

Somerset West and Taunton Council Community Infrastructure Levy

Infrastructure Projects Funding Application Form

1.1 Organisation / Company:	Somerset West and Taunton Council	
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2.1 Project Title:	Active Travel Fund Tranche 4	
2.2 Location of Project:	Taunton	
2.3 Description of the Project Proposal:		
<p>SWT would like to deliver improvements to the cycling, walking and wheeling route between Comeytrove and the town centre.</p> <p>Schemes include narrowing of side-road junction radii, new segregated cycle and pedestrian paths and crossing improvements. The location of these schemes directly impacts people travelling to and from Musgrove Park Hospital, Castle School and Parkfield School.</p> <p>An application to Active Travel England will be made for the majority of project funding; this application for CIL will be submitted as match funding, if successful.</p>		
2.4 Identify any Project Partners & their role within the bid:		
<p>Active Travel England – potential funding source</p> <p>Somerset County Council – delivery partners</p>		
2.5 Indicate your organisations current commitment to the project:	Fully committed	
	Partly committed	X
	Uncommitted	
2.6 Please expand on your answer to 2.5 including any board/committee or Cabinet resolutions:		
<p>Meetings with PFH Cllr Mike Rigby on 01/11/22 and 09/11/22 to discuss the proposals. Would require further Member engagement to approve spend.</p>		

Section 3: Bid Justification

3.1 Is the Project in the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan?

Yes	X		
No			

3.2 How will the proposal help address the demands of development in the area?

These route improvements will encourage more cycling walking and wheeling instead of car-use for residents of existing communities as well as the emerging Comeytrowe development. See [Summary for Comeytrowe May 22.docx](#) for further information.

Air quality, congestion, health and wellbeing, climate change and noise reduction benefits will all result from more cycling, walking and wheeling and fewer cars on the road.

3.3 Please provide details of any evidence which supports the bid from the local community
There was extensive public and stakeholder consultation for the Connecting our Garden Communities work, from which this route was identified as a priority. Consultation on the Comeytrowe route summary:

- Majority unhappy/dissatisfied with existing infrastructure. Consider alternative or additional route direction into the town centre via Corporation St and Parkfield Drive.
- Also, consider onwards connections to Firepool/station via Tangier Way/Wood St.
- Consider reducing vehicle speeds to 20mph along Galmington Road.
- Address area of conflict between Hoveland Crescent and Musgrove Park Hospital such as (Widen My Path) suggestion to swap cycle path to opposite side along Hoveland Lane.
- Improve active travel visibility between Hoveland Crescent and Parkfield Drive and improve overlooking of path by managing vegetation along Musgrove Park Hospital boundary.
- Current unsafe provision along Castle St, could be improved with greater segregation.
- Remove barriers along Galmington Stream path at Claremont Drive.
- Consider onwards connections to Firepool/station such as via French Weir/Wood Street.

3.4 How has the project been assessed regarding sustainability and in consideration of climate change and carbon reduction? If applicable, please include examples of how your project mitigates (if any) negative climate change and sustainability impacts. In addition, please outline how your project may help to adapt to the effects of climate change.'

This project will reduce carbon emissions by enabling more cycling, walking and wheeling and therefore reducing car-use. The impacts of embodied carbon from materials disposal and construction will be limited by following a PAS 20/80 (or similar) framework.

Section 4: Current Status of the Project

4.1 Aside from funding is the project ready to commence?

Yes	X	No
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4.2 If the answer to 4.1 is No, please briefly list the main constraints:

Section 5: Current Funding for the Project

5.1 Please indicate the total cost of the project:

Approx. £2.3m

5.2 How much funding does the project currently have?

75-100%

50-74%

25-49%

Up to 25%

None

Uncertain / unknown

X

5.3 Please provide a detailed summary of the total CIL funding required, broken down into required funding phases. Please also use this space to explain how non-CIL funding is obtained:

£1.8m will be requested from Active Travel England
 £499,999 CIL request, for cycling and walking improvements in the former Taunton Deane area.

5.4 Is there a related revenue spend (i.e. day-to-day running costs, maintenance etc.) associated with the Project? If so, please set out the details:

None

5.5 Is the project expected to receive any S.106 funding?	Yes	No	X
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5.6 Does the Project help secure the release of additional funding?	Yes	X	No
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5.7 If Yes, please indicate what other priority projects would be delivered:

May make further Active Travel England funding easier to obtain if we can deliver a high-quality route and evidence further phases.

Section 6: Delivery Timescale

6.1 What is the current delivery timescale for the Project:	Immediate	
	Up to 5 years	x
	5-10 years	
	10-15 years	
	More than 15 years	

6.2 Please provide further details on the programme for delivering the project:

Active Travel Funding Tranche 4 is expected to be a two year fund, so delivery must be within April 2023 – March 2025. Guidance has yet to be released for the grant.

Section 7: Constraints

7.1 Please show what constraints (if any) apply to your project:

Physical and environmental impacts e.g. flood risk, contamination, topography, biodiversity, noise etc		No
Approvals and licences e.g. planning permissions	maybe	
Ownership, acquisition or compulsory purchase order issues	maybe	
Partnership and governance issues		No
Dependency on other projects going ahead		No

7.2 If the answer to any of the questions in 7.1 is Yes, please provide further details here, including the extent to which the issues concerned can be overcome by mitigation:

If funding is secured to proceed, further work will be done to assess highway boundary width and if this can be carried out as permitted development, or if planning permission will be required for some elements. Same applies for ownership, this will only be understood once further design work can commence.

Section 8: Governance

8.1 Please indicate what governance structures you have in place for this project:

Taunton Garden Town Governance arrangements:

[TDBC Executive Committee \(somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk\)](http://somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk).

Section 9: Evidence

9.1 Have you provided evidence to support your application?

Yes

9.2 If the answer to 9.1 is Yes, please list the evidence included:

[Taunton LCWIP](#) provides support for increasing access and safety to active travel in Taunton.

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<i>Approved by s151 Officer:</i>	P Fitzgerald	YES S <input checked="" type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	<i>Date:</i> 15/12/2022
<i>Approved by Senior Responsible Officer: (HoF or Director)</i>	C Hall	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	<i>Date:</i> 19/12/2022
<i>Approved by Planning Portfolio Holder:</i>	Cllr M Rigby	YES S <input checked="" type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	<i>Date:</i> 20/12/2022
<i>Circulated to Members for call in:</i>	R Staddon	YES S <input checked="" type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	<i>Date:</i> 08/02/2023
<i>Release of CIL funds approval process complete:</i>		YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>	<i>Date:</i>