

To receive an update on draft submissions for the Community Highways Improvement Programme and consider any actions and associated expenditure

Report to: Full Town Council

Date of Report: 07 January 2026

Officer Writing the Report: Town Clerk / RFO

Pursuant to: Minute No. 283/25/26

Purpose of the report: To update Members on the latest developments in the Community Highways Improvement Programme (CHIP) and to strengthen Saltash Town Council's Expressions of Interest, ensuring they have the best possible chance of success.

Officer's Recommendations

Members are asked to review the latest information provided by Cornwall Council's Highways Manager regarding the Expressions of Interest (EOIs) agreed at the Full Town Council meeting in December, prior to submission.

Please note that funding for the scheme is allocated over a three-year period (2026–2029). Members may wish to consider submitting one strong, consolidated application, based on the guidance and reasoning shared by the Highways Manager.

EOIs must be submitted by the extended deadline of **Friday, 27 February**, using the online form available on Cornwall Council's Local Transport webpage.

Report Summary

At the Full Town Council meeting held on 4 December 2025, Members agreed to submit the five EOIs listed below. Following a subsequent meeting with Cornwall Council's Highways Manager, the latest updates have been provided for Members' consideration and are noted in *italics*.

1. Cllr Suter is to submit an Expression of Interest on behalf of Cornwall Councillor Keith Johnson for a pedestrian crossing on Gilston Road, between Lidl and Costa.

The Highways Manager has indicated that there may be a scheme within the Local Transport Plan (LTP) funding to install an island on the approach, rather than a pedestrian crossing. As a result, the proposal via CHIP may not be considered. Saltash Town Council will be consulted at the appropriate stage through the LTP process. No timeframe has been provided.

2. Cllr McCaw is to submit an Expression of Interest on behalf of Cornwall Councillor Paul Cador for a zebra crossing from Treledan to Waitrose.

The Highways Manager confirmed there is an existing island to assist with the crossing. Cormac previously undertook a safety assessment during both daytime and evening periods. The outcome of that assessment indicated that the crossing was considered safe at the time.

Concerns have been raised with the Highways Manager that with the continued growth of Treledan (traffic) and the increasing number of children walking to school, the island may no longer provide the same level of safety as it once did. Those crossing are largely reliant on traffic stopping, which has prompted further local concern.

The Highways Manager confirmed he would check whether a zebra crossing could be installed in this area and if the previous safety review report could be shared with Saltash TC, and arrange for a further assessment to be undertaken during peak times. This would help identify any changes in usage or risk since the original review.

Councillor Gordon McCaw has confirmed that Cornwall Councillor Paul Cador is willing to support which ever proposal the Town Council wish to submit.

3. Councillors Nowlan and Ashburn to submit an Expression of Interest on behalf of Saltash TC for improved cycle routes around the town.

The Highways Manager has reached out to the Principal Transport Officer regarding potential improvements to the town's cycle routes, particularly the section from the Burraton Cross traffic lights to the various retail outlets along Callington Road beyond the junction. He believed this area was previously considered as a part of the walking and cycling scheme.

When reviewing the location on Google Maps, it appeared that several constraints may limit improvements to the cycle infrastructure – namely the lack of available land for widening the path and sufficient road width to support a designated cycle way.

The Highways Manager mentioned that a design may already exist for a cycle route along Liskeard Road, linking the roundabout to the existing cycle path. He will look into this further and share any information that he is able to find.

The Highways Manager understands Saltash TC are keen to better understand the reasons outlined above and wish to continue being consulted prior to any future cycle way proposals being introduced into Saltash.

4. Councillor Miller to submit an Expression of Interest to reduce the speed limit to 20mph on the approach to Forder/Anthony Passage.

The Highways Manager has confirmed that a reduction in speed limit to 20mph when heading into Forder/Anthony Passage does not meet the criteria for a 20mph limit. He is confident that this position remained unchanged, as the area was reviewed only last year as part of the wider 20mph rollout.

We have requested that the Highways Manager provides the specific reasons why this particular location does not meet the criteria for our understanding and awareness.

5. Councillor Richard Bickford is to submit a Town Council Expression of Interest to enhance the walking route between Saltash Railway Station and the town centre on behalf of Saltash Town Council with the support of Cornwall Councillor Hilary Frank.

The Highways Manager believes this proposal is a strong match against the CHIP funding criteria.

Decision Process:

The Cornwall Councillors in each CAP will make the final decision on which Eols will be developed and costed. Once this has taken place, they will make a final recommendation on the allocation of funding to schemes, for final sign-off by Cornwall Council (Section 4.1 of the guidance note). The diagram in that section also outlines the process.

The Community Link Officer will be organising a meeting for all the 12 Cornwall Councillors within the South East Cornwall CAP to meet in early April to consider which of the Eol's they collectively wish to put forward for the more detailed work (undertaken by the Highways Manager) to be followed by another meeting in May/June to decide on the schemes to recommend for sign off.

The next CAP meeting will be held on 7th April where an update to the current position will be given, the Community Link Officer will also be emailing applicants with the outcome of these meetings.

Signature of Officer:

Town Clerk/RFO