



Winslow and Villages Community Board Funding Report - 2020/21 Date of Decision 26 November 2020

Organisation Name	Great Brickhill Parish Council
Project Name	Great Brickhill Traffic Calming - Phase 2
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities / Local Infrastructure
Total Cost of project	£50,523.45
Amount of Match Funding	£30,000
Amount being applied for	£20,523.45
Amount suggested	£20,523.45

Project Summary

Lower Way is the main North-South thoroughfare through Gt Brickhill. For 200m of its length it has no footway forcing pedestrians to walk in the road which has all sizes of vehicular traffic passing along it. many vehicles are travelling in excess of this, but in any case, if a pedestrian or horse gets hit by a vehicle travelling at 30 mph, the chances are they/it will be killed (as one horse in recent years has been). As it is prohibitively expensive, due to housing on the West side, and a steep bank containing utilities on the East side to construct a footway, we are seeking to traffic calm this section of road in order to make it much safer for all pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists by reducing average speeds.

Data from our MVAS show average traffic speeds along Ivy Lane and Manor Hill are well above 30mph well into the 30 mph zones, none of these sections of road have footways.

TfB have carried out a feasibility study for traffic calming within Great Brickhill village. The proposed design incorporates many of the features previously mentioned whilst ensuring to maintain Great Brickhill's rural character. The features recommended include a gateway feature, dragon's teeth road markings and vegetation clearance and potential build-outs.

TfB have not supported the provision of installing build-outs within the feasibility report. The Parish Council have chosen to proceed with the implementation of these build-outs. A suitable location is to be agreed for implementation to avoid any conflict with junctions and private accesses. Some of the locations have been suggested in the feasibility report and could be potential location for implementation of the build-outs.

How does the project address local priorities?

One of the priorities for the Winslow and Villages is Transport and Road Safety. This proposed scheme contributes to the mitigation of speeding and as such aims to improve safety in this area for residents, road users and pedestrians.

The applicant, Great Brickhill Parish Council, has worked collaboratively with Transport for Buckinghamshire on a feasibility study as well as the subsequent project initiation. These are the most appropriate organisations to carry out this project.

Speeding and road safety is a key concern not just in Great Brickhill but across the Winslow and Villages Community Board and the wider County. This project is in line with other schemes that are taking place on Buckinghamshire's Road Networks given the growing number of vehicles that are using the roads.

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

While this project does not directly address the Council's Corporate Priorities, it should be noted that it does address a local need as well as aligning with the Council's aim to 'improve connectivity and tackle congestion through investments in our roads' as stated in the corporate plan.

How does the project achieve value for money?

Great Brickhill Parish Council have considered a number of options which included the installation of a physical footway. This was deemed to be too expensive and other options have been recommended to achieve value for money. The Parish Council intends to provide £30,000 of funding towards this scheme through funds held in reserve for these projects.

Community Board Coordinator comments

This project is to be partly funded by the parish council and delivered by Transport for Buckinghamshire. It is in line with the local priorities and does not conflict with the Council's Corporate priorities.

Taking into account the contribution of over 50% from the Parish Council, the amount requested would require more than half of the Community Area priorities fund.

It is recommended that the Winslow and Villages Community Board Consider the application submitted by Great Brickhill Parish Council, taking into consideration the above factors.

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.