



Beeches Community Board agenda supplement

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Beeches Community Board Funding Report - 2020/21

Date of Decision 18/11/20

Organisation Name	Dorney Parish Council
Project Name	Lake End Road/Village Road/Court Lane Roundabout
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities
Total Cost of project	c£33,600
Amount of Match Funding	£5,000 from Dorney PC and a proposed £15,000 from BC Highways
Amount being applied for	£13,600
Amount suggested	£13,600

Project Summary

To improve road safety at the junction of Lake End Road, Village Road and Court Lane in Dorney, by replacing the staggered junction with a roundabout.

A proposed roundabout at this location has been discussed since a temporary roundabout was installed for the 2012 Olympics when Eton Rowing Lake was used as a venue. The roundabout proved to be successful but was only temporary. Since 2019, Highways England have been carrying out M4 junction 3 to 12 Smart motorway works which have caused much disruption to the residents of Dorney, with the replacement of 2 bridges across the Thames within the boundary of Dorney. Highways England have offered to install the roundabout as a gesture of goodwill while they have contractors working in the area. However, a Design and Safety Audit first needs to be carried out by Transport for Buckinghamshire at a cost of £18,600.

The roundabout also requires the installation of lighting columns at a cost of around £15,000. This cost would be for non-heritage style lighting columns, rather than heritage style columns which would cost roughly double this amount. The Buckinghamshire Council Highways team have indicated that they may be able to provide the c£15,000 to fund the installation of these lighting columns, if this scheme is seen as a priority by the Community Board.

How does the project address local priorities?

Infrastructure & Highways: This project would improve road safety in this location, which would align with the Community Board's priority for Infrastructure & Highways. Dorney Parish Council has provided a petition along with their application which shows that the installation of a roundabout has significant support with over 500 signatories.

How does the project align with the values, objectives and corporate priorities of Buckinghamshire Council?

Strengthening Our Communities and Protecting the Vulnerable: This project would make the junction safer for all road users. This is a main junction in the centre of Dorney used by local residents, churchgoers

from St James the Less Church, organisations using Dorney Village Hall, schoolchildren travelling to Dorney School, and users of Eton Rowing Lake.

How does the project achieve value for money?

This project achieves excellent value for money as the proposed works to construct the roundabout would be undertaken by Highways England at no cost to the Council. Additionally, Dorney Parish Council have agreed to commit £5,000 of match funding towards the design and safety audit costs. Discussions have also taken place with the Buckinghamshire Council Highways team, who have indicated they could contribute £15,000 to cover the installation of lighting columns, if this project is seen as a key local priority.

Community Board Coordinator comments

This project represents an excellent opportunity to secure a significant road safety improvement at a relatively low cost to the Community Board.

It is recommended that any agreement from the Community Board to fund the design and safety audits for this project should be contingent on securing funding from the BC Highways team for the installation of lighting columns.

The applicant will be required to agree to terms and conditions, which include a monitoring agreement, as discussed with the Community Board Coordinator before the fund will be formally awarded.