



APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) GRANT FOR A PROJECT IN THE WOLVERCOTE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AREA Spring Round 2024	
1. Please read the “Guidance Notes for WNF CIL Funding Applications” 2. The sections of this application form may be used flexibly to provide additional information where necessary. Not all sections will be relevant to all projects, and you may leave these blank. 3. Applications will be assessed by the WNF Steering Committee, taking account of the following criteria; applicants may wish to include supporting information regarding their project’s fit to the criteria. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location within or serving the WNF Community • The recipient operates as a recognised body with a nominated bank account • The project has agreement in principle from the property or asset owner • Value for money • Consideration has been given to health and safety requirements • Environmental sustainability • Innovation 	
APPLICATION DATE	
REVISION DATE if applicable	
TITLE Short title by which the project will be known	Davenant Road Traffic Calming
PROJECT APPLICANT(S) & CONTACT DETAILS Name of person (not organisation) who has initiated the project, with email & phone number	Chris Dalley
APPLICANT ORGANISATION Name and type of organisation, if applicable, charity number.	Davenant Road Community Action Group [Bank signatories: Jane Foxcroft (4); Frank Webster (23)]
OUTLINE PROJECT DESCRIPTION Short description so others not associated with the project can understand its purpose and scope. Include aims & objectives, and expected beneficiaries (max 150 words)	Davenant Road connects Banbury and Woodstock Roads inside the Ring Road. It is wide and straight for >350m, encouraging speeding and rat-running by lorries. After a decade of discussions with the County Council, a scheme has been approved to ‘build-out’ nine sections of pavement.
	Issue 1: Slow speeding traffic.

	<p>Vehicles will have to negotiate each build-out which creates a pinch-point for traffic flow.</p> <p>Beneficiaries: safety for pedestrians and road users; quieter road for 100 households.</p>
	<p>Issue 2: Improve pavement safety.</p> <p>Families walk westward towards First Turn School and eastwards towards Cutteslowe Primary School. Mature trees block the pavement, forcing pedestrians, prams, wheelchairs and pets into the road during rush hours. Build-outs will provide safety on the pavement, encouraging walking.</p>
	
<p>Problem: 40cm gap (No 18)</p>	<p>Solution: 1990s build-out (No 14)</p>
	<p>Beneficiaries: improved safety for pedestrians, especially children; encouragement to walk not drive.</p>
<p>MAIN TASKS</p> <p>A list of the main tasks and if appropriate an initial project plan with timescales.</p>	<p>Detailed design is now with Council for approval.</p> <p>~ Obtain accurate quotations</p> <p>~Construct eight and extend one build-out.</p> <p>We had planned to complete the construction phase by the end of May but we are held up by the Council.</p>
<p>STAKEHOLDERS & DETAILS OF CONSULTATION</p> <p>(e.g. Council, Highways, site owners or asset holders, community organisations, businesses, neighbours)</p>	<p>Extensive neighbourhood discussions have resulted in the formation of a Community Action Group; more than 50 households have contributed to a fund for expenses.</p>

	<p>Local Councillors Gant and Buckley are involved and fully supportive.</p> <p>ODS produced the outline design</p> <p>County Council has approved the scheme and the (few) changes to parking regulations.</p> <p>County Council have to approve the detailed design.</p> <p>Joaquim Muntane of the COMPF is also involved</p>
<p>RELEVANCE TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</p> <p>How does the project enhance or develop our neighbourhood?</p>	<p>The Wolvercote and Banbury Road roundabouts are under great traffic pressure and this will be exacerbated by: ‘traffic gate’ on Marston Ferry Road; redesign of Woodstock Road; traffic generated by developments at Oxford North, Begbroke Science Park, new football stadium, North Oxford Golf Club, Water Eaton, etc. Cllr Gant confirmed to us last week that there is still no overall impact statement for the cumulative effects of these on Ring Road traffic. Inevitably, Google Maps shows Davenant Road to be a faster way across so more traffic will choose it. The current situation will only grow worse as all these new initiatives come into play unless active steps are taken to mitigate them now. This project will ensure an orderly traffic flow through a vulnerable residential neighbourhood and will contribute to calmer traffic in neighbouring areas.</p>
<p>CONSENTS REQUIRED</p> <p>Are any legal consents required before the project can go ahead (e.g. from a Council department such as Highways, Planning, Building Control, or other statutory organisation)?</p>	<p>Overall concept approval and parking orders have been achieved. Detail design approval is expected shortly for each build-out to meet Highway regulations.</p>
<p>FINANCE</p> <p>How much will this project cost in total? What proportion is being sought from CIL funding? What other sources of finance are being pursued? Are you seeking matched</p>	<p>The Council created two build-outs in the 1990s, which have proved effective and a good use of funds. They will not allocate any budget this time, but have agreed to the funds being raised locally.</p>

<p>funding? What will the CIL grant be spent on?</p> <p>PLEASE INCLUDE COPIES OF COST ESTIMATES</p>	<p>The project is estimated at £50,000, although there is the possibility of some extra cost for a Section 278 bond. It is likely that our contractor will seek 1/3rd of the payments ‘up-front’.</p> <p>A CIL grant of £3,200 was given for the design work in early February 2024 (though to date the Council has not transferred these funds!!).</p> <p>We have found no other bodies who have this order of funds to offer.</p>
<p>MAINTENANCE</p> <p>How will the outputs of the project be maintained and by whom? Please note that CIL grants cannot be used to cover ongoing costs.</p>	<p>It is anticipated that the changes will be ‘adopted’ by the Council as part of the general kerb structure and pavements of Davenant Road.</p>
<p>RISK ASSESSMENT</p> <p>Are there any financial or other risks to the completion of this project?</p> <p>Are there any safety issues associated with the project?</p>	<p>An overall risk to the timetable is the glacial pace at which the Council departments have responded (years not months).</p> <p>We have been advised that the ‘fixed costs’ of setting up the work are such that it would be much more expensive to do the work piecemeal. Otherwise there is little financial risk to “completion” apart from the speed at which the Council disbursed approved funds!</p> <p>Design safety features will be approved by the Council and the contracted company will perform its own risk assessment for construction.</p>
<p>MONITORING AND REPORTING</p> <p>How will the success of the project be monitored? Over what timescale?</p>	<p>The police have not done a credible job of establishing speeding issues, so there is no base-line against which to measure improvement. Other indicators are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~a) Reduction in ‘road rage’ incidents reported to the police ~b) Fewer ‘near-misses’ reported by residents when exiting driveways (caused by speeding vehicles) ~c) Subjective reports from residents of fewer high-speed vehicles ~d) fewer places where pedestrians and prams are forced into the road.

OTHER COMMENTS OR INFORMATION

Please list anything else of relevance you wish the Committee to be aware of.

A previous application for CIL funds was made jointly with Blandford Avenue under their name. It was not successful.

A grant of £3,200 was made to complete the detailed design.

Because the Council has been so slow to respond we have not had the detail on which to seek exact quotations. This application is a 'place-holder' and the quotations will be forwarded as soon as we can get them

Completed applications, WITH COPIES OF COST ESTIMATES/QUOTES WHERE APPLICABLE, should be sent with a covering email to wolvercotenf@gmail.com