

Template for additional funding ask for Local Growth Fund (LGF) projects

1. Project title

A127 Essential Major Maintenance and The Bell Junction Improvement

2. Federated Board

Opportunity South Essex

3. Project description

The A127 Essential Major Maintenance element of the project seeks to improve the condition and quality of the A127 from the borough boundary to Victoria Gateway in a cost effective manner, addressing the results of years of underinvestment in highway infrastructure. The works involve strengthening the carriageway by filling voids below the concrete carriageway slabs, repairing concrete slabs and resurfacing to original levels. The works also involve repairing defective road drainage, safety barrier repairs and replacing defective lighting columns.

4. What was the value of the Benefit Cost Ratio included in the original Business Case approved by SELEP?

Combined A127 Essential Major Maintenance and The Bell Junction Improvement BCR 17.9

5. Summary of project benefits

Addressing the significant reliability and resilience issues along the A127 will support the overall programme of investment in the A127 corridor, to support the delivery of growth for Southend and airport business parks.

6. Existing LGF allocation

£6,600 for A127 Essential Major Maintenance element.

7. LGF spent to date

£3.3m

8. Additional LGF sought

£207,000 for this application only

9. Why is additional LGF investment required?

Additional investment is being sought for additional costs due to Covid-19 and also to support



an increase in costs as works to fill voids below concrete carriageway slabs are more than was anticipated.

10. Can the project proceed without the additional LGF allocation?

Main construction commenced on 1 September 2020, the project can continue with construction but will not be able to deliver all the benefits stated with the business case.

11. What are the main project risks impacting the ability of the project to proceed?

Main construction commenced on 1 September and due for completion Summer 21.

12. Have the project benefits changed since the original Business Case was approved by the Accountability Board?

If yes, please state the nature of these changes and the likely impact on the value for money case.

No change in benefits stated within the business case if further investment is provided.

13. How can the project support the economic recovery?

The project supports the resilience of the A127 which is the main route into Southend and is also the freight route and carries up to 65,000 vehicles per day within the borough of Southend-on-Sea. This project supports the resilience of the A127 by addressing the results of years of underinvestment in highway infrastructure. There are a number of locations on the A127 where the carriageway condition has fallen below an acceptable standard for a carriageway of this classification and if left untreated will lead to failure of the carriageway.

14. If additional funding is awarded to the project, are there any remaining barriers to project delivery (for example: outstanding planning approvals, other Governance requirements, other funding sources awaiting confirmation)?

No. Main construction commenced on 1 September and is due to be complete in Summer 21

Original funding breakdown (as per the original Business Case) (£m)

Funding source	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024 onwards	Total
<i>SELEP</i>				1.23	3.82	5.85					10.9
<i>Southend-on-Sea</i>			0.190	0	0	0.529					0.72
<i>Section 106</i>					0.063						0.063
Total			0.19	1.23	3.883	6.379					11.683

Revised funding breakdown (£m)

Funding source	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024 onwards	Total
<i>SELEP</i>				0.396	1.123	2.983	7.0				11.5*
<i>Southend-on-Sea</i>			0.190				0.529				0.72
<i>Section 106</i>						0.063					0.063

Total			0.190	0.396	1.123	3.046	7.529				12.283
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**Note amount shown as additional LGF includes £393,000 which is subject to further approvals and additional LGF being available*



Sign off of additional funding ask – required from lead County/Unitary Authority

Dear Colleague,

In submitting this project application for additional LGF, I confirm on behalf of *[Insert name of County or Unitary Authority]* that:

- The information presented in this application is accurate.
- The application states all substantial project risks known at the time of submission.
- The delivery body has considered the public sector equality duty and has had regard to the requirements under s.149 of the Equality Act 2010 throughout their decision making process. This should include the development of an Equality Impact Assessment which will remain as a live document through the projects development and delivery stages.
- The delivery body has access to the skills, expertise and resource to support the delivery of the project.
- Adequate revenue budget has been or will be allocated to support the post scheme completion monitoring and benefit realisation reporting.
- The project will be delivered under the conditions in the signed LGF Service Level Agreement with the SELEP Accountable Body and SELEP Ltd.

I note that the information presented in this application will be presented in the public domain as part of the Strategic Board's prioritisation of projects. Any information presented in this application which is considered commercially sensitive and confidential, has been highlighted as such within this application.

Yours Faithfully,

S151 Officer

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Date	29/10/20

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