

# Ryedale Area Committee

## HIGHWAYS ENGLAND UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITY ON THE A64 TRUNK ROAD

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## Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update members on planned works on the A64, in the Ryedale Area.

The report provides an update on items presented for the last meeting, and a general forward look regarding programmed work to the end of this current Financial Year and beyond.

## **Scheme Delivery in 2017/18**

Schemes currently scheduled for delivery in 2017/18 in the Ryedale District

*(Please note that delivery dates and traffic management arrangements are subject to change)*

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Programme Update</b>	<b>Scope of Work</b>	<b>Anticipated Traffic Management</b>
East Heslerton to Sherburn Patching	W/C November 13th	Carriageway resurfacing to East of East Heslerton	Overnight traffic signals & convoy (with reduced speed limit)
Sherburn Village Patching	W/C November 13th	Resurfacing with extensive areas in village. Potential drainage works	Overnight traffic signals & convoy (with reduced speed limit)
Whitwell on the Hill to Barton Hill Footpath Renewal	Between November 13th - December 15th	Approximately 1km footpath renewal	Overnight lane closures
Crambeck Bridge Drainage Renewal	Between November 13th - December 15th	Drainage improvements and renewal	Overnight traffic signals & convoy (with reduced speed limit)
Welburn to Whitwell Patching	Between November 13th - December 15th	Resurfacing (5.5km) of WB carriageway of Whitwell Duals, and renewal of some signs	Overnight traffic signals & convoy (with reduced speed limit)
Whitwell to Malton Hazard Marker Renewal	Between November 13th - December 15th	Renewal of verge marker posts and hazard marker posts	Overnight two-way traffic signals
Hopgrove to Whitwell Hazard Marker Renewal	Between November 13th - December 15th	Renewal of verge marker posts and hazard marker posts	Overnight two-way traffic signals
Scotchman Lane Drainage	January 2018	Drainage improvements	Overnight traffic signals & convoy (with reduced speed limit)
Sand Hutton to Claxton Patching	January 2018	Localised carriageway resurfacing	Overnight two-way traffic signals with convoy working (possible full closures)
Barton Hill Junction Improvements	November - March	Staggering of the existing junction and widening of central reserve	Predominantly daytime working under lane closures

## **Scheme Details**

### A64 Barton Hill

The scheme is now programmed for delivery in this financial year, following the announcement of funding being secured through the Highways England 'Minor Safety Improvement Fund' (MSIF).

Highways England has met with the committee chair and NYCC on 18th October to discuss several observations from constituents regarding the design.

- Lane before the current junction we believe needs blocking – this was confirmed to be closed and the traffic order submission has been made to NYCC for this.
- Residents at Barton-Le-Willows have requested an alteration to the deceleration lane turning left off A64. The deceleration lane has been designed to DMRB standards and an extension to it would promote non-desirable crossing behaviour for users wishing to make the Barton Lane to Mains Lane manoeuvre. The length of the deceleration lane will be highlighted to RSA auditors for review at stage 3 to ensure it operates safely.
- Review signing of the new junction to prevent double stacking in central reservation, turning west towards York. Signing would not be permitted as it would block visibility. We are reviewing the lining around the junction to identify if hatching is required/suitable, and also the width of the junction proposed, which has been designed for single stacked traffic only. Again this will be highlighted to RSA auditors for review to ensure it operates safely.

We have commenced works on site, completing 1 of 3 planned static diversions already, there is no firm date yet as to site clearance beginning which remains weather dependant – we hope to have this done by December.

Time on site is anticipated to be at least 5 Months, with a target completion of April 2018. Expect to start seeing Traffic Management at the end of November, but there will not be significant inconvenience during the majority of the works with us retaining single carriageway running through the works for the majority of the time.

There is a lot of construction work to be completed before the short closure of the Mains Lane/Castle Howards access (likely to be spring). We are looking to keep the junction open as long as possible to facilitate access to local businesses like Castle Howard and the courier service. We have also requested signage highlighting the Mains lane access is still in use during construction.

To aid the work safely and assist the flow of traffic through the Barton Hill works we will be imposing a 50mph speed restriction as a minimum, There may also be traffic management arrangements where the speed is lowered further such as re-surfacing and lining the new junction which will be at the end of the programme, and in spring, but undertaken at night. We are liaising with North Yorkshire police to assist in enforcing the temporary speed limit, and if possible to enhance their presence in the area during the works.

### A64 Scotchman Lane

The junction improvement works were completed in early May 2017. A mandatory post-completion Road Safety Audit (Stage 3) has been undertaken, and we have now completed all but one of the items of remedial works to address the RSA recommendations. There should now be better/improved visibility. The action remaining is to address a possible drainage issue which has arisen.

### Schemes in Development

As previously reported, for each of the following financial years, we currently anticipate the following numbers of schemes\* to be delivered within the Ryedale District area:

2017/18 - 38 schemes

2018/19 - 14 schemes

2019/20 - 11 schemes

2020/21 - 48 schemes

(\* 'scheme' refers to works of varying scale and nature)

### **Customer/Stakeholder Engagement**

#### Regional Safety Lead / 95 Alive Safety Partnership update

Our managing Agent (Aone+) have been progressing a study to identify where NMU refuges may be required along the A64 as a whole and this has been included within our Cycling/Safety/Integration designated fund bid for the current roads period, however, we are over programmed so we do need to wait to find out whether we are likely to get the funds we have asked for.

A new study is starting looking at the potential for average speed cameras along the A64, this will be looked at working with North Yorkshire Police and the 95 Alive partnership. We are continuing to work with, and support, the regional 95 Alive partnership at their events.

#### Hopgrove Junction Upgrade

The Highways England Project Manager for the scheme will attend the meeting to give a verbal update on the progress of the scheme, and outline the forthcoming programme.

There is no 'Preferred Route' option currently. We have now widely published a non-technical summary of the work undertaken so far, linked here:

<http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a64-hopgrove/>

This work forms the basis of future public consultation exercises, which are expected later this year/early next year. The current commitment remains to have the design completed by March 2020.

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