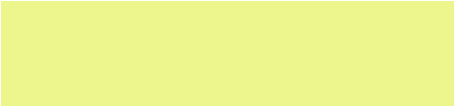


APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) GRANT FOR A PROJECT IN THE WOLVERCOTE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AREA Autumn Round 2024	
1. Please read the “Guidance Notes for WNF CIL Funding Applications” 2. The sections of this application form may be used flexibly to provide additional information where 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	13 September 2024
REVISION DATE if applicable	
TITLE Short title by which the project will be known	Five Mile Drive Community Speedwatch – Permanent Signs
PROJECT APPLICANT(S) & CONTACT DETAILS Name of person (not organisation) who has initiated the project, with email & phone number	Name: Bill Richardson, Joint Co-Ordinator, Five Mile Drive Community Speedwatch 
APPLICANT ORGANISATION Name and type of organisation, if applicable, charity number.	Five Mile Drive Community Speedwatch Group
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)	Description To erect permanent signs advising of the Five Mile Drive Community Speedwatch Area: one at the eastern entrance to Five Mile Drive on lamppost 21; one at the western end of Five Mile Drive on lamppost 1; and one on the west side of Rotha Field Road below the ‘Permit parking area ends’ sign near lamppost 7 (See Annex 1). These will replace the

	<p>portable A4 sign currently used during monitoring sessions.</p> <p>Aims and Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To enhance existing Community Speedwatch activities to further improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in their local community. 2) To mitigate the effects of additional traffic caused by current and planned development. <p>Expected beneficiaries</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) People living in and visiting the Five Mile Drive Triangle. 2) Cyclists, pedestrians and law-abiding motorists using Five Mile Drive.
<p>MAIN TASKS</p> <p>A list of the main tasks and if appropriate an initial project plan with timescales.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Order and pay for the signs and fixing clips – if we hear that this application has been successful then as soon as possible. 2) Delivery is estimated to be 5 to 7 working days after placing the order. 3) Erect the signs – as soon as weather and time permits. Estimated to be within one week of delivery.
<p>STAKEHOLDERS & DETAILS OF CONSULTATION</p> <p>(e.g. Council, Highways, site owners or asset holders, community organisations, businesses, neighbours)</p>	<p>Over the last 35 years there have been several attempts by residents of Five Mile Drive to try to reduce speeds and traffic in Five Mile Drive. The most recent was in May 2021 when 7 concerned residents met with their current County Councillor and a former County Councillor. The meeting decided to look at Community Speedwatch.</p> <p>Residents of Five Mile Drive, Carey Close, Kirk Close and Rotha Field Road and the co-ordinators of the Neighbourhood Watch groups in Lakeside and Linkside Avenue were invited by the Five Mile Drive Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator to an online meeting with PC Lee Turnham, the Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator for Thames Valley Police in March 2022. 14 people attended and the Community Speedwatch group was formed.</p>

	<p>Members of the Five Mile Drive Community Speedwatch group are drawn from the whole Triangle area and endorse this application.</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council and Thames Valley Police have been consulted.</p> <p>A new Community Group has recently been established in Five Mile Drive and a member of the Community Speedwatch group will attend its meetings ex-officio.</p>
<p>RELEVANCE TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</p> <p>How does the project enhance or develop our neighbourhood?</p>	<p>Five Mile Drive Community Speedwatch is an existing, successful project run entirely by volunteers from within the Triangle. Permanent signs will increase the benefits to the local population, those using the recreation ground, those visiting the cemetery, and those travelling along Five Mile Drive, which have already been achieved (see Annex 2).</p> <p>Research shows that lower speed limits reduce emissions which will bring health benefits to the local population.</p> <p>The danger caused by vehicles being driven too fast discourages cycling. With fewer drivers breaking the speed limit the route will be safer and so cycling will increase, car dependence will reduce, and the health of the local population will benefit.</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>Oxfordshire County Council have given permission to erect the signs (see Annex 3) and Thames Valley Police have been consulted (See Annex 4).</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 funding? What will the CIL grant be spent on?</p> <p>PLEASE INCLUDE COPIES OF FIRM QUOTATIONS</p>	<p>£498.47, 100% of the project cost, is being sought from CIL funding.</p> <p>A quotation has been obtained from Sign Wizzard Ltd who supply the signs approved by Thames Valley Police. (Annex 5)</p> <p>The Community Speedwatch Group has had no need for a bank account as all essential equipment is supplied by Thames Valley Police and so there has been no expenditure, nor any income. Apart from the purchase of permanent signs we cannot envisage any other expenditure, nor being in receipt of any income. The group does not have nor wish to have a</p>

	<p>bank account and is therefore hoping that if the bid is successful the Neighbourhood Forum will be able to pay Sign Wizzard Ltd directly for the signs and clips.</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>The signs will not require any maintenance.</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>There are no financial risks to the completion of the project.</p> <p>The risk of vandalism has been addressed by the inclusion of anti-graffiti film on the signs.</p> <p>The signs will be erected by a volunteer from the group who has been trained in ladder safety and who has in the last week refreshed his training at https://www.hse.gov.uk/work-at-height/ladders/index.htm. He will supply a suitable ladder.</p>
<p>MONITORING AND REPORTING</p> <p>How will the success of the project be monitored? Over what timescale?</p>	<p>The Community Speedwatch Group will continue to monitor vehicle speeds, and so will be able to establish if the percentage of vehicles exceeding 25 mph and the average speed of these vehicles is continuing to fall as before or more rapidly.</p> <p>We receive feedback during roadside sessions from pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. We will ask those who stop if they think the permanent signs have made any difference to the speed of vehicles in Five Mile Drive.</p> <p>If this bid is successful after 1 year we will ask the County Council to carry out a 2 week speed survey which can be compared with the survey they carried out between 14/9/2020 and 14/10/2020. This will help establish the effectiveness of the Community Speedwatch group's activities, including the permanent signs.</p>
<p>OTHER COMMENTS OR INFORMATION</p>	<p>Community Speedwatch is a national scheme and launched across Thames</p>

<p>Please list anything else of relevance you wish the Committee to be aware of.</p>	<p>Valley in October 2021. There are now 282 Groups in the Thames Valley Police area, of which 104 are within Oxfordshire and of those 8 are in Oxford City.</p> <p>Vehicles spotted being driven a</p> <p>t 25 mph or more by Five Mile Drive Community Speedwatch are reported to the police who send the registered owner a letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of excessive speed. Repeat offenders receive a visit from the police. Focused enforcement and criminal prosecution can follow.</p> <p>The police haven't collected data on the effect of permanent Community Speedwatch signs on vehicle speeds. The group believes however that as the scheme grows and the number of permanent signs increases more drivers will become aware of what the scheme does. With permanent signs drivers will be made aware every time they enter the area that their speed may be recorded and details reported to the police and so they are more likely to keep within the speed limit at all times. This will result in a safer road and more pleasant environment for all.</p>
<p>Completed applications, WITH COPIES OF FIRM QUOTATIONS WHERE APPLICABLE should be sent with a covering email to wolvercotenf@gmail.com</p>	