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Area Board Projects and Councillor Led Initiatives Application Form 2017/2018

To be completed by the Wiltshire Councillor leading on the project

Please ensure that you have read the Funding Criteria before completing this form

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS TO ENSURE THAT YOUR APPLICATION CAN BE CONSIDERED

1. Contact Details

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2. The project

Project Title/Name	Bridge@175 - Ground Investigation Survey Setup Costs
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Please tell us about the project /activity you want to organise/deliver and why?

Important: This section is limited to 900 characters only (inclusive of spaces).

Winsley Hill Traffic Action Group (WHTAG) has instigated a campaign to install a pedestrian bridge parallel to the road bridge that crosses the Kennet and Avon Canal on Winsley Hill at bridge number 175 - hence the project name. Currently there is no pathway across the road bridge and consequently pedestrians have to step-out into traffic to cross the canal. This presents a very significant risk for all road users. Moreover the number of cars parked on both the west side and east side of the bridge at peak times evenings and weekends exacerbates the problem. The bridge is wide enough to accommodate two vehicles passing side by side but there is neither a pathway nor sufficient space for pedestrians to cross the bridge on the roadway while two vehicles are passing on the bridge. On the east side of the bridge Winsley direction there is a pathway on the north side of the road although it finishes 18 m before the bridge. Up to that point the pathway is separated from the eastbound uphill traffic by a grass verge. Occasionally vehicles block the footpath by parking and straddling the verge. This is a traffic violation but is regarded as low priority by the local police. When that happens to approach the bridge from the east pedestrians must step into the road. To the west of the bridge Bath direction the pathway is very often blocked by parked vehicles. These vehicles appear to belong to live aboard canal users people using the canal for recreation purposes walkers and cyclists and others visiting the heritage sites at Dundas viaduct and at Avoncliff viaduct. The towpath along the canal between Bath and Bradford on Avon forms part of National Cycle Network Route No 4 which runs from London to Fishguard. In recent years works to add a pathway under the railway bridge and works to put a pathway along the road from the railway bridge towards the Hop Pole pub in Limpley Stoke have been undertaken by Wiltshire Council. The flow of traffic under the railway bridge is controlled by road markings traffic heading east is supposed to give way to traffic heading towards Bath. Although traffic heading towards Limpley Stoke from the railway junction is expected to give way to traffic from the opposite direction vehicles mount the pathway between the railway bridge and the Hop Pole pub to allow oncoming traffic to pass. Nevertheless both measures do go some way to safeguarding pedestrians walking between Limpley Stoke towards the canal and onwards towards Winsley. The absence of any means of separating traffic from pedestrians approaching and then crossing the Kennet and Avon canal on Winsley Hill is a gap in provision and represents a major safety risk to all pedestrians. Especially for those walking the route who have mobility issues and/ +or visual and audio impairment as well as those accompanied by young children either walking alongside adults or in a pushchair. Moreover when traffic flow is impeded because of vehicles giving way to pedestrians crossing the bridge etc there is a reduction in fuel efficiency for those vehicles as they must restart their ascent of Winsley Hill. Although this is unlikely to have a significant effect on air quality in the area the potential effect on pedestrians walking alongside traffic that is restarting after giving way is a serious issue. As part of Winsley Parish Councils work to develop a Neighbourhood Plan in 2013/2014 it surveyed the community to determine key issues. Although the Neighbourhood Plan was abandoned the outcome of the survey was used to set priorities for work in the community. Traffic issues related to the B3108 were identified as serious concern and consequently the Parish Council has led work to improve safety along the B3108. Recently the Parish Council responded to Winsley Hill Traffic Action Groups request for assistance in dealing with both speed and safety issues related to traffic using Winsley Hill and has sponsored the development of plans for an interim solution that will identify to traffic the risk of encountering pedestrians on the bridge and by using road markings define a safe haven for pedestrians and better control parked vehicles on the west side of the bridge. Winsley Parish Council has contributed to a topographical survey of the area. application is for funding to instigate ground investigations on the site to determine the approach that will need to be taken to build the abutments that the bridge will ultimately sit-on.

