

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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STATEMENT OF THE BUSINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER COUNTY COUNCILLOR PETER SOWRAY

HIGHWAYS

Fatal Collisions

The number of deaths on North Yorkshire's roads fell dramatically in 2006. The total number of fatalities was 59, compared with 74 in 2005 – a reduction of 20%.

This includes a welcome 45% reduction in the number of motor cyclists killed, down from 20 in 2005 to 11 last year.

The reduction is a significant contribution towards achieving the 95 Alive target set by the York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership, which has the aim of making our roads safer so that by 2010, 95 people will be alive that otherwise may have been killed on our roads.

An analysis of all collisions which occurred on the County's roads last year is being carried out. Details will be reported to future meetings of the Area Committees.

Major Highway Schemes

Construction of the Scarborough Integrated Transport Scheme is progressing satisfactorily. In the next few weeks information on the bus priority measures between the two park and ride sites and the centre of Scarborough will be made available to the public and key stakeholders.

It is anticipated Reighton Bypass will be open to traffic in early summer 2007 bringing significant benefits to the village.

West of Market Place, Ripon

The Secretary of State has recently confirmed a Compulsory Purchase Order for land to the west of Ripon Market Place. This will allow mixed retail and residential development on the land. In addition it will allow a new road link to be provided as one entity between the Westgate/Park Street junction and Coltsgate Hill together with an improvement to the Coltsgate Hill/North Street junction. The new road will be jointly funded by the County Council, the Developer, Harrogate Borough Council and Ripon City Partnership.

Work on the scheme including the new road is set to start in early summer of this year.

The scheme will improve traffic circulation in the centre of Ripon.

County Councillor Peter Sowray
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