



## **Network Management Leaflet No. 1 (April 2010) Minor Traffic Management Measures**

### **What are Minor Traffic Management Measures?**

These are small-scale highway measures to:

- Improve highway safety
- Reduce congestion and delay
- Provide information to road users
- Improve the amenity of the highway

This includes such things as:

- Road markings
- Traffic signs (direction and warning signs, interactive signs)
- Traffic Regulation Orders (yellow line restrictions, parking bays, access restrictions etc.)
- Street furniture (seats, bollards etc.)

### **What funding is available?**

The budget that the County Council has been able to set to provide for minor traffic management work of this type is currently being allocated, as a priority, towards the provision of disabled parking places through out the county. The budget is being monitored but, as with all demand-led budgets, it is always difficult to assess what funding will be needed to satisfy demand over the year.

If it is possible to release part of the budget towards meeting other requests for minor traffic management work it would be necessary to prioritise the allocation of funds as there is a significant waiting list across the county.

### **Can measures be funded by third parties?**

Third parties can fund highway measures if they are consistent with the Council's policies and objectives. Funding would need to cover the cost of procuring and installing the measure as well as providing a commuted sum to cover the maintenance of the measure over its lifetime and any running costs.

Third party funding of traffic regulation orders is permitted but, as there is a legal process involved which allows for objections to be made, there is no guarantee that the order will be approved. Irrespective of whether the order is approved, the costs associated with the legal process would have to be met by the third party, upfront.

In the case of measures requiring traffic regulation orders such as lengths of waiting restrictions (yellow lines) where the request arises from a community-based third party (parish council, residents' group etc.), a fee of £266.50 will be required to contribute towards the cost of the advertisement of public notices. The timing of the formal advertisement will be programmed to minimise costs by combining in-house and third party advertisements, which may result in some delay. In the case of a non-community-based third party (developer, private business etc.) the full cost of the advertisement would be levied. It is expected that those requesting a traffic regulation order would demonstrate that they have undertaken appropriate informal local consultation.

The third party would be required to meet the full costs of implementation in all cases. Commuted sums would be levied to cover future maintenance but for minor parking restrictions with limited road marking and no signing (e.g. double yellow lines) this would be waived as the cost of administration could exceed the income generated over its lifespan.

Measures funded by third parties will be included in the traffic management work programme and will be delivered as soon as staff resources allow but the delivery of the County Council's funded programme will be the highest priority.

Through our traffic management and maintenance programme, we will also seek to fund any requests for minor measures where they link with major schemes. Information on the traffic management and maintenance programme is available in the annual Network Services Plan: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/strategies/network/>

Area Managers (Traffic), whose contact details are given below, will be able to give some idea of the likely costs for providing various highway measures which may be useful in deciding whether third party funding is an affordable option.

### **How can requests for measures be added to the waiting list?**

Minor traffic management measures are not always supported by all road users. For example parking controls often generate mixed views and residents can sometimes object to road signs outside their property. Therefore, it is important that any measures have the support of the local community and we encourage any requests to be made through your Parish Council or via your local councillor.

### **What about providing for those with disabilities?**

A budget is available which can fund blue badge disabled parking bays, upon application. The funding is limited and applications will be handled in the order that they are received. If demand exceeds the budget available, any outstanding applications will be held over for funding in the following financial year. Details of the application criteria are available on this link: <http://tinyurl.com/2v8joo4>

Measures to improve access for those with disabilities will also be provided through the traffic management and maintenance programme.

### **Who do I contact for information?**

If you wish to discuss a request for a minor traffic management measure please contact your Area Manager (Traffic). You can do this by calling Cambridgeshire County Council on 0845 045 52 or emailing your Area Manager (Traffic.)

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