



(i) Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) funding structure - update

For some while the town council has been disappointed that the contribution made by town and parish councils of the Bradford on Avon Area Board's LHFIG has been set at 50% of the overall cost for any improvements agreed and undertaken. Typically, other groups in the county have had town and parish contributions set at 25% or 30%. The variation seems somewhat arbitrary.

However, officers have now been informed that the Bradford on Avon group has agreed to reduce town and parish council contributions to **30%** for all new improvements going forward. This will include the request for funding submitted at this agenda item.

(ii) Requests for more information and current requests - update

Several requests sent in by residents have been forwarded to the LHFIG traffic engineers for guidance before any decision is taken by town councillors over whether to support.

(N.B. LHFIG next meeting is on 12 October 2026 and the group has not met since the previous SD&T committee meeting on 16 June 2026).

The following information has been received so far:

Newtown – traffic engineer has submitted some information for consideration (See Appendix A)

John Rennie Close – nothing so far

Huntingdon Rise – nothing so far

Mythern Meadow – nothing so far



Progress on current requests

Market Street bollards (originally on hold) – to be considered by traffic engineers

Culver Road – request for H bar markings – town councillors requested Wiltshire Council resolve the issue of frequent poor parking across a residential driveway. This is largely due to the introduction of waiting restrictions nearby.

Wiltshire Council has agreed to resolve this matter at their own expense.

Additional SID/SAM infrastructure - the town council has requested that LHFIG traffic engineers advise on locations for retention sockets at certain locations around the town. This follows the success of the SAM with residents on Winsley Road and other spots where it has been approved for use. Not all locations have appropriate street furniture to allow for installation. Retention sockets will allow the SAM to be deployed with the use of a portable pole. The town council has sent suggested locations on Newtown, Bath Road, elsewhere on Winsley Road and Frome Road to Wiltshire Council. So far Winsley Road has been approved.

Winsley Road pedestrian crossing improvements are underway this week with temporary lights in place throughout the works. The crossing is being enlarged to get the best point for visibility when crossing from either side of the road. New tactile paving and bollards will highlight the crossing point and warning signs will be installed on the approaches. The coloured surface will be completed when the road surface is redressed which is booked in but with no fixed date given as yet.

The design plan is at Appendix B.



(iii) Request for funding

St Margaret's Place – Relocation of a 'No Cycling' sign to a location with better conspicuity. The sign was previously attached to a stone wall and is not visible as cyclists approach the top of St Margaret's Place. (There have been complaints of 'dangerous cycling' along/down St Margaret's Place).

This was agreed in principle previously, and the costs have now been calculated.

Overall cost is £500, Town Council to pay £150 and LHFIG £350.

Recommendation – Town Council agree to pay £150 towards the cost of the pole and new sign.

(iv) Progress Summary Chart September 2026

To note

N.B. new requests will be considered at the 24 November meeting. Those shaded blue are where the town council has requested information ahead of a decision to support.

Committee Clerk

16 September 2026