



Meeting: Transport Working Party

Date: 12 December 2013

Wards Affected: Shiphay and The Willows; Tormohun

Report Title: Local Pinch Point Fund Application – Torquay Gateway and Town Centre Regeneration Scheme

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1. Key points and Summary

- 1.1 This report concerns the Local Pinch Point Fund Application for Torquay Gateway and Town Centre Regeneration Scheme.
- 1.2 It explains the application process and detail of the scheme.
- 1.3 The DfT announced £55-million was to be made available in a fourth round of the Local Pinch Point Fund. They invited new proposals and revised bids that had been unsuccessful in earlier rounds.
- 1.4 A bid was submitted on 31 October 2013 to the Department for Transport.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 This scheme requested £2.28-million Department for Transport funding, and includes the following:
 - (i) junction improvements at Gallows Gate; Scotts Bridge; and Lowes Bridge
 - (ii) reversal of traffic through Union Street between Laburnum Row and Trematon Avenue
 - (iii) replacement pedestrian crossing linking Fleet Street with Palk Street
- 2.2 The agreed Fleet Street works have been included in the bid as match funding.
- 2.3 This is a refined version of the scheme presented to the Local Transport Board earlier this year (presented to the Transport Working Party on 31 January 2013). The Local Pinch Point Fund is operating to a shorter time period and requires a higher level of match funding so the proposal needed to be revised to ensure it was deliverable and affordable.
- 2.4 As the scheme was not successful in the first round of the Local Transport Board (only 5 of 15 schemes were successful due to limited funding) it was put forward for this opportunity. It has been supported by the LEP and the Independent Transport Assessor to the Local Transport Board.

2.5 No firm timetable has been set out by the DfT with regards to expected announcements on this funding programme; however they have said that they hope to announce before the end of the year.

3. Scheme Detail

3.1 Gallows Gate: additional lane capacity will be created on Marldon Road, creating longer left and right turn lanes

3.2 Scotts Bride: additional turning lane will be created on Riviera Way (Westbound)
Lowes Bridge: extended left turning lane will be created on Newton Road (towards Hospital)

3.3 Torre: Union Street, between Trematon Avenue and Laburnum Row, will be reversed to make the route into the town centre more direct. A further study will be carried out prior to this work taking place to identify and mitigate against potential problems that may be created elsewhere on the network as a result

3.4 Pedestrian Crossing: the current staggered crossing between Fleet Street and Palk Street will be upgraded

4. Consultation

4.1 The scheme has the support of the following organisations: Torquay Neighbourhood Forum, Torre and Upton Ward Partnership, Business Forum, Town Centres Company, Federation of Small Businesses, and the BID.

Business Unit: Strategic Transportation, Spatial Planning
Service Manager: Sally Farley

Appendices

No Appendices

Documents available in members' rooms

No Additional Documents

Background Papers:

The bid and its appendices can be viewed online at:

www.torbay.gov.uk/localpinchpointfund