

# APPLICATION FORM

## Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative 2021/22

Please ensure you have read through the supporting LHI guidance available online before completing this application form. You must complete all sections, further information may be requested at the next stage of the process.

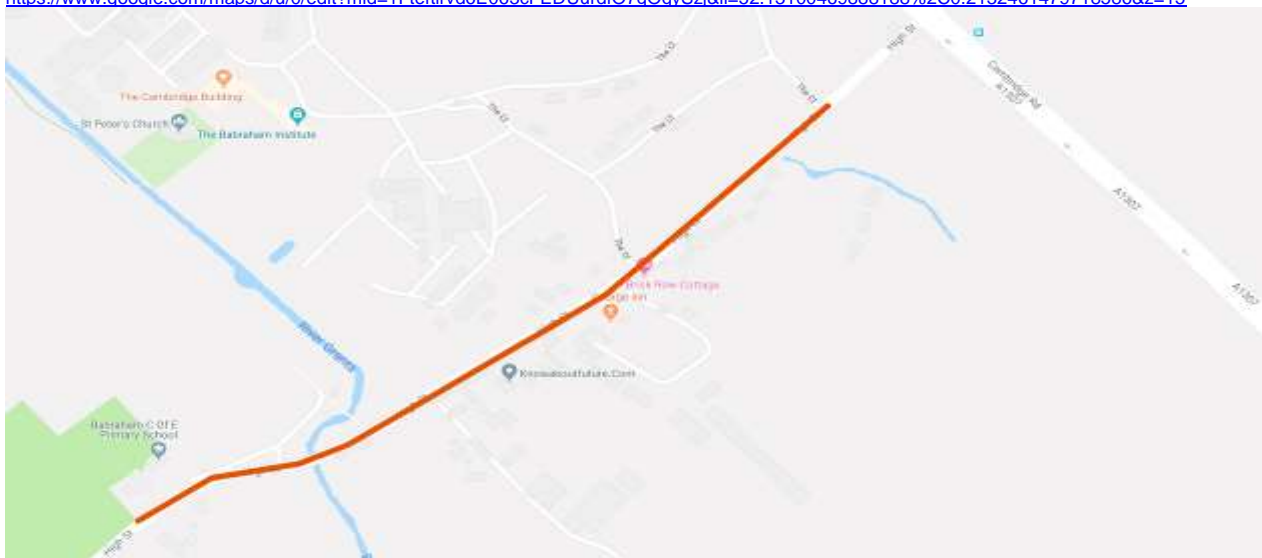
Please return your completed application to [local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)  
Deadline for submission - **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020.**

<b>Date</b>	31 May 2020	
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### LOCATION OF YOUR PROPOSAL:

Please send a plan showing the location of the proposal.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1Fteftlrvd6E063cFEDUurdfO7gOqySzi&ll=52.13100469888188%2C0.2132461479718586&z=15>



## **OBJECTIVES OF YOUR PROPOSAL**

What highway issue or improvement would you like to address?

What solution are you proposing? (e.g. Speed control, new footway, parking restrictions etc).

### **Improvement sought**

Babraham High Street has experienced excess vehicle speeds for many years, and the numbers of vehicles and mean speeds are increasing.

This proposal seeks increased safety in Babraham High Street for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles by installing measures to reduce vehicle speeds using traffic-calming measures, as proposed by CCC Highways Officers.

This narrow High Street experiences increasing use by vehicles almost half of which exceed the imposed 30 mph speed limit. Local developments in place and approved will cause significant increase in traffic over the next three years due to numerous local developments (H/1:b alone will add 19% to peak traffic) and action is therefore required before the hazards and risks of increased traffic becomes yet more serious.

### **Proposed solution**

Babraham Parish Council proposes installing traffic-calming measures, specifically, speed cushions to support efforts to reduce vehicle speeds, as suggested by CCC Highways Officers following review.

The Council agrees with the assessment of Council Highways Officers that these measures will reduce mean speeds, contributing to reduced risk of accident, reduced risk of harm in the event of an accident and increased safety for pedestrians, school students, cyclists and vehicle occupants.

