



Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board Funding Report - 2020/21
25/11/2020

Date of Decision

Organisation Name	Ashendon Parish Council
Project Name	Provision of a Footway (Wootton Road junction to Bus Stop)
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities Fund
Total Cost of project	£22,000
Amount of Match Funding	£11,000
Amount being applied for	£11,000
Amount suggested	£11,000

Project Summary

To provide a safe walking route for residents and others to avoid walking in the road. This is an unlit road which makes walking after dark particularly hazardous.

The route is used by those that walk through the village. This includes children walking to and from the school bus and walkers on the Outer Aylesbury Ring. At the southern end it is within 50 metres of a permissive path to Upper Pollicott. At the northern end there is a footpath through the churchyard and a no-through road to the pub.

The footway is approximately 170 metres long and is at one of the entrances to the village and, when the parish council have monitored traffic speeds, they have found that numerous vehicles exceed the speed limit of 30mph. There is a bend just as you enter the village and visibility of this part of the road is restricted until you have passed the bend. The road is wide enough for two cars to pass but larger lorries and agricultural vehicles cannot pass each other and waiting in the road can be hazardous for pedestrians. The verge is uneven and slippery.

The Council has obtained the necessary permissions and Streetworks Permit to enable these works to be carried out by a private contractor.

How does the project address local priorities?

The need for safe walking routes in the parish was identified in the Community Led Plan. The Parish submitted a consultation document with residents which identified this footpath as an issue.

This application meets the following Board priorities:

Highways and Road Safety. This application has the support of the Board's Highways and Road Safety Working Group, which looks at addressing issues around speeding vehicles and improving road safety. The Environment and Green Spaces Working Group supports increasing opportunities for cycling and walking.

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

This scheme supports the Strengthening our Communities priority by enabling healthier lifestyles for all, by encouraging people to walk around the village rather than using vehicles.

This scheme supports Protecting the vulnerable by enabling children, adults and families to feel safe when walking through Ashendon.

How does the project achieve value for money?

The Scheme will increase the safety of residents using this footpath.

Community Board Coordinator comments

This report has been reviewed by the Highways and Road Safety Working Group and Buckinghamshire Council's Unitary Members, who have voted in favour of allocating £11,000 of community board funding towards this project.

The Parish Council has obtained permission by TfB to provide this footway using a private contractor and has obtained a TfB Streetworks Permit No 37002512.

The project has therefore been agreed, and the decision will be formally ratified at the Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board meeting on Wednesday 25th November 2020.

Funding is conditional on Ashendon Parish Council confirming with TfB the start and end date of works and ensuring works are carried out in accordance with highways regulations and national lockdown restrictions and any subsequent localised tiered restrictions that are put in place for Buckinghamshire.

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.