Where is this project taking place?	The B3108 crosses the Kennet and Avon canal at Bridge No 175 approximately 1.6 km west of Winsley and 23rds of the way down Winsley Hill.
When will the project take place?	2018/19
What evidence is there that this project/activity needs to take place/be funded by the area board?	Currently there is no pathway across the road bridge and consequently pedestrians have to step-out into traffic to cross the canal. This presents a very significant risk for all road users. Moreover the number of cars parked on both the west side and east side of the bridge at peak times evenings and weekends exacerbates the problem.

<p>How will the local community benefit?</p>	<p>The purpose of this project is to connect communities by providing a safe pedestrian link between Winsley and its neighbouring Parish of Limpley Stoke and provide safe access to a major recreational route, the K@A canal towpath, which is hugely popular with people from Bath, Bradford on Avon and further afield. Second order benefits include improvements in the health and well-being of those using the canal and linked footpaths for recreational purposes, greater opportunity to market walking in the area which would benefit businesses such as local hotels, pubs and cafes, plus cycle hire. Because of the estimated high cost of the project it cannot be funded solely from the precept and hence there will be need for fundraising. WHTAG is prepared to lead that activity and identify and then manage resources involved with building the bridge. WHTAG has been in contact with various local agencies including the Canal and River Trust, Wiltshire Council and local landowners about the project already and is supported by Winsley Parish Council. The Parish Council has been approached for funding for initial setup of a Charitable Company Limited by Liability that will provide a governance framework that will allow us to safeguard and maximise donations from individuals, local interest groups and businesses as well as protect both individuals and the community that are involved in the project from liabilities. This application is for funding to instigate ground investigations on the site to determine the approach that will need to be taken to build the abutments that the bridge will ultimately sit-on. There is need for both a topographical survey as well as ground investigation. Wiltshire Council has agreed to fund the additional surveying to provide a full topography around bridge 175 as well as the B3108. Overall social economic and health benefits are likely to accrue from the project Bridge@175.</p>		
<p>Does this project link to a current Community Issue? (if so, please give reference number as well as a brief description)</p>	<p>Currently there is no pathway across the road bridge and consequently pedestrians have to step-out into traffic to cross the canal. This presents a very significant risk for all road users.</p>		
<p>Does this project link to the Community Plan or local priorities? (if so, please provide details)</p>	<p>It supports the adopted Limpley Stoke and Freshford Neighbourhood Plan.</p>		
<p>What is the desired outcome/s of this project? The new bridge will improve pedestrian safety for the community including safe access to the canal towpath, as outlined above.</p>			
<p>Who will be responsible for managing this project? Winsley Parish Council</p>			
<p>3. Funding</p>			
<p>What will be the total cost of the project?</p>	<p>£ 140,000</p>		
<p>How much funding are you applying for?</p>	<p>£ 3,500</p>		
<p>If you are expecting to receive any other funding for your project, please give details</p>	<p>Source of Funding</p>	<p>Amount Applied For</p>	<p>Amount Received</p>
	<p>Winsley Parish Council</p>	<p></p>	<p>£ 1,000</p>
	<p>Limpley Stoke Parish Council</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>

Please give the name of the organisation and bank account name (but not the number) your grant will be paid in to. (N.B. We cannot pay money into an individual's bank account)	Winsley Parish Council		
4. Declaration – I confirm that...			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X The information on this form is correct and that any grant received will be spent on the activities specified <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Any form of licence, insurance or other approval for this project will be in place before the start of the project outlined in this application			
Name: Jonny Kidney			Date: 26/02/18
Position in organisation: Wiltshire Councillor			
Please return your completed application to the appropriate Area Board Locality Team (see section 3)			