



Organisation Name	Cllr Arif Hussain
Project Name	Geralds Road Traffic Calming
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities
Total Cost of project	£10,163.25
Amount of Match Funding	£0
Amount being applied for	£10,163.25
Amount suggested	£10,163.25

Project Summary

Geralds road is a residential road which joins the Amersham Road (A404) with Walton Drive with onward travel to Arnison Avenue, Bowerdean Road, Totteridge Lane and eventually the London Road. Car users use Geralds Road as a short cut to avoid the traffic lights at the junction of Amersham Road (A404) and Arnison Avenue. Traffic calming measures on Geralds Road would aim to mitigate against and discourage use of the road as a short cut and reduce speeding.

Feasibility stage: Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) propose to undertake a traffic survey to determine vehicle speeds and volumes, to form part of the assessment. TfB will engage further with Cllr Hussain to ascertain the traffic calming measures which are likely to be supported by the Geralds Road residents which will result in a feasibility / options report setting out possible measures, processes and likely costs. This feasibility stage could be undertaken in isolation and the subsequent Preliminary and Consultation stage undertaken only if there is initial support for TfB's recommendations. If simple traffic calming such as signing and lining only is selected, there may not be a requirement for the subsequent Preliminary design and Consultation stages.

Preliminary Design and Informal Consultation : If more advanced traffic calming measures are required, TfB would use the feasibility / options report to develop an outline design for 1-2 options and deliver an informal consultation with residents to gauge their views. The results of the consultation would be used to create an outline report and a decision would be required as to whether to commission the further Gateway Stages 3 (Statutory Consultation if required and detailed design) and 4 (implementation). No costs for detailed design and implementation have been provided at this stage, as this would vary greatly depending on the proposed options selected.

The total cost of project is to deliver Stage 2 Gateway (Feasibility, Preliminary Design and Informal Consultation) which includes:

- Traffic survey (vehicle speeds and volumes)
- Feasibility / Options Report
- Preliminary design which is suitable for informal consultation with residents
- Road Safety Audit on concept design only
- Report on the results and feedback gathered from the informal consultation

TfB advised that they completed their review of the road, prior to producing the PID and there were no options that stood out over another as the best option at this stage, hence recommending the feasibility study. Looking at the breakdown of costs, it is worth noting that the funding spent on preliminary design would go towards any final design so this cost would be lower than expected. Councillors could self-deliver the informal consultation which would remove this cost.

How does the project address local priorities?

The scheme directly links with the Local infrastructure and transport sub group interim priority to reduce speeding in the Community Board area.

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

This scheme is being promoted by councillors and they have received a lot of feedback and concerns from local residents.

This scheme provides the opportunity to improve road safety and the safeguarding of children and adults on walking routes in the local area which will also increase the health and wellbeing of local residents by increasing their confidence to use walking routes in their local area.

Buckinghamshire Council is an appropriate source of funding for this project. Where the Road Safety budget is unable to meet the needs of every project in the County, local residents and councillors are encouraged to discuss road safety schemes with the community board.

The scheme has been scoped and assessed by Transport for Bucks who have made this recommendation.

How does the project achieve value for money?

This is a typical cost for a project of this kind. The project is value for money as it will improve road safety for residents and safeguarding for adults and children by reducing accidents, injuries and near misses in the near future.

Community Board Coordinator comments

It is recommended that members consider this project for funding noting the above comments.

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.