

Notes on Open Meeting with Highways England Wednesday 22nd November 2023. At 6.30 in the Community centre.

Present: Cllr. Caroline Coyle-Fox (Chair), Greg Payne Highways England. Cllrs. A. Walshaw and L. Fear.

Dist. Cllrs. Goldson and Richardson, LCC Cllr. A. Briggs.

Clerks L. Skinner and M. Rouston.

25 Members of the Public.

Cllr. Coyle-Fox welcomed everyone and spoke about the reason for this meeting was to speak about the A46 Roundabout at Skellingthorpe only. She introduced Greg Payne from Highways England who was here to answer any questions and concerns that the public have regarding the roundabout.

Greg Payne starting by explaining his job title and his role within Highways England, analysing the amount of traffic and the motoring accidents, both fatalities and minor collisions.

Chair then asked for questions from the public to Greg.

Many questions came from the public which basically were the same, such as:

Reduce the height of the foliage on the roundabout or better still remove it altogether like the other roundabouts on the A46. More signage is needed to identify a righthand turn to Skellingthorpe, maybe road markings with an arrow for right turn only. Reduction of speed on approach to the roundabout. On the exit from Skellingthorpe Road, new road marking to indicated left, straight ahead and right lanes. Maybe Keep the roundabout clear signs to ensure the roundabout is not clogged up stopping entrance out from Skellingthorpe Road or better still, put a yellow box in so motorist can't enter it to allow access from Skellingthorpe Road.

The problem is that traffic coming from Lincoln, a two-lane road are all trying to get in to a one lane road which then causes traffic to back up. A lot of traffic travel on the righthand side of the A46 to get first into the single lane, hence the congestion on the roundabout.

Dist. Cllr. Goldson spoke about the WGC first plans and infrastructure, which was promised a dualling of the carriageway from Skellingthorpe to Doddington Roundabouts and an underpass to allow pedestrians and cyclists to cross from Skellingthorpe to Birchwood and vice versa safely, but this has now been shelved.

Greg answered the questions and would take the frustration of Skellingthorpe and Birchwood residents back to his office and discuss how they can make the roundabout safer. To consider putting in more road markings and sign indicators and a suggestion to reduce the speed on approach to the roundabout to 40mph.

Chair will inform all public on an update from this meeting when it is received in the parish office. Chair has given Greg a deadline of February 2024 to receive an update and answers to the questions asked.

With no other questions from the floor, the meeting closed at 7.21pm.