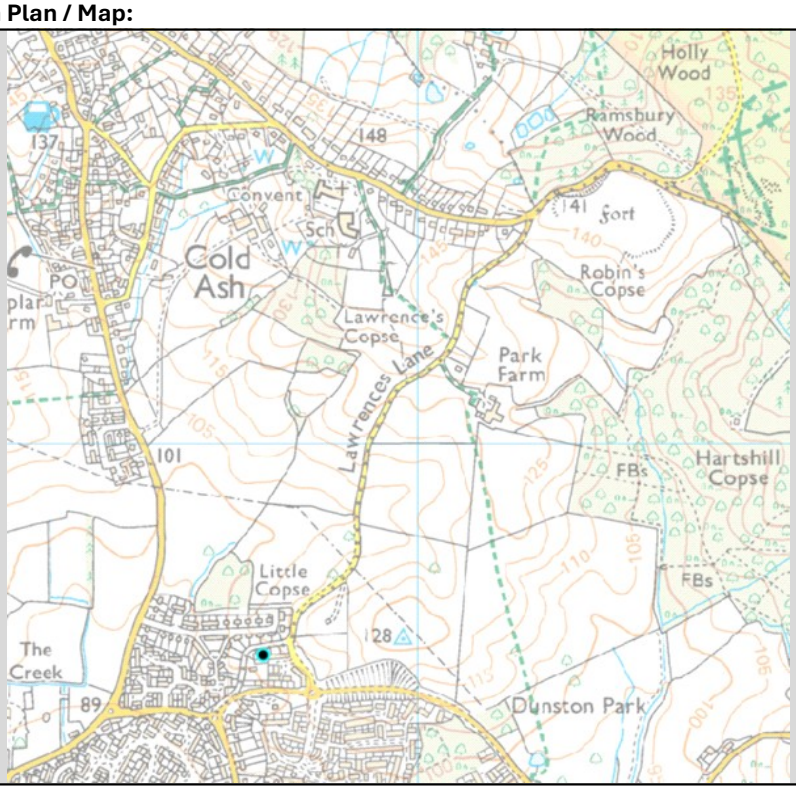
HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT GROUP (HIG) Scheme Appraisal Form

REFERENCE TITLE	*Lawrences Lane Access*
Month Raised	*August*
Date of Initial Response	*August*
Officer Responsible	*Gareth Dowding*
Requested By	*Cold Ash Parish Council / Cllr Codling*
Estimated Cost (Low/Medium/High)	*HIGH*
Officer Time (Low/Medium/High)	*MEDIUM*
Project Duration (Low/Medium /High)	*MEDIUM*

Scheme Request Description including benefits:

An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order was made in 2022 and expired in January 2024 for the prohibition of motor vehicles over this road allowing safe walking, cycling, riding along this lane. Request to make a permanent TRO for this lane so that motor vehicles are unable to use the lane making it a safe lane for non-motorised users.

Scheme Location Plan / Map:



Officer Comments and Associated Risks

The bollards that were installed to prevent motorists from using the lane during the trial were frequently removed resulting in additional costs to replace the bollards. At the end of the ETRO, there was no clear and obvious solution to enforce the restriction and maintain a safe vehicle free environment for non-motorised users. Bollards or gates are likely to be removed and may restrict certain bicycles from using the lane. An ANPR enforcement system could be introduced at either end and is likely to be in the order of £80k plus ongoing maintenance/operational costs and will not physically prevent vehicles from using the lane but would offer a system to issue PCN.

Officer Recommendation and Justification

Our recommendation is to not progress with this scheme as there is no physical solution that will prevent vehicular access that won't be vandalised/removed and the cost of an ANPR system is not considered value for money due to the high capital and ongoing revenue costs. In addition, it would not physically prevent motor vehicles using the lane so users may think that they are in a traffic free environment but may actually not be as safe as they thought they would be.

HIG Recommendation (Support / Defer / Do not support)	**Date of Recommendation**
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