

REPORT 24.037 Highways LHFIG Contributions

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1. REPORT SUMMARY

A report to councillors regarding requested contributions to Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group LHFIG schemes.

2. BACKGROUND

In September 2023, under agenda item 23.111, the Parish Council supported a Highways Improvement Request be submitted to LHFIG for improvements to road safety at Broken Cross, Ford.

3. SUMMARY

The Clerk and Operations Officer met with Highways Engineers onsite to assess this location.

Below is the extract of minutes from the LHFIG group meeting on 6th February 2024.

<p>Issue No: 13-23-18</p> <p>Laverstock & Ford PC Broken Cross safety improvements</p>	<p>Continued minor collisions including numerous collisions to boundary wall. Over the last 41 years we have seen many accidents around the bridge and many collisions with our boundary, more so since the road layout was changed, and the flashing arrow sign was removed. We have tried to improve things by putting our own flashing lights, reflectors, and barrier. We would like a meeting again to discuss changes to signage to alleviate this situation.</p> <p>A site visit was conducted with the resident and the PC, the outcome of which is below. Group to agree if they support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PC have submitted a traffic survey request.• It is suggested to undertake a sign and line review to enhance the existing slow markings.• The matter of vegetation has been referred to colleagues in the maintenance team.• PC to confirm if they want to proceed with the installation of Trief Kerbs to the front of the property access way. <p>If agreed by the group a cost estimate will be prepared prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>The group asked GA to ensure that vegetation was removed as necessary to ensure that the existing signs in the vicinity of the roundabout were visible.</p> <p>The group asked RS to prepare cost estimates based on potential signing and lining improvements that could be introduced at this location and bring them back to the next meeting of the group for discussion.</p>	<p>Group agreed to support the additional lining. RS to send the design to LFPC</p> <p>Area Board to agree £679 from the LHFIG</p> <p>LFPC PC to confirm £227 contribution</p>
	<p>Estimate of £905 for 4 x enhanced slow markings, - £679 from the LHFIG and £227 contribution from LFPC PC. Group to discuss and agree potential funding. There has been an issue regarding traffic management for the metrocount data which is part of a wider discussion – RS to update the group. Investigations are still ongoing in reference to the trief kerbs work. GA to chase reference the maintenance work i.e hedge cutting. Design for lines to be submitted to PC as soon as possible.</p>	

The Clerk has not yet received the detailed design works, but it will include large SLOW markings and rumble strips.

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In order to proceed with enhanced road markings, a contribution of £227 is required from the Parish Council.

Further works, such as raised Trief Kerbs are still being investigated.

4. RECOMMENDATION

That the council approves the contribution of £227 to LHFIG scheme 13-23-18 Broken Cross safety improvements.