

**Highways Group up date.
January 2023**

Information from Clare Rankin in relation to the cycle path

The January Committee is not going ahead (it was a provisional date) and so the decision on additional funding will be made at the March Committee. We are continuing work on the detailed design but the trial holes uncovered some contamination near the garage so we are looking further into this to ascertain whether or not this contamination is likely to have any significant effect on cost. There are also legal issues with the Farendon Rd junction which is part of a section 38 agreement which we would need to vary in order to narrow the junction and some concerns have been raised by Stagecoach that this could impact any future bus service which may go through the new development. We have undertaken tracking of bus movements and discussed this with our safety audit team and the proposed changes would not prevent buses using the junction although they would need to use care when turning in and out - its a balance between reducing the speed of traffic entering the new estate and therefore making the crossing of the junction safer, and the ease of bus movements. However, we are minded to de-scope the scheme and not include the junction narrowing given the issues and potential delays and costs associated with it. A de-scoped scheme would take the widening up to the highway boundary at the junction – see attached sketch plan.

The narrowing of the junction was not something included in the original bid for CIL funding so I'm assuming will not be an issue for Hunts DC but would welcome any comments on this proposal from those cc-ed in.

The estimated time for construction to start (following the approval of funding) is April/May and should take about 10-12 weeks.

Underpasses

Allan Trille, National Highways, has carried out an in depth review of the underpasses and has highlighted the following issues which he wishes to tackle with the maintenance team, before he delivers his report he wants to ensure he has covered everything. Can you please review the information below and let Gerald Sansom and myself know if there are any issues that are not covered **by Monday 23d January latest.**

1 Street lighting leading into the south subway faulty

2 Subway lighting inside the structure faulty

- South subway 12 units not working
- North subway 11 units not working

3 Subway walls

- Peeling paint
- Cracks
- Plaster coming off walls
- Graffiti targeted on both subway with offensive graffiti on north subway

4 Subway handrails

- Powder coating paint materials peeling off

5 Subway guardrails

- Due to location can be difficult for wheelchair / mobility scooter access.

6 Subway drainage

- Pump issue in northern subway led to flooding. Issue resolved by asset lead but further investigation may be required.

7 Subway pavement surface

- Areas of high friction surfacing peeling

8 Retaining wall

- Crack in structure wall on east side of south subway on the northern wall.

9 Pedestrian crossing point

- Perry Road has no official crossing point to allow NMUs to safely cross Perry Road, after leaving the southern subway. Perry Road is maintained by Cambridgeshire County Council CCC. Perry Road receives a lot of traffic accessing the A1 and exiting the A1 for Grafham and villages west of the A1. CCC have been contacted and a site visit took place in 2022 with the Parish Council representatives.

10 Street Art project for sub ways

- Buckden Parish Council enquired about the potential to 'brighten up' the subways whilst engaging with the local youth population by considering a street art project.