

2627 Local Highway Improvement Initiative Application Form 106

District: South Cambridgeshire

Parish/Town/City/Community Group: Rampton

Applicant Name: Rampton Parish Council

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What is the population of the area of your requested improvement? 410 (447 2021 census)

What is the maximum budget you can contribute towards your requested improvements? 5000.00

What specific type of measure are you applying for?

Road narrowing

A short summary of the improvements the applicant is are for, where they will be located, and why they are making an application.

As previously designed by the Cambridge County Council in July 2023, please see drawings PFHI-0100-001-B and PFHI-0100-002-B and included in our application, we would like to apply for priority build out/pedestrian crossing at two locations within the village of Rampton.

One to be funded through LHI and then one to be funded by S106 monies.

The drawings will need to be reviewed, and best locations determined by Cambridge County Council Highways department and the Police.

How does your application address a known safety issue?

From where you enter Rampton from Willingham at the West, the High Street runs through the village and past the village green, turning into Church End at the end of the village green as you exit the village towards Cottenham in the East. This a length of almost 1km.

Residents tend not to park their cars on the High Street creating the perception of an open, straight road that encourages excessive speeding.

We regularly receive complaints from village residents regarding speeding, with the safety of pedestrians and cyclists being the main concern, with a secondary concern for parked vehicles and property, some of which has been damaged in recent months.

These concerns are supported by data collected by our volunteer speed watch team and evidence of accidents. The most recent incident being in September 2025 where excessive speeds caused a vehicle to crash, with two seriously injured and damage to property. Further information can be obtained about this recent incident from Cambridgeshire Police, quoting case No. 35/71735/25.

There have been several other documented incidents from the main through route along the High Street and Church End due to the excess speed of vehicles. See photographs supporting our application.

Rampton whilst being a small village sits between the two large and growing communities of Willingham and Cottenham. The route through the village links all three villages, and to the catchment secondary school at Cottenham along with being a key route into Cambridge and the A14.

Furthermore, the last round of 20 mph applications saw schemes in Cottenham and Willingham approved. We are concerned that motorists see Rampton as a village in which they can accelerate to "make up time".

How will your application increase safety for highway users?

The village amenities (Allotments, Pub, Mission Hall, Garage, War Memorial, Church, Giants Hill Monument, Recreation Ground, The Green and the Village Hall) are accessed via the through road with no pedestrian crossings at any point along the High Street.

Consequently there is significant pedestrian activity within the area.

The Village Green and Pond are a focal points of the village and provide critical green space and potential tranquility that is currently disrupted by the speed of traffic.

Rampton currently has very limited public transport and thus all residents rely on their vehicles to reach neighboring villages.

Those located on the High Street and Church End have expressed their concerns over entering and exiting their properties due to the speed of through traffic.

At peak times, mornings, and evenings there is a high volume of mixed traffic through the village. This is noticeably exacerbated when problems arise on the A14.

The catchment schools for children in Rampton are in Cottenham. At present both schools are serviced by school buses. The bus stop is located at the village green, on the High Street. There are no crossings in Rampton, thus making access to the bus stop dangerous.

There is a cycle path linking the village with Cottenham, again there is no safe crossing to access this. The access point is located on the cusp of a bend at which there are frequent emergency stops as vehicles speed through the village and do not see pedestrians and/or cyclists attempting to join the cycle path.

Our allotments are used by a mix of retired and family gardeners. They are sited at the Willingham end of Rampton where

How does your application contribute positively to sustainable transport, public transport, & health?

If we reduce the speed of vehicles we are reducing the possibility of injury to pedestrians, animals, vehicles and property.

To increase walking and cycling making the High Street a safer place by reduced traffic speeds allows pedestrians, dog walkers and cyclists encourages them to use the routes around the village.

How does your application have demonstrable local support?

Information was provided to the village via social media, Parish Council website, village newsletter and notice boards encouraging feedback.

Out of the responses received, 74% were in favour of speed restrictions.

The issue of speeding in the village is one of the most regular issues raised by residents and there is strong support for physical speed calming methods that is supported by the Parish Council and County Councilor.

How will your requested changes result in localised environmental improvements?

With the implementation of physical barriers we would anticipate the reduction in vehicle speeds and noise suffered by High Street residents.

Lower speeds will also lead to less vehicle emissions.

The High Street mainly drains into our village pond so a reduction in effluent will benefit the Greater Crested Newt colony that reside within.

Location Link:

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Has an informal consultation been undertaken for your proposed scheme, and does it have the support of the local residents and stakeholders that would be directly affected by it? Yes

Has your requested improvements been shared with and approved by the respected County member(s) for the area? Yes

Please confirm that you understand that your financial contribution should not be reliant on any subsequent requests by your (the applicant) to third parties to secure all of, or a proportion of the agreed funding allocation? Yes