

FULL COUNCIL DECEMBER 2024 – COMMUNITY MATCH APPRAISAL

Email information received from ESCC

I hope this email finds you well. I am pleased to let you know your Community Match Appraisal has been completed and is attached. The attached appraisal suggests costs for the lay-by scheme would exceed the maximum funding limit of £120,000, however, the scheme could still potentially be implemented by the parish through a Section 278 agreement. A Section 278 agreement is where developers (in this case the parish council) enter into a legal agreement with the County Council to make alterations or improvements to the public highway. The parish would be wholly responsible for securing the funding and the progression of this scheme. In addition, they would need to employ their own consultants to manage the design, any required informal and formal consultations and the construction of the scheme. At the stage that a potential scheme had been designed and costed, Stage 1 and 2 of the Road Safety Audit processes completed, and the required consultations undertaken with the local community and statutory consultees, the parish could choose to apply for a contribution from the Community Match Initiative of up to £60,000. If approved by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment, the applicant would remain responsible for the scheme's construction and delivery. They would also be responsible for the post construction Road Safety Audits and any required alterations. The next round of applications to be presented at Lead Member will be June 2024 and December 2024.

Should you wish to proceed with the recommendations within the Appraisal, I will be happy to put you in touch with an officer who can provide guidance on applying for a Section 278 agreement.