

Warwickshire County Council Highways Community Action Fund Funding Application

Before proceeding:

- Does your proposal provide a benefit to the community?(you will need to provide evidence to support this)
- Is your proposed works within the highway boundary (not on private land)
- Is the Community prepared to match fund the works?

Contact Details

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Beaudesert & Henley in Arden Joint Parish Council

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Type of Scheme

- Safety Speed Limit Change Carriageway improvements
- Footway Improvements Accessibility Trees
- Drainage Improvements Street Lighting Lengthsmen

Description of scheme

Traffic calming in and around Henley in Arden and Wootton Wawen on the A3400 and A4189 ; to include 20 mph on the historic Henley High Street.

How has the scheme been developed (brief history or background)

In 2020 Henley in Arden JPC appointed John Clarke who at that time was a Councillor. John took responsibility when tasked with what generically became known as The Traffic Calming Initiative. Peter Glaze joined shortly thereafter along with a number of other residents. A considerable amount of time have been expended on this project which has Involved hours of unpaid time and effort.

The first step was to partake in a police traffic radar training course which was shortly followed by a comprehensive analysis of all traffic passing through Henley in Arden and near by Wootton Wawen. A detailed report was compiled and delivered to Warwickshire Highways . At the same time the support of key stakeholders was enlisted in particular: the Chair of The Henley Memorial Trust, Wasps RFC, The Court Leet, Nadhim Zahawi, and Henley's Head of Middle School. Crucially a petition was launched with over 500 respondents expressing support.

Numerous meetings were held which eventually resulted in being introduced to senior Warwickshire decision makers who facilitated an application to the newly formed Warwickshire Highways Community Action Fund (HCAF).

Warwickshire Highways engaged with John Clarke and Peter Glaze and together a *joint agreement* was reached on implementing 20 mph on Henley's historic High Street together with locations for Glasdon Gateways at strategic locations on the A3400 and A4189.

The cost of the entire agreed scheme is £22,688. The HCAF is a matched fund which results in The Traffic Calming Initiative having to provide £11,344 . Various options were explored and eventually a primary sponsor was introduced who agreed to provide all of the matched funding in return for advertising space on high quality flower planters which are to be donated by another significant sponsor.

Community Engagement

Describe benefits to the community

Henley in Arden and Wootton Wawen are popular residential settlements with a broad age profile. All shops and amenities are located on the A3400 through which (together with the A4189) passes a high volume of traffic close to 2.5M vehicles per year and rising.

The Listed medieval High Street is almost unique in the West Midlands where speeding has been a perennial problem with many accidents occurring at various locations.

Traffic calming will enhance the quality of life and safety for residents and visitors alike.

Has a consultation process taken place: **YES**

Please provide evidence that this proposal is supported locally (including any support from interested bodies such as police, school, local resident groups and local district/borough or county council elected members)

Regular meetings with Henley JPC and updates to Wootton Wawen PC have taken place throughout the process. Further meetings with Warwickshire Highways have been undertaken which included a meeting with The Police and Crime Commissioner supplemented by a strong expression of support from our local MP Nadhim Zahawi.

A very well supported petition demonstrated that the local community was firmly behind the Traffic Calming Initiative.

Funding

Estimated Cost of Works: **£22,688.00 total shared 50% by each party.**

Funding available from Parish/Town or Community Group:

£11,344.00

Please describe how the scheme will be delivered or procured

On Monday the xxxx, the JPC unanimously agreed/[voted in favour] to support this project and, at the point at which Warwickshire Highways provide funding amounting to **£22,688.00**, in way of full **settlement of the costs for the equipment and installation of the gateways** covered in the specification agreed between all parties**. The JPC will invoke the sponsor, **The Mount Restaurant**, to honour their pledge to support the scheme to the value of **£11,344.00**, as clearly defined in their letter dated the xxxx attached, this sum to be paid directly by the sponsor to Warwickshire Highways, who will also provide the balance of £11,344.00, making up the total figure.

**Consultations with Paul Taylor, Forestry and Minor Work Manager, Warwickshire Highways, has resulted in a fully costed, supply and fit scheme to include where appropriate the cost of consultation. The scheme which includes signage and other provisions for 20 mph on the High Street and strategically located Gateways on the A3400 and A4189 all of which has been agreed.

**Ray Evans – Parish Clerk
Beaudesert & Henley in Arden Joint Parish Council**

Please return completed forms to:
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County Highways