

Notes from Alan Trille following Annual Parish Meeting May2023

Issues that we can take forward

A1 NB vegetation issues affecting signage. I have passed this to the service delivery team for a response / action. (sorry didn't get name of who asked me that, but was sitting in front of me)

A1 SB footway scheme 'shared use' . this was an asset renewal scheme deferred from 2021. There is a drainage scheme pending design and construction 2023/24 which took priority. Once resolved we can re-open discussion about the design for the footway.

A1 SB layby at Southoe. Question raised about access through the area. I am happy to open up a more detailed discussion with the design team relating to this area. The area was subject to drainage concerns which have now been resolved. The situation at present requires cyclist and walkers to walk through the parking area which is not ideal and brings NMU into conflict with vehicular use of the layby.

A1 Buckden Roundabout – query about why it has not been considered for future pipeline schemes. To my knowledge it has not been subject to any investigations and I will make enquiries with colleagues if there was ever any discussions. I know there has been many discussions surrounding a bypass for the current A1 which have not progressed, but nothing specific to the roundabout.

A1 southern / Northern subway- condition of subways raised. I informed the meeting about the electrical team plans this year to replace the lighting units and further plans to look at the cabling specifications in both subway. I have passed my report of my findings to the structural team for comment relating to the cracking and condition of plaster in both subway. I will chase this up as I have not heard further any plans to carry out work.

We can look at potential Designated funding opportunities with the group under the headings. <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-work/designated-funds/>

- Environment
- Users & communities
- Road safety

I know Martin Hassell raised a query about exploring further the need for an NMU pathway linking Buckden Southoe Diddington to Lt Paxton via the Paxton Pitts and I would be happy to engage in further exploratory conversations regarding this.

There was a further query about length of time it takes to deliver schemes and I outlined the basics once we identify potential schemes of exploring options & feasibility, detailed design and finally construction. At best these can take up to 3 years to deliver after agreeing funding avenues and where programme allows.

Hope this captures most of the questions.

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