

Highways, Parishes and Communities Fund – Grant Application

Introduction

Quorn Active Travel Community Action Group have offered to help prepare an application for funding under the Leicestershire County Council Highways, Parishes and Communities Fund. Quorn Parish Council has been allocated £10000. This memorandum details our proposals, the rationale used and recommendations.

Rationale behind the proposals

The aim behind these proposals is to gain as much “bang per buck” as possible in order to have the biggest effect on safety and to encourage active travel. Our proposals have been influenced by the information gained at the 2 public consultation meetings which were held at the end of 2019 and the resulting report “Cycling in and around Quorn”.

We have assumed that, as in the rest of the UK, cycling and walking in Quorn:

- has doubled since the start of lockdown,
- that there will be less use of public transport and school buses in the near term,
- that there will be an increase in motor vehicle traffic volumes
- and that as schools in Quorn and colleges in Loughborough return to work in September we may see another increase in cycling and walking.

Calculation of costs

The costs are based on the LCC “Shopping List” of options available under this funding. Where there is no specific cost shown for our proposal we have used a near alternative from the list to create an estimate. We have had clarification from LCC Environment and Transport Department Special Projects (ETDS) that if any of our proposals are unacceptable or prohibitively expensive they will look to suggest alternatives and allow us to make another submission. This is subject to the September deadline.

Value for Money

Quorn has been allocated £10000 under this funding. POP UP cycle lanes are the most expensive option at £45 per metre and £500 installation cost – a 200 metre lane would use 95% of the available funds so we have not recommended this option.

Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO)

A Temporary Traffic regulation Order will be required to allow some of these proposals to go ahead. In our discussion with ETDS we were advised that they would try to cover all of our proposals under one TTRO, however until they have reviewed the proposals this cannot be confirmed. Each TTRO costs £1450 and comes out of the £10000 fund allocation so ideally, the fewer the better to allow expenditure on the actual proposals.

Recommendations/Proposals

The following is our list of proposals. The workings for the costs are shown on the attached spreadsheet. There is also a map highlighting the speed reduction proposals. 40 to 30 mph is shown in Orange and 30 To 20 mph is shown in Pink.

Farley Way/ Woodhouse Road/One Ash link (Loughborough Road)

1. **40 to 30 MPH** – a 10 mph speed limit reduction along the B591 as it passes through Quorn. We are waiting for clarification if this is possible from ETDS. A suggested alternative might be to make Farley Way pavement dual usage for pedestrians and cyclists but this is not ideal, might be expensive and does not cover Woodhouse Road and the link to One Ash Roundabout. We may have to ask ETDS for their proposals if neither of these solutions is suitable. **Cost £2950 (this cost includes the one off TTRO for all proposals)**
2. **No overtaking on the Great Central Railway Bridge** - this is an estimated cost for signs. However, a change to a double white line from the 40 mph sign facing north east to the Chaveney Road Junction would probably be better and maybe less expensive. **Cost £500**
3. **Traffic calming measures at One Ash Cycle Crossing (sited on the Loughborough Road near the layby)** – additional signage or small chicane to support this badly designed cycle crossing from the Loughborough direction. The crossing is not large enough to accommodate a cycle. **Cost £500**

Old A6 Loughborough/Leicester Roads north to south

Outside Rawlins

1. **Sarson Street One Way to Castledine Street in the direction of the school entrance** - this proposal will stop vehicles exiting from Sarson Street onto the main road which is especially challenging at rush hour and school opening and closing times. **Cost £500**
2. **Additional Parking Restrictions around Rawlins on the main road** – to move parked vehicles away from the entrance to the school and nursery. **Cost £500**
3. **30 mph to 20 mph speed reduction 200m either side of Rawlins frontage onto the main road** – **Cost £400**

Note - we should establish what, if any, proposals Rawlins are taking by themselves to ensure we are not in conflict.

Meeting Street Roundabout

1. **Close 2 parking spaces outside the takeaway on the bridge in the Mountsorrel direction** – if the parking spaces are in use the road is narrowed significantly causing traffic hold ups and a danger to cyclists. **Cost £500**
2. **Additional signage "beware of cyclists and pedestrians"** - **Cost £500**
3. **Traffic calming measures from Meeting Street Island to the Village Hall** – proposal to be developed with ETDS to slow traffic in this area. **Cost £1000**

Station Road from The White Horse to The Apple Tree

1. **Stafford Orchard** - Dual usage signs for the main path to support use by cyclists and pedestrians. **Cost £200**
2. **30 mph to 20 mph** - from The White Horse to the Apple Tree outside the shops, park entrance and car park for the protection of cyclists and pedestrians. **Cost £500**

Residential Areas 30 mph to 20 MPH Speed Limit

1. **Warwick Road/Caves Field Area – Cost £750**
2. **Barrow Road Area – Cost £500**
3. **Chaveney Road/Toller Road Area – Cost £500**
4. **Farley Way Area – Cost £500**

The signage would be placed at the entry points of the residential area.

Total Cost

The total cost of these proposals is £10300. This is over the funding allocation but until we submit an application for funding these are only estimates as ETDS will need to confirm the costs.

Summary

We have tried to make proposals that offer the best value for money and achieve the most effective results to support a safer environment for cyclists and walkers and thus to encourage active transport.

If required, we would be happy to be involved in further iterations of these proposals.

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