

# Local Highway Improvements Engagement Session

07/11/2025 12-1300. (Can extend to 13.30pm)

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# Agenda



- Introductions and plan of the session
- Overview of the LHI Programme.
  - Timelines, what happens when.
  - Who can apply
- Making an application.
  - What information is there available to applicants?
    - Website pages run through
    - CCC Officer support via [local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)
  - How do I apply?
- Answers to Questions already received
- Q/A Session

# Introductions & Plan of the session



- Host: Michael Martin, Senior Project Manager for the programme.
- Support: Members of the Team (intro's). *Who have full permission to interrupt Michael!*
- The Intention is for this to be an informal session.
  - All please have microphones on mute.
  - Please do raise hands and we'll come to you for questions comments as we go.
  - You are welcome to add comments and questions into the chat and we will address those as we go as well.
- This engagement session is recorded and shall be shared to all attendees, and the website.
- Plan:
  - Overview of the LHI Programme
  - Overview of making an application
  - Q & A

# Overview of the LHI Programme



- Annual programme, with rounds of funding committed each financial year.
  - The Local Highways Improvement (LHI) programme covers all districts in Cambridgeshire and invites any groups or organisations that represent the local community to apply for funding. The schemes are community driven and give local people the opportunity to put forward proposals for highway improvements in their area.
  - The schemes are delivered by the County Council on a joint funded basis and applicants can apply for funding of up to either £25,000 for complex projects or £10,000 for non-complex projects, as a contribution to their scheme. The applicant is expected to provide a minimum contribution of 10% towards the total scheme cost.
- **Timelines, what happens when.**
    - Application window opens on Monday 10th November 2025, and closes on Friday 16th January 2025 at 5pm.
    - Prioritisation and feasibility studies undertaken between February and May 2026
    - Member panel meetings will occur between June and July 2025 (Complex applications)
    - Report to Highways and Transport committee including prioritised lists for approval – currently planned for October 2026
    - Programming, design, and consultation with successful applicants between November and June 2027
    - Pricing and construction between July and December 2027 – deliveries target to be concluded before end of FY 27/28.

# Overview of the LHI Programme



- Who can apply

- Parish councils - one bid per parish.
- Town councils - one bid per county council division in the town.
- Cambridge City - five bids per county council division.
- Community groups - one additional application, per respective parish, town, or city, (this does not apply to Cambridge City). This application should be applied for in the same way and needs to evidence the support of the locally elected member/s before submitting.

# Making an application



- What information is there available to applicants?
  - Website pages run through
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- How do I apply?

# Question and Answers



Thank you for providing questions in advance to the meeting call. We will answer the general questions, and respond directly to the scheme / application specific questions.

\*Names have been removed for general questions.

- Q1: ...we also have a general request as to whether safety improvements on off road active travel routes can be requested on this round. [CCC Highway land only. The LHI initiative is solely for work on the public highway. Proposals for work on unadopted roads or private land will not be accepted.](#)
- Q2: Can joint applications between Parish Councils occur. [Yes. Prompt for Discussion of application quantities, and agreements between parties involved.](#)
- Q3: MVAS benefit of solar versus battery powered. And rotation of devices.
- Q4: Money contributions. Limitations to scope of work.
- Q5: Reliable cost figure. [Prompt: Managing expectations. 10% contribution. Extra over contributions from applicant.](#)
- Q6: Supporting information with application : [Send to local.projects inbox. Word Limits may ne in place – send a follow up document with all wording just in case.](#)

# Thank You for listening and participating



- We will share this recording via the LHI website page.
- For any further questions or queries please do contact the team via:
  - Email: [local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Thank you for listening and your participation today