

# 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.

Additional maintenance and renewal information not available at the time of writing may be able to be provided verbally at the meeting.

## **Scheme Details**

### A64 Barton Hill

- The A64 Barton Hill scheme is progressing well and the construction of the new tie in to Mains Lane is well underway
- The closure of the access at the brow of the hill approaching the junction is planned and the detail for this is in consultation with North Yorkshire CC currently. Suggestions regarding the lining to prevent double stacking and extending the diverge to the new mains lane tie in will be specifically highlighted to the safety auditors prior to opening.
- The scheme is still on programme and the junction improvement element is expected to be open to traffic by April however there are a few non critical elements that will stretch into May, for example there is a tree with suspected bats that cannot be felled until the roosting season is over, meaning the tie in with the industrial units cannot be constructed until then.
- There is currently a lane one hard shoulder closure eastbound on the A64, however this should not impose too much of an inconvenience as there are still lanes running in both directions. We are looking to move to the central reserve widening works in the next 2 weeks which will see lane 2 closures in both directions on the A64. There are currently signs notifying the Castle Howard entrance is operating as usual, and the closure is not expected to be until March.

## **Customer/Stakeholder Engagement**

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

Following the inquest into the double pedestrian fatalities at Crambeck and Wellburn we met with Kevin Hollinrake last week, and members of the action group were present. We reiterated the work that we are doing in terms of looking at the provision of refuges and improved pedestrian warning signs in the area, we will be looking at the design of these next financial year.

Speed camera work is at early feasibility stage. The work is being scoped up and we are looking to include the inputs of North Yorkshire police around mobile enforcement.

We met with some residents of East Heslerton to talk through some safety concerns and issues, and we are going to work up some ideas for small scale treatments to try and address the issues they have with speed.

We are still working on formal resolution to issues around speed management queries and the deployment of kit on our network, that have been discussed in 95 Alive before. We have had some updated speed surveys done at some locations on the A64.

We have meetings planned to discuss our various safety initiatives, including the tyre scanner project, vehicle checks and Driving for Better Business.

### Hopgrove Junction Upgrade

There is no 'Preferred Route' option currently. A non-technical summary of the work undertaken so far was published a while back, linked here:

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

The project is currently involved with the detailed activities that are inherent with a project of this scale, specifically:

- Refining traffic modelling to fully understand the issues, and to quantify the potential impact of suppressed demand.
- The land referencing process is underway to identify all landowners within the scheme area, so the project can engage with them directly. The project has already begun early meetings with those who have contacted them, and more of these are planned in the coming weeks.
- Environmental surveys are planned (desktop work is already ongoing) and will be undertaken by agreement with landowners
- Understanding planned developments in the area through discussion with the local authorities
- Assessing potential archaeological impacts

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