



22 June 2020







**POTENTIAL OPTIONS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY MEASURES TO SUPPORT SOCIAL DISTANCING & ACTIVE TRAVEL**

As you are aware there are a number of funding streams that are becoming available to support your local community to recover from the COVID 19 pandemic. The Highways Parish and Community Fund is an option you can consider if you are looking to implement either temporary or permanent measures in your locality that will support social distancing and active travel. Temporary measures introduced through this grant will be for an initial period of 3 months at which point their continued presence and duration will be considered against the Government guidance in place at that time as well as their local impacts.

Your Parish / Community has been allocated an amount of money that you can use to fund improvements on the network, providing they are safe, allowable on the highway and do not simply displace an issue (e.g. move parking so that it becomes a problem somewhere else or route HGV's through another community). Details of the funding amounts and application form are attached, if you have any queries regarding either your allocation or the application process, please email [ETDSpecialProjects@leics.gov.uk](mailto:ETDSpecialProjects@leics.gov.uk). The fund is an additional resource on top of that which is available from your district council. If you cannot see your community represented in the funding allocation list please contact your County Councillor to discuss your proposals.

Below are the types of measures that this funding is to be used for and that you may like to consider for your locality with **indicative costs**; this is not an exhaustive list and all applications will be considered on an individual basis.

<p><b>Road Closures</b></p>		<p>Temporary road closures, via a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) to encourage people to walk or cycle into village centres.</p>	<p>Cost per closure = £1,450 for TTRO Cost for diversion signs = £500</p>
<p><b>Temporary Speed Restrictions</b></p>		<p>The police are unable able to enforce a temporary speed limit and its success will depend on encouraging local communities to restrict their speed. If this is something that you would want to make permanent this would need to be considered at a later stage and the guidance issued by DfT would have to be followed. 20 mph zones are only suitable for use on minor roads that are currently 30mph zones.</p>	<p>Cost per <b>temporary</b> speed restriction = £50 per sign attached to streetlights</p>

<p><b>Temporary Closure of Parking Bays</b></p>		<p>Closing parking bays temporarily to create more space both on footways and on the road. Consideration should be given as to where the displaced parking would go.</p>	<p>Cost per closure = £75 per week £1450 for the TTRO for the village <b>where required.</b></p>
<p><b>The Creation of Pop-up Cycle Lanes</b></p>		<p>The government recommends, "Installing 'pop-up' cycle facilities with a minimum level of physical separation from volume traffic; for example, mandatory cycle lanes, using light segregation features such as flexible plastic wands... Facilities should be segregated as far as possible, i.e. with physical measures separating cyclists and other traffic."</p>	<p>Cost per 1m of cycle lane = £45 + £1,500 for Temporary Traffic Regulation Order <b>where required.</b> Installation approx. £500</p>
<p><b>School Social Distancing Measures</b></p>		<p>Potential measures could include additional signs to remind people of the socially distancing rules in place and bollards outside of school gates where space is limited. Parking bays outside of schools could also be suspended to create more pedestrian space.</p>	<p>Cost per sign = £80 Installation costs included.</p>
<p><b>Edging Back of Overgrown Vegetation</b></p>		<p>Areas that may previously have been wide enough to walk along may now need vegetation cutting back to create more space.</p>	<p>Cost per first 20m of edging back = £100 Then £50 per 20m</p>
<p><b>Pedestrian Guidance or One-Way System</b></p>		<p>Consideration could be given to a form of one-way system or clear guidance for where pedestrians should walk so that social distancing can be maintained.</p>	<p>Cost per 10m of signs &amp; lining = £100</p>
<p><b>Widening of footways</b></p>		<p>In some circumstances it may also be possible to increase the width of footways, this how will depend on many local factors.</p>	<p>Dependent on locality.</p>

In order for you to access the Highway Parish and Community Funding allocation a proforma will need to be completed. The proforma will need to be sent by email to [ETDSpecialProjects@leics.gov.uk](mailto:ETDSpecialProjects@leics.gov.uk) as early as possible or by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at the latest.

Please ensure that any proposal / request that is put forward in your application has the support of your local community. The County Council will then review application with the primary considerations being that the proposal is safe and allowable, it will not consider aesthetics or the impact it will have on the quality of life of residents. Any complaints / concerns regarding any proposals implemented through this grant scheme, notwithstanding safety issues will be referred to the applicant.

We will be looking to monitor any schemes implemented through this fund over the coming months to see if it is something that you would want to put in place on a permanent basis. If this were to happen however, we must apply the guidance issued by DfT, as the rules are different for permanent restrictions such as additional street lighting, speed humps, which may affect affordability and may not be possible in the location.

Once your application has been assessed and approved if you decide to use a County Council supplied equipment / or use other companies to undertake any installations you **may** be asked to sign a grant agreement and apply for licences prior to the work being undertaken. Please make sure you discuss this with us prior to undertaking works and payments being made.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at the following email address. [ETDSpecialProjects@leics.gov.uk](mailto:ETDSpecialProjects@leics.gov.uk)