



# Bradford on Avon Town Council

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Dear Mark

Thank you for your reply to Cllr Tim Trimble of 19<sup>th</sup> October.

We appreciate your reiteration that this is a collaborative process between our two councils and your statement that you still believe that there is potential to progress work on solutions to the traffic issues our town faces.

We are planning to bring your request for a contribution towards the costs of modelling such solutions to our Full Council meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

In order that we make an informed decision, and to enable us to answer residents' questions, we would be grateful if you would provide us with answers to the following questions by the close of Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. This will enable us to include the information in our agenda pack.

1. Can you confirm how much the modelling is expected to cost?
2. What proportion of this cost would you be looking to the Town Council to contribute?
3. What degree of guarantee can you give us that following such modelling Wiltshire Council Highways department will proceed to scheme design and budget allocation for work on a scheme? Are you able to suggest any timescale for progress?
4. Please can you provide some information about the other towns you refer to in similar circumstances? What level of contribution have they provided and what has been the outcome in terms of the scheme progressing?
5. If we contribute to the cost of the modelling, will we then have the option to attend key meetings and provide input to the process?

I think it is important to note that our entire annual budget for highways-related work/travel is £20,000. Making the 'significant local contribution' you are asking will need to be clearly justifiable to our council and our residents as money well spent, given that we have already spent £20,000 on the consultation last autumn/winter and are committed to funding the next round of consultation.

Our councillors are also likely to raise the fact that Bradford on Avon Council is being asked to contribute to this study when it is already saving Wiltshire Council far greater sums. The asset transfer to Bradford on Avon Town Council of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 will enable Wiltshire Council to save £160,000 from its street scene budget in 2023-24 with further savings in the current financial year.

As we have explained in previous correspondence, there is a very high level of resident interest in this issue, and there will be a great deal of disappointment if we are not able to progress. We do not wish to let this opportunity pass, but if we are to commit further funds (bearing in mind that all expenditure so far has been borne by the Town Council), the Council and residents will be looking for some certainty that money we contribute to modelling won't be wasted.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Vigar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cllr Katie Vigar

Mayor of Bradford on Avon