

## APPENDIX E – FUNDING SOURCES EXPLORED

RE: Grant Funding



**KentConnected@kent.gov.uk**

Fri, 23  
Aug  
2019,  
11:30

Dear Councillor Roy,

Thank you for contacting Kent Connected. It is good to hear that collaborative efforts are being made to implement traffic proposals in Otford that would improve road safety, making active and sustainable travel more appealing and accessible within the Parish.

The only current funding streams available through our team are Business and School Travel Grants, providing capital funding to support smarter and more sustainable travel to and from work/school in Kent. This funding can only be spent on a measure within the school or business premises, not on the highway.

The Step Ahead of the Rest Programme, funded through DfT's Access Fund is a three year programme comprising of a number of revenue projects across the county to enable easier access to work and education through active and sustainable travel. The programme is fast approaching its final six months and as such, all funds have been allocated to ongoing projects. Both the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and Safer Roads Fund are offered through DfT. I believe the LSTF was last open for bids in 2015, where KCC was awarded funding to be used to create [www.kentconnected.org](http://www.kentconnected.org) and our associated app. As far as I am aware, there have not been any subsequent rounds of funding.

Similarly, the Safer Roads Funding was awarded to KCC in order to improve the A252 and A290, with funding allocation for 2019/20 and 2020/20 for the respective projects. I can't see any evidence to suggest that this funding is currently open for new bids, but it may be worth keeping an eye out for future rounds.

The one pot of funding I would suggest looking into is the [Kent Lane Rental Fund](#) as your proposals appear to promote health and safety and congestions management.

Another avenue worth exploring would be Section 106 funding. I will forward your enquiry to my colleagues in KCC Transport and Development who are better placed to investigate this possibility. Planners at Sevenoaks District Council may also be able to explore this option.

I have spoken to Officers in the Schemes Planning and Delivery Team, who have informed me that a formal application for LTP funding has not been made as yet. The designs for Otford are at a very early stage and there are no fully workable scheme proposals that have been put forward, nor fully approved by KCC. We are currently looking at funding for 2020/2021 but there is no guarantee of funding for Parish Council schemes as they would be competing with other locations across Kent, which may be considered more safety critical.

As far as we are aware, the local Member has not made an approach to us in regard to funding any improvements in Otford and no CMG application has been submitted.

Many thanks,  
Ben

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RE: Funding Application

Funding

**Rachele Verrier** <rachele@kentcf.org.uk>

Tue, 20  
Aug  
2019,  
09:45

to me

Good morning,

Thank you for your enquiry. Having read your message, this would not be the type of project that our donors would support. However, I wish you every success with this project.

Best wishes

Rachèle

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Re: Otford - Traffic proposals

Inbox



**Nikola.Floodgate@kent.gov.uk**

Tue, 13  
Aug  
2019,  
11:17

to me, Geoffrey.Bineham, Emma.Green2

Geoff would be best placed to make the case to 'bid' for LTP 2020/21 funding as he understands the remit of the LTP funds and I'm sure Emma will support. If he needs anything from yourselves I've no doubt he will be back in touch.

The only other funding opportunities that I personally am aware of is part of the £75k county wide pot to 'trial' the use of softer/more physiological traffic calming measures on roads to be 20mph limits on roads where the existing speeds are close to the 24mph existing speeds (up to 28mph) - of course only if all of the other aspects of technical approval are met (as set out in the ETCC paper)

Many thanks

Nikola Floodgate

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Dear Cllr Roy,

I would recommend the central government website for upcoming funding and of course, I will let you know of anything that I hear of in the meantime.

You may want to investigate the below lottery funding for community lead projects to help mitigate the effects of climate change, but I am unsure as to whether you are eligible:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/news/press-releases/2019-07-18/100million-national-lottery-climate-action-fund-launched-for-communities-across-the-uk>

With the Section 106 funding, I don't think you can apply directly, only express an interest. I would suggest approaching Sevenoaks District Council Planning Officers for this.

Regarding the LTP funding, I am no expert in this field, but as far as I am aware, the request must come via Cllr Roger Gough.

I hope this helps,

Many thanks,

Ben

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