

Text of on-line LHI 2024-25 application

1-5 Contact details

6. What is the population of the area of your requested improvement? *

686

7. What is the maximum budget you are able to contribute towards your requested improvements?

£2000

8. What type of LHI Scheme are you applying for?

Non-complex

9. What specific type of measure(s) are you applying for?

Parking restrictions such as double yellow lines or controlled parking zone.

10. Description * *Please provide a short summary of the improvements you are applying for, where they will be located, and why you are making an application. Please be aware you will have the opportunity to go into more detail later on in the form.*

We are seeking the installation of double yellow lines on both sides of part of Boxworth Road to address two particular problems.

(1) Consequent upon the reduction in the size of the car park of the George & Dragon pub/restaurant by the construction of a house, vehicles are parking outside the pub within 10 metres of the junction with Duncock Lane (a single lane road) and also part parking on the Boxworth Road footpath outside the pub (photo A); neither of these actions comply with the Highway Code. It should also be noted that there is also planning permission for a second property to be built in the car park.

(2) The more recent problem of vehicles parking on Boxworth Road between the junctions with Orchard Close and Roger's Close and within 10 metres of the junction of the latter (photo B); again not in compliance with the Highway Code.

11 . How does your application address a known safety issue? * *Evidence should be provided that demonstrates that there is an existing safety issue or problem. This can be with reference to - Existing recorded accident data which can be found on the LHI website. Anecdotal evidence of accidents including reference to photographs or emails where an injury accident may not have occurred. Or both*

In the words of one respondent to our consultation with residents "it's been a miracle that an accident has not happened yet". There has been a long-standing problem regarding vehicles parking close to and on either side of the junction between Boxworth Road and Duncock Lane resulting in adequate visibility splays not being maintained at the entry/exit to the pub and to the Lane itself (photos C, D and E). This was the subject of an unsuccessful LHI bid in 2019-20 to enhance the existing (and ineffective) access protection line with signage, and the current bid takes account of highways officers' comments made at the time that consideration be given to replacing the access protection line with yellow lines. There is only a single footpath on Boxworth Road (on the north side) and parking on the footpath, which at this point slopes quite noticeably toward the pub

(photos E and F), is not only a hindrance to pedestrians, particularly the more vulnerable, but contrary to advice in the Highway Code. Similarly, there is the more recent problem of visibility splays and vehicles parking within 10 m of the junctions with Roger's Close, The Drift and Orchard Close.

12. How will your application increase safety for highway users? * Evidence should be provided in the application of how the scheme will make it safer for different user groups. Specific reference should be made to the expected safety improvements the requested changes will have for groups such as pedestrians, cyclists, or vulnerable users. An example could include the installation of speed cushions outside a primary school to reduce vehicle speeds in an area with a high number of vulnerable users, or the installation of parking restrictions to prevent vehicles parking too close to a junction and increase visibility for those seeking to cross the road.

Prohibiting cars from parking on the footpath outside the George & Dragon will improve safety for pedestrians, particularly those with impaired mobility, accompanying children, pushing buggies, etc. Prohibiting parking close to junctions will improve visibility splays (including those from the George & Dragon) to the benefit of customers of the G&D, the residents of Duncock Lane, Roger's Close, The Drift and Orchard Close.

13. How does your application contribute positively to public health? * Your application should detail the anticipated safety benefits as a result of your improvement being installed for users of non-motorised forms of transport. For example, you could refer to or highlight how your proposal would encourage an uptake in healthy activities such as walking, cycling, or horse-riding. Improvements could include new sections of widen foot or cycle path, warning signs making it safer for horse riders or cyclists to use a section of road, or a pedestrian crossing linking two areas of a village and providing a formalised place for people to cross.

By lessening the potential for accidents arising from restricted visibility and ensuring that the footpath is only used for for the purpose for which it is intended. Also, by reducing emissions from vehicles waiting and then edging forward/braking when trying to exit junctions onto Boxworth Road.

14. Does your application have demonstrable local support? * Does the wider community, particularly those directly affected, support your proposal? How important is this issue on a local level? Evidence that your proposal is supported by the local community including your County Councilor will be required, along with further details on the level of local consultation that has been carried out to date. You should provide a detailed summary of what consultation you have undertaken, for example pages in a parish newsletter, online surveys, or a presentation at a council meeting. You will need to satisfy those scoring your application that should your application be successful local stakeholders will be in support of the scheme and are aware of what has been applied for.

Following the PC's meeting in November 2023, on 22 December a consultative letter was sent to households potentially affected by the proposals. This explained the proposals and invited comments: of the responses received 25 were in favour; 3 objected; and 2 concerned other parking issues in the village. Account has been taken of comments made in the responses when finalising the application. Our County Councillor (Mandy Smith) supports the application and Richie Baker of Beds, Cambs and Herts Traffic Management Unit has also indicated his support.

15. How will your requested changes result in localised environmental improvements? Examples of this could include but aren't limited to the following: an anticipated improvement in air quality near a school, an expected reduction in noise pollution, or a positive reduction in vehicle speeds.

The environment will be improved by the prohibition of parking on the footpath on Boxworth Road and a reduction in emissions as previously noted.

16. Location Link * *Please provide a map link to the location or area of your requested improvement*
* *Please be aware that should you wish to share any drawings or other documents you can do so after you have submitted your application as you will receive a copy of your completed form via email. If you wish to submit a location plan, please forward a copy of the completed form and any attachments to: local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk*

A location map and photographs will be submitted.