

NORTH YORKSHIRE
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

WEDNESDAY 20th November 2013

UPGRADE OF THE A1

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report updates members on the involvement of North Yorkshire County Council with regard to the Highways Agency scheme to upgrade sections of the A1 and its impact on Non - Motorised Users (NMUs).

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Between 2006 and 2013 the section of A1 between Dishforth and Leeming was upgraded, whilst the scheme to upgrade the road itself is complete there remain a number of outstanding matters in relation to NMU provision to resolve.
- 2.2 In early 2013 the Highways Agency announced that funding had been allocated to upgrade the section of A1 between Leeming and Barton. The A1 Dishforth to Barton scheme Public Inquiry was held in 2006 and the inspector's report 2007, recommended that the scheme orders be made. The report also considered that Objectors' Alternatives OA10, OA23 and OA24 warranted further investigation, which are all within the Leeming to Barton section. The Highways Agency have consulted on changes to the original published scheme.

3.0 DISHFORTH TO LEEMING SECTION

- 3.1 Following completion of the road elements of this section, future route maintenance on the Non-Motorway routes has been formally signed over to North Yorkshire County Council.
- 3.2 During the signover process it was acknowledged that elements of NMU provision associated with the scheme had not been completed and these were captured in a safety audit list, with the Highways Agency retaining responsibility for completing them.
- 3.3 North Yorkshire County Council has requested that the Highways Agency brings all the outstanding issues to a satisfactory conclusion as quickly as possible.

- 3.4 The latest update received from the Highways Agency indicates that the upgrade of the Leeming to Barton section is currently taking priority in their workload.

4.0 LEEMING TO BARTON SECTION

- 4.1 Highways Agency have engaged in consultation over proposals for this section and Officers and LAF members along with statutory and non statutory user representatives have undertaken meetings with them. The comments of the Forum are outlined in the Record of Actions report.
- 4.2 Updates from the Highways Agency indicate that there will be a Public Inquiry for the Scotch Corner to Barton section and this will be held in early February 2014.
- 4.3 In addition to the original consultation, North Yorkshire County Council and Highways Agency have identified the potential to demolish Manor House Overbridge near Catterick whilst retaining the connections to the new and existing NMU network. Officers within Highways & Transportation have written to the Chair regarding this proposal.
- 4.4 Following an objection to the scheme layout at Tunstall Road by Tunstall Parish Council, an alternative option has been proposed to overcome the issue raised by the Parish Council. The detail is being drawn up by the Highways Agency and this information will be sent to the Chair once received by Officers. New scheme orders which would be promoted by North Yorkshire County Council, would be required for this element of the scheme, if the alternative was taken forward.
- 4.5 Officers and Highways Agency are in the process of agreeing a Memorandum of Understanding with regard to NMU provision designed to ensure NMU needs are considered during all aspects of scheme construction.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is recommended that members receive this report for information.

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