatch Team have monitored the Lane but of course the cars have slowed down when they see the speedwatch area.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to exit Buckden via the Roundabout so a greater number of cars are using Lucks Lane to cut through to access the A1 at the end of Stirtloe Lane. Thus further increasing the volume of traffic movements.

11. How does your application address a known safety issue? *

*Evidence should be provided that demonstrates that there is an existing safety issue or problem. This can be with reference to -
Existing recorded accident data which can be found on the LHI website*

Anecdotal evidence of accidents including reference to photographs or emails where an injury accident may not have occurred.

Or both.

Although there is no accident data, the perception of residents is that the increased volumes of traffic and the speed that some vehicles reach, particularly at peak times, will soon result in incidents. Parents who are being encouraged to walk their children to school are increasingly concerned about the safety of the route in particular crossing over Lucks Lane which they must do to get to the local primary school from the Bloor Estate

It is difficult to get hard data on speeds without MVAS units but the perception of our Speed watch volunteers, who have had training and are therefore more realistic in judging the speeds of vehicles is that when speed watch sessions are not in place a significant number of cars exceed the speed limit which is of concern in a fully residential area.

12. How will your application increase safety for highway users? *

Evidence should be provided in the application of how the scheme will make it safer for different user groups. Specific reference should be made to the expected safety improvements the requested changes will have for groups such as pedestrians, cyclists, or vulnerable users.

An example could include the installation of speed cushions outside a primary school to reduce vehicle speeds in an area with a high number of vulnerable users, or the installation of parking restrictions to prevent vehicles parking too close to a junction and increase visibility for those seeking to cross the road.

It will increase safety by Reducing the speed of vehicles entering and / or exiting the village via Lucks Lane

The Parish Council wish to promote local highways safety in our community by making vehicles more aware that Lucks Lane, which leads towards the end of the village when driving southbound, has a new development on the right, from which many journeys to and from school, nurseries, and other

trips to visit amenities in the village are made daily. This road is also used as a cut through to avoid the roundabout.

We believe the speed can be reduced in this area by installing MVAS which have proved to be very successful in other areas in our village. (Data available)

It will make it safer to cross Lucks Lane. Villagers are particularly concerned that between Location A and Location B (*marked on the map*) children going to the primary school and push chairs and wheelchair users need to cross the road safely.

It will also increase safety as currently a number of residents from the new estate avoid having to walk along Lucks Lane by cutting through on to A1 and walking through the busy Shell Petrol Station

As LHI schemes improve safety, and we are aiming to achieve safety in this part of the village for all members of the community including the new residents who have moved into the new Lucks Lane development.

13. How does your application contribute positively to public health? *

Your application should detail the anticipated safety benefits as a result of your improvement being installed for users of non-motorised forms of transport.

For example, you could refer to or highlight how your proposal would encourage an uptake in healthy activities such as walking, cycling, or horse-riding. Improvements could include new sections of widen foot or cycle path, warning signs making it safer for horse riders or cyclists to use a section of road, or a pedestrian crossing linking two areas of a village and providing a formalised place for people to cross.

The improvement of safety on this road would contribute to public health in a number of ways

- More people will walk or cycle to school
- Residents of the Bloor Estate/ Lucks Lane development will have safer access to the village so would be encouraged to walk and cycle into the village
- Safer access to the Village Hall where a number of health related activities take place
- Parents from the village will walk young children to access the play area on the estate
- Buckden Parish Council has done a lot of work on promoting walking and cycling in the surrounding area and safer access to village of Stirtloe and the country side will encourage residents to use the walking and cycling routes that the Council has promoted.

14. Does your application have demonstrable local support? *

Does the wider community, particularly those directly affected, support your proposal? How important is this issue on a local level? Evidence that your proposal is supported by the local community including your County Councillor will be required, along with further details on the level of local consultation that has been carried out to date.

You should provide a detailed summary of what consultation you have undertaken, for example pages in a parish newsletter, online surveys, or a presentation at a council meeting. You will need to satisfy those scoring your application that should your application be successful local stakeholders will be in support of the scheme and are aware of what has been applied for.

As LHI scheme is community driven, we are seeking to install MVAS units because we were approached by many residents who expressed concerns regarding speeding in Lucks Lane. Reports stated that some measures need to be implemented due to the increased speeding in this area especially used as a cut through road to access A1 southbound.

In August 2019 Buckden Parish Council completed its Local Wand Cycling Infrastructure Plan. See link below, this was developed through extensive consultation with local residents, and it was clear that the speed of vehicles was one of the major barriers to people walking and cycling in and around the village and between the village of Buckden and Stirtloe

Infrahttps://buckdenpc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/simple-file-list/NDP/2018_19-v017-Buckden-LCWIP-FINAL.pdf

The Council held a Road Safety and Sustainable Transport Open Forum for residents in September 2021. Speeding and Parking were the key issues identified as causing concern.

The Council has a Highways and sustainable Transport Advisory Group and the issue of speeding in Lucks Lane has been raised at every meeting.

The Council runs a Speed watch scheme and Lucks Lane has been identified as an area that needs to be monitored on a regular basis

The Council put an article in the local parish newsletter and received numerous concerns about Lucks Lane

A number of responses were received, including a number citing the issues with speeding in Lucks Lane

Survey to be circulated

How will your requested changes result in localised environmental improvements?*

Examples of this could include but aren't limited to the following: an anticipated improvement in air quality near a school, an expected reduction in noise pollution, or a positive reduction in vehicle speeds.

Imperial College London has reported that reducing speeds indicate clear benefits to driving style and associated particulate emissions. The research found that vehicles moved more smoothly, with fewer accelerations and decelerations, reducing particulate emissions from tyre and brake wear.

Location Link *

Please provide a map link to the location or area of your requested improvement

Please be aware that should you wish to share any drawings or other documents you can do so after you have submitted your application as you will receive a copy of your completed form via email. If you wish to submit a location plan, please forward a copy of the completed form and any attachments to: local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

<https://www.google.com/maps/@52.2887321,-0.2521043,18z?entry=ttu>

Acknowledgments

15. Have your requested improvements been shared with and approved by the respective County member(s) for the area?*

You must have discussed your funding application with the locally elected member for the area prior to submitting your online application form. Tick all that apply.

Yes

No

16. Has an informal consultation been undertaken for your proposed scheme, and * does it have the support of the local residents and stakeholders that would be directly affected by it?
By selecting this you are confirming that you have consulted with residents regarding your proposal, and you understand that your application could be withdrawn if this is not the case, even if your scheme is approved for delivery.

Tick all that apply.

☒ Yes

☐ No

19. Please confirm that you understand that your financial contribution should not be reliant on any subsequent requests by your (the applicant) to third parties to secure all of, or a proportion of the agreed funding allocation?

By selecting this you are confirming that you aren't reliant on an external funding application process which would delay the delivery of your requested improvement, and you understand that your application could be withdrawn if this is the case, even if your scheme is approved for delivery.

Tick all that apply.

☒ Yes

☐ No

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