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Subject: RE: Witney Town Council - Expression of Interest

Thank you for contacting the quiet lanes team, we would gladly consider your application to join into the pilot programme.

In order to formalise the request, Parish and town councils are invited to complete the attached application form and simple assessment matrix, if they want to pilot a quiet lane. The form and matrix have been designed to be:

- easy to complete using local knowledge,
- proportionate (exact traffic data is not required),
- supported by simple evidence such as maps, photos or meeting minutes.

Before you proceed, I'd like to clarify a couple of points,

1. The Oxfordshire quiet lanes policy goes a step further than the national guidance and is seeking to deliver full modal filtering on selected minor lanes – this means **all** motor traffic would be prohibited – local and non-local - from passing the gate point, supported by signage. Where the gate is placed would be determined through the informal engagement stage with local residents and businesses.

Access would be maintained for residents and business through alternative routes, which may result in marginally extended journeys for some. This is the key trade-off for any quiet lane scheme.

2. Also worth noting, we have experienced some applications that are received without a demonstration of local support, have resulted in a couple of applications being withdrawn.

We ask that evidence of local support is collected and provided alongside the application should you wish to proceed – this can be a copy of meeting minutes where this application was discussed.

What happens next

Once we receive the completed application (**Appendix A**), we will review the proposal to confirm that it is technically feasible. If it is, we will then undertake further engagement with the Parish Council, local community, and local businesses to further develop the proposal.

I hope this helps and happy to discuss further as necessary.

Kind regards,

The Quiet Lanes Team



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