

Appendix C – Capital Schemes Request for Feasibility Fees - Somerton West Street town centre enhancements for safety and access.



**CAPITAL SCHEMES
REQUEST FOR FEASIBILITY FEES**

Name Of Scheme: Somerton West Street - town centre enhancements for safety and access

Feasibility Amount Requested: - £10,000

Section 1

Project Outline
<p>Many community priorities for investment in Somerton have been addressed during the last few years, notably that led by Somerton Town Council and SSDC into enhanced car parks, and facilities for children and young people.</p> <p>The Somerton Community Plan (2005) confirmed improvements to the safety and accessibility in Somerton town centre (West Street) as a top local priority. The town’s residents, business association and community groups actively promote Somerton as a good place to live, work and visit, however the central street, which connects two main visiting areas is often cited as unsafe and as a result, unpleasant.</p> <p>SSDC has assisted with initial scheme development since 2005, including consultation with Somerset CC (Highways).</p>

Section 2

Service Objectives & Outcomes
<p>This allocation is for feasibility costs only; to assist in the further development of designs to promote safety and greater accessibility along the main town centre street.</p> <p>Further decisions on solutions (including a potential one-way traffic route), cannot be made without better knowledge of local traffic and pedestrian movements, in particular delivery information to business premises. Survey work on traffic speeds and topography (levels) has been completed by Somerton Town Council, as its contribution to a partnership approach between the town, district and county councils.</p> <p>The potential scheme will aim to promote Somerton’s town centre for services and shopping – contributing to the South Somerset Market Towns Vision, for vibrant and thriving market towns, with ‘distinctive, balanced, local economies’, minimising traffic and enhancing spaces for pedestrians and cyclists. (<i>Corporate Plan 3.21,</i></p>

Somerset LAA and NI 175 “to increase access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling.”)

Somerton Town Council have contributed around £4600 for the topographical survey (completed) and will contribute a further £1000 for a survey of vehicle and pedestrian movements, planned for September 2009. This is estimated at around £4800, and will be arranged by Somerset County Council using standard work methods. The final feasibility costs will include some initial design and communications material.

Following this study, the Stage One feasibility design work can be completed, and made available for further local consultation.

There is no expectation that the outcomes of the feasibility work will result in a further capital investment by SSDC.

Section 3

Estimated Costs	£/hours
Capital	£15,000
Revenue	
Officer time (hours)	
Charlotte Jones	10 hours
Pauline Burr	10 hours
Ian Case	20 hours
Funded by:	
SSDC Area North	10,000
Somerton Town Council	5000

Summary of costs for survey work (provided by SCC) – September 2009

Pedestrian Counts and Delivery Vehicle Data.	£3750
Manual Traffic Count	£550
Automatic Traffic Count	£100
Brunel shopping centre	£170
	£4570