Please attach any additional information in support of your application e.g. plans, photos or correspondence. (Maximum of 3 pages)  
Images attached

### **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

County Council LHI funding applied for:	£15,000	Maximum £15,000
	+	
Applicant contribution:	£19,000	Minimum of 10% of total cost
	=	
Total Estimated Project Cost:	£34,000	Total of above (see indicative costs)

Please note that you must contribute at least 10% of the total cost of your proposal. These contributions can be revised at the next stage of the process, where highway engineers will work with you to refine your application. You will then be expected to approve the final version of your application for submission to the Member Assessment Panel by the end of September 2020.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Please confirm below that you have already discussed this application with your local County Councillor, and that they are aware of, and support your bid. To find your local County Councillor, please visit our [website](#).

Yes: Kevin Cuffley

Please outline how your proposal fulfills the following aims of the LHI Initiative;

#### **PERSISTENT PROBLEM:** (see guidance online - [Click here](#))

How does your proposal aim to address the problem and to what degree will it resolve or improve it?

In 2016, the Council used Parish funds to install a speed camera in an attempt to reduce speeds in the village, following concern over safety of Parishioners and visitors. The Council recognises this measure has not been sufficient to reduce vehicle speeds in recent years.

The proposal takes an additional step to control excessive vehicle speeds and hence to reduce risks to users: speed cushions are a proven measure to reducing vehicle speeds.

The Council anticipates that approaching 100% of vehicles will comply with the imposed 30 mph limit: only 55% comply with the limit currently.

The Council anticipates that this proposal delivers an effective solution that almost completely resolves the dangers caused by speeds in excess of 30 mph in the High Street.

**ROAD SAFETY:** (see guidance online - [Click here](#))

How will your proposal contribute to improving road safety?

The **Proposed Solution** will

- reduce vehicle speeds
- increase safety for cyclists (from reduced vehicle speeds and greater caution by drivers)
- increase safety for pedestrians (from reduced vehicle speeds)
- increase safety for vehicles (reduced vehicle speeds and greater caution by drivers)
- increase safety overall from reduction in overall traffic
- provide a safer environment for residents and visitors

Although Babraham High Street records few accidents on the CCC database, reports to the Council demonstrate many unreported accidents (CCC requires a Police report), many due to speeding and misjudgments when passing parked cars.

The School, Babraham Institute and the Council all encourage use of alternatives to car transport and would anticipate that use of footpaths and cycles will increase.

In addition to the speed cushions, the Council endorses the measures proposed by CCC Highways Officers, following a review in 2019, of additional double yellow lines to improve parking and sight lines for vehicles and cyclists and a 40mph buffer zone.

The Council believes that the measures proposed by CCC Highways Officers will increase safety for residents and vehicles.

**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT:** (see guidance online - [Click here](#))

How does your proposal provide community improvement?

The issue raised most often to the Council by members of the community is the speed and volume of traffic in Babraham High Street: consequently, this proposal addresses the improvement most requested by our community.

The Council's previous purchase of a speed camera has not fully met this community need and the Council believes that the CCC proposal of installing speed cushions will lead directly to community improvement.

Council has discussed the proposal with Parishioners at its Annual Parish Meeting and in emails circulated to the Council Parishioner list. Both demonstrate overwhelming support for the proposal.

Representatives of Babraham Research Campus also support the proposal.

**ADDED VALUE:** (see guidance online - [Click here](#))

Are there any additional benefits to your proposal?

The Council proposal is coherent with works proposed by Cambridgeshire County Council Highways and Greater Cambridge Partnership to modify the junction of Babraham High Street and the A1307 (Scheme 7): this work modifies the junction and speed limits and is expected to be completed when works return, having been due to start in March/April 2020.

The measures will influence driver behaviour, encouraging them to use routes favoured by the GCP A1307 works.

The proposal meets CCC and SDCC aims in alternative transport: by creating a calmer environment, more friendly to foot and cycle traffic, the proposal will encourage non-vehicle transport to and from Babraham Campus, the local Park&Ride, Sawston transport hub and other local centres.

*Thank you for taking the time to submit your proposal.*