

# Thirsk and Malton Area Committee

## HIGHWAYS ENGLAND UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITY

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## **Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to update members on Highways England work in the Thirsk and Malton area and in nearby areas that might be of wider interest to members.

The report provides a general forward look of current and planned work, as well as other activity.

## **Scheme Delivery**

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

### **A64**

We have carried out some significant repairs between Sherburn and Staxton recently, and the work will be completed with some overnight closures for the next few weeks. We have been digging down 300mm to repair the foundation of the road before introducing a new high friction surface to boost safety. There are also new road markings and reflective road studs.

We have introduced or extended speed limits in a number of locations as part of our A64 Village Gateway scheme. We have not changed speed limits on the local highway network.

### ***Other schemes completed or due to complete by end of March on the A64:***

- Brambling Fields Resurfacing – resurfacing of the carriageway at the eastern end of the Malton bypass
- East Heslerton Carriageway Reconstruction – substantial reconstruction of the carriageway surface between West and East Heslerton. Completed under two weekend closures of the A64.
- Ganton to Staxton Pavement Patching – patching of the carriageway between Ganton and Staxton.
- A64 Seamer Station Bridge Beam Repair – repairs to bridge beam damaged when it was struck by a vehicle.
- Sherburn Village Drainage Renewal – comprehensive renewal and improvement of the drainage around the Sherburn crossroads to remove a long standing drainage problem.
- Sherburn to Ganton Drainage Renewal Phase 2 – ongoing renewal of the drainage to the east of Sherburn.
- A64 Road Studs Renewal – Route wide road stud renewal at various locations along the A64.

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- Jinnah Restaurant Pedestrian and Cycling improvements – improvement facilities around the Jinnah Restaurant, including new bus layby and pedestrian refuge.
  - Knapton Junctions Improvements – safety improvement to a number of junctions around Knapton, with new islands, right turn lanes and improvement junction alignments.
  - Sherburn Crossroads pedestrian and cycling improvements – improvements to the traffic signals to provide additional pedestrian phases on the two side roads.
  - Askham Bryan Loop Safety Improvement – safety improvement to alter the layout of the slip road with banned right turn into side road and improved signing.
  - Whitwell Duals Barrier Improvement - installation of new verge safety barriers to reduce the severity of loss of control incidents between Barton Hill and Welburn.
  - Welburn and Crambeck Safety Improvement – safety improvement aimed at improving the facilities for pedestrians with new refuge islands and improved bus laybys, and improvements to the right turn lanes.
  - A64 Village Gateways – safety improvement introducing/extending speed limits through a number of villages between Welburn and Staxton, with a standardised sign layout for each location. Works at Crambeck to Malton, Rillington, West and East Heslerton, Sherburn, Potter Brompton, Ganton and Staxton.
  - York Bypass Park & Ride (P&R) Signing Improvements – improvements to signing on the A64 to reduce sign clutter and improve the signing for the P&R sites around York.

***Schemes due to be carried out on the A64 in 2021/22 financial year (subject to funding and other approvals):***

- Sherburn to Ganton Drainage Renewal Phases 3, 4 and 5 – ongoing renewal of the drainage between Sherburn and Ganton, currently planned to continue through the summer to late Autumn.
- Rillington Village Drainage Renewal – localised repairs to drainage in and around Rillington targeting specific defects.
- Stockton on the Forest to Sand Hutton Drainage Renewal – localised repairs to drainage targeting specific defects.
- Malton Bypass Safety Barrier Renewal – renewal of sections of safety barriers along Malton Bypass.
- Rillington East side Pavement Renewal – resurfacing/reconstruction of surfacing to eastern side of Rillington.

- Barr Lane to Claxton Pavement Renewal – resurfacing/reconstruction of surfacing around Hazelbush Crossroads and towards Claxton.
- Musley Bank Westbound entry slip resurfacing – resurfacing of the slip road onto the A64 from Malton.
- Headley Bar Westbound entry slip resurfacing – resurfacing of the slip road onto the A64 from Tadcaster.
- Askham Bar Eastbound entry slip resurfacing – resurfacing of the slip road onto the A64 from York at Askham Bar.
- Askham Bryan Junction Improvement – junction improvement to improve capacity and reduce the risk of queueing onto the A64
- Harton Bus Stops and Junction Improvement – safety and accessibility improvement.
- Old Malton Junction Improvement – safety improvement.

## **A19**

**Mount Grace Priory** – We expect the Mount Grace improvement scheme will be complete by the end of March – surfacing , lining and studs are planned to be undertaken next week.

**Gap closures** - link studies are being taking forward this coming financial year:

A172 to Trenholme Lane – Detailed Design

A684 to Knayton – Preliminary Design

In the **Thirsk area of the A19/A168** planned works are:

- Resurfacing from Topcliffe to B1448 (Sowerby) Northbound in June
- Resurfacing from Knayton to Nether Silton Southbound in July

## **Safety scheme feedback**

We carry out road safety audits 12 months after implementation of schemes, to provide a check on their performance.

The Barton Hill audit will be carried out shortly, once we have the most recent collision data from North Yorkshire Police

The A64 Scotchman Lane audit is complete and does not highlight any issues for further treatment. The collision rate remained the same and the casualty rate decreased

when comparing the pre-construction and post-opening periods, based upon low collision numbers.

### **Future safety work**

The A64 average speed camera scheme will have its preliminary design completed in the upcoming year. We are currently reviewing the programme for the rest of RIS2 (our current five-year investment period) to see where implementation might be funded.

We are working with the police to look at some targeted commercial vehicle activity, some of which may be on the A64 and we are looking at where we can support further operation with the police in the future.

### **A64 Hopgrove**

We know there's a lot of interest in this route. We are developing plans for upgrading the Hopgrove junction, as well as the A64 between Hopgrove and Barton-le-Willows. With this scheme, which is part of our 2020-25 Delivery Plan, we aim to cut congestion, create safer and smoother journeys and support the local economy.

This project is one of 32 identified for development and will be considered by government for delivery in future Road Investment Strategies.

We plan to identify options for the A64 Hopgrove project by the end of 2022-23, which will help us provide a range of options to Government.

### **Development control**

#### **A1(M) - Catterick Motorway Service Area**

Planning Application submitted for a Motorway Service Area (MSA) on land east of junction 52 A1(M) at Catterick for Roadchef Motorways Ltd. Following considerable work with the applicant we were able to lift our holding recommendation and recommend conditions to the local planning authority on 15 March 2021.

Proposed crematorium in land near Sand Hutton. We are currently in the assessment cycle for this application. We provided the applicant pre-application advice. Since the planning application has come in we have provided the developer technical comments on their transport assessments. We are currently reviewing their response to our comments.