



Organisation Name	CLlr Julia Wassell
Project Name	Parking Hatters Lane
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities
Total Cost of project	£5,169.86
Amount of Match Funding	£0
Amount being applied for	£5,169.86
Amount suggested	£5,169.86

Project Summary

Since the Golden Fleece pub closed and a Tesco Express replaced it there has been immense pressure of parking in a small area of Hatters Lane. There is a visibility problem for older people at the complex and a parking layby formerly used is now blocked by people working and shopping at Tesco.

A small green between Firs Close and Holywell Gardens can be adapted collaboratively with Red Kite Housing and Buckinghamshire Council to creatively resolve the problem.

Many of the older people at the top of this hill in Totteridge are car owners. They maintain their independence by owning a car and there are insufficient spaces. A site visit has been held with Red Kite Housing Association who are wholly committed to improving this situation.

Transport for Bucks (TfB) have provided the initial assessment of the request which has identified a number of problems with the proposal that would need to be overcome including:

- Cars would not be able to park perpendicular to the carriageway and potentially be forced to reverse out in the live carriageway on a relatively busy road. This would be unacceptable in terms of safety. Therefore there would be a need to ensure cars could manoeuvre in and out of spaces away from the live carriageway, either through parallel parking or providing additional turning space off carriageway.
 - There is a significant level difference from the carriageway to the footway adjacent to residential properties.
 - There are a number of significant mature trees in the verge that would limit the space for parking unless removed.
 - There is a potential conflict with underground services that would need to be investigated.
 - The land is outside of the publically maintained highway and therefore agreement with landowner would need to be made to either dedicate the land to highway or gain agreement for future maintenance of the parking area. The application acknowledges this suggesting involvement with District and Red Kite Housing.
 - There is a nearby parking area which provides 5 parking spaces. From a desktop exercise, this appears to be approximately 15m in width (12m parking and 3 m verge/footway). The width of the proposed area is only approx. 10m therefore the same arrangement would not be effective as it is likely that by creating the access, 2 existing layby spaces would be lost at a gain of 2 or possibly 3 spaces off road.
 - One consideration would be for perpendicular parking with a 10.8m deep layby, which would provide sufficient space for cars to park at 90 degrees to the carriageway and provide turning space off the live carriageway. This would remove the entire existing layby in front the spaces, but could potentially provide greater capacity.
- For the above reasons it is not possible at this time to provide a clear layout or robust budget estimate for parking without further investigation. A feasibility study is recommended if this was to be considered further and a cost for this study has been provided. However, due to the above reasons we are not certain that a study would provide a recommended solution to provide additional parking capacity.

How does the project address local priorities?

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

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

This scheme provides the opportunity to improve road safety. Making improvements to walking routes in the local area safeguards adults and children and improves the health and wellbeing of local residents by increasing their confidence to use these walking routes in their local area. This scheme also provides the opportunity for residents to lead independent lives.

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 and options.

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, safeguarding 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.