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**Sent:** 14 July 2025 19:16  
**To:** [REDACTED] Senior Transportation and Infrastructure Planner; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Strategic Development Manager (North); [REDACTED] -  
Infrastructure Funding Co-Ordinator; [REDACTED] Strategic Development Engineer  
**Subject:** RE: Saffron Walden Market Place scheme  
**Attachments:** RE: Saffron Walden S106 spend on Market Place scheme

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Dear all

Just to confirm the outcome of the meeting I had with Saffron Walden Town Council on Friday.

It was a positive meeting, and it was agreed that we should start the process on the Market Place and market TRO's. It was agreed that the Market Place TRO scheme to be consulted on would be the full closure scheme and not the timed/partial closure as per the LHP scheme. Loading and taxis would still be allowed. I'll need to put the full details down on what is anticipated and will look to send something across ASAP for discussion. There was general positivity in relation to this scheme and other potential schemes in the town including those in the SW strategy and other sustainable transport projects where UDC are looking to contribute further funding.

#### Funding

There is circa £15k of UDC funding that could be used for the TRO's and associated signage, however, we would like to draw down S106 funds to go towards implementation of the scheme to deliver an improved pedestrian and cycling environment.

[REDACTED] - [Infrastructure Funding Co-Ordinator](#) what is the likelihood of having some clarity on the S106 funds being released, in the near future - particularly those from the 'lapsed' Saffron Walden S106 from Ashdon Road as previously discussed?

I have re-read your email of 07/07 and I'm not sure what the process is especially in relation to *"I had a meeting with our finance team along with Peter Massie and Cllr Shaw last week to discuss the use of expired S106 contributions that we are not able to return for various reasons and provided them with details of schemes in the current capital programme that would benefit from utilising this funding to top up/fund works."* Is this a suggestion that there are **other** capital schemes in Saffron Walden that the funding could/would go towards? All I would say is that the Market Place scheme is something that has 'been on the table' for some time and is included in the previous and new Saffron Walden Transport Strategies. Is it in the Capital programme? There is some frustration from locals and members (Town Council, UDC and ECC) that the Market Place scheme has stalled. Surely, it's a good new story to get this S106 committed to a local scheme ASAP and also have the 'match' funding from UDC? As stated above, following my meeting with the Town Council we should get moving on this as soon as we can and whilst we have some 'goodwill' with the TC.

The Peaslands/Mount Pleasant scheme is different in my view. There are existing S106 funds committed in two S106 agreements towards the scheme (UTT/13/2107 £520.3k received and £585k from West of Thaxted Road - although the latter is yet to be received). In my view this funding should be ringfenced for the Mount Pleasant/Peaslands Road, etc scheme and not directed elsewhere. I thought this was agreed at our previous officer meetings? Can you confirm that this is the case? Again, it would be good to make progress on this scheme as soon as we can and I'm happy to assist as much as I can.

Many thanks

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**Subject:** RE: Saffron Walden Market Place scheme

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Hi

For s106 funding wouldn't it have to be via [REDACTED]?

With thanks

[REDACTED]  
Network Assurance Manager



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Hi [REDACTED]

I was thinking about internally commissioning (so probs wrong term) on an officer basis. I'm not in Highways – so would it have to come from [REDACTED]?

On the Town Council, I have just had a positive meeting with them and outlined that we would like to go ahead – but with the 'permanent' timing closure of the Market Place and that, this closure could facilitate more of an interesting public realm scheme to be implemented on the Market Square – that doesn't have to be moved in the evening for parking! I think I convinced them! They are going to share with me some of the TRO work that was done previously and their thoughts. I had a few positive things to share with them – so I think they are 'won over'.

I did emphasise that any delays were of my making. However, they did say that they do have a TC resolution to submit an FOI on the subject! However, I may have bought some time on this and have volunteered to go to the TC meeting in September to talk to them about it and provide an update.

I'll put this all down, in more detail, in an email next week and we can collectively map out the next steps.

Many thanks

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Thanks [REDACTED] Does it have to have a sponsor? I think it might be a struggle to get Cllr Gadd to agree as I imagine he will want to stick to the part-time (confusing) scheme the Town Council originally asked for, although we might be able to talk him round.

Kind regards

[REDACTED] | Highway Liaison Officer

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Hi [redacted]  
Thanks – that what I thought you said, but just needed to confirm.  
Just out of interest, who would need to 'sponsor' the scheme if it is not going through LHP?

All the best



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Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email.

There is no LHP funding to use for this project, there may have been some last year, but the scheme was removed from the programme in the end. Due to looming LGR the panels are being instructed by Cabinet to only fund schemes which have already been designed and are ready for construction or very simple (with few risks like TRO's) schemes which can be designed and installed by April 2027. No design only or feasibility schemes are being funded this year as we are working towards 'wrapping-up' the panels over the next 2 years with a view to them not existing come April 2027.

Kind regards

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Hi both

A couple of process and funding questions. I'm meeting with the Town Council tomorrow and want to make sure I have all the details.

[REDACTED] can you confirm whether there is LHP funding allocated to the project and if the scheme were to be taken forward would this be available to use? If so, how much is available?

██████████ on the TRO process. It's a bit of time since I've been involved in one and never in Essex. What's the process, timescales and costings please?

I'm exploring drawing down S106 funding and have the potential to allocate £15k+ from UDC funds towards the project but just want to be clear on all funding available and process.

I'm hoping that following the meeting with the TC tomorrow, we can get started on the process.

Many thanks

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