

**Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director - Place**

Report to:	<b>Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>11 December 2023</b>
Subject:	<b>Highways Major Project Update Report</b>

**Summary:**

This report outlines an update on progress of the Highways Major Projects.

**Actions Required:**

The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the detail contained in the report and recommend any actions to the Executive Member for Highways, Transport, and IT.

**1.0 Background**

1.1 The report will provide an update since the last reporting period (September 2023) on all aspects of the highways major project portfolio.

**2.0 Grantham Southern Relief Road**

2.1 Extensive piling works have continued on the eastern foundations for the extended bridge. In addition, works have commenced on constructing the trestle bases which will be used to support and construction bridge prior to the launching activity.

*GSRR – Preparation for trestle table to support and construct the bridge launch*



### *GSRR – Pier foundation progression of Extended Bridge Pier*



#### **3.0 North Hykeham Relief Road**

- 3.1 On the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 the Executive reviewed and then approved the slight realignment of the route and also that the planning application can be submitted. The planning application was submitted on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 and it was validated on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 as per the following Link <https://lincolnshire.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display?applicationNumber=PL%2F0087%2F23>

During the planning determination period the delivery team are now focusing on progressing the legal orders, which include Side Road Orders and Compulsory Purchase Orders. These will be required to secure the land to facilitate the project and highway rights to abolish, amend and create highway maintainable land. A Key Decision is likely to be sought in principle early in the new year.

#### **4.0 Spalding Western Relief Road**

- 4.1 The main critical works that have been completed in the period relates to the installation of the three braced beams over the rail line. These are 90m long and weigh 540t. These operations were completed over a weekend rail possession which happened to coincide with the weekend of Storm Babet. Thankfully the works were not hindered by the weather event and progressed excellently, and the team were praised for their planning and performance by Network Rail.

*Braced Beams being positioned for installation*



*SWRR – 1<sup>st</sup> Braced Beam Commences Lift*



SWRR – Positioning 1<sup>st</sup> Braced Beam on Bearings



SWRR – All 3 Braced Beams Installed Prior to Rail Track being Opened



## 5.0 Levelling Up Fund Projects (LUF)

5.1 Both Marsh Lane Roundabout and Boston Active Travel projects are nearing completion at the time of writing this report and should be complete by the time this report is presented. The project has gone well, albeit with complications from utility diversions. There are likely to be some remaining snagging elements, however these will be minor and should not cause any significant impact. We'd like to thank the local community for their patience during these disruptive works, however the much-needed improvements are now complete.

*Marsh Lane New Junction Layout*



*Marsh Lane Roundabout looking North East towards Marsh Lane*



5.2 Works at Springfield Roundabout have commenced with the initial phase being to remove the roundabout slitter islands, which have been completed at night. Following this the contractor has focus predominantly on the south west and north east quadrant, with the works being completed with just lane reductions rather than temporary traffic lights. Works are expected to be complete Autumn 2024.

*Springfield Road Roundabout North East Quadrant*

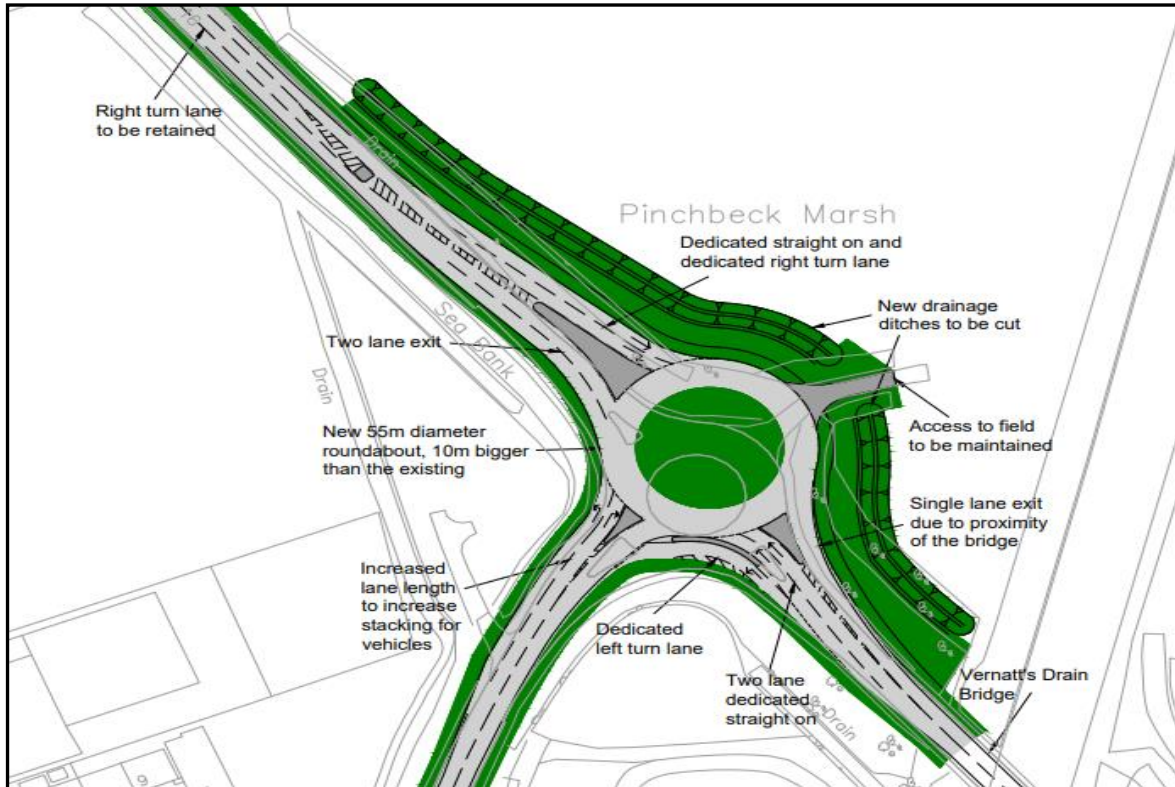


*Springfield Road Roundabout South West Quadrant*



5.3 Grencell Roundabout detailed design is complete and has been sent to the contractor to provide an indicative price. Once this price is received in mid to late December LCC can consider how best to progress the project to site. In the meantime, works remain focussed on ensuring these works dovetail seamlessly with the Springfield Roundabout works, rather than conflicting. Works are planned to start April/May 2024.

*Grencell Roundabout Proposed Layout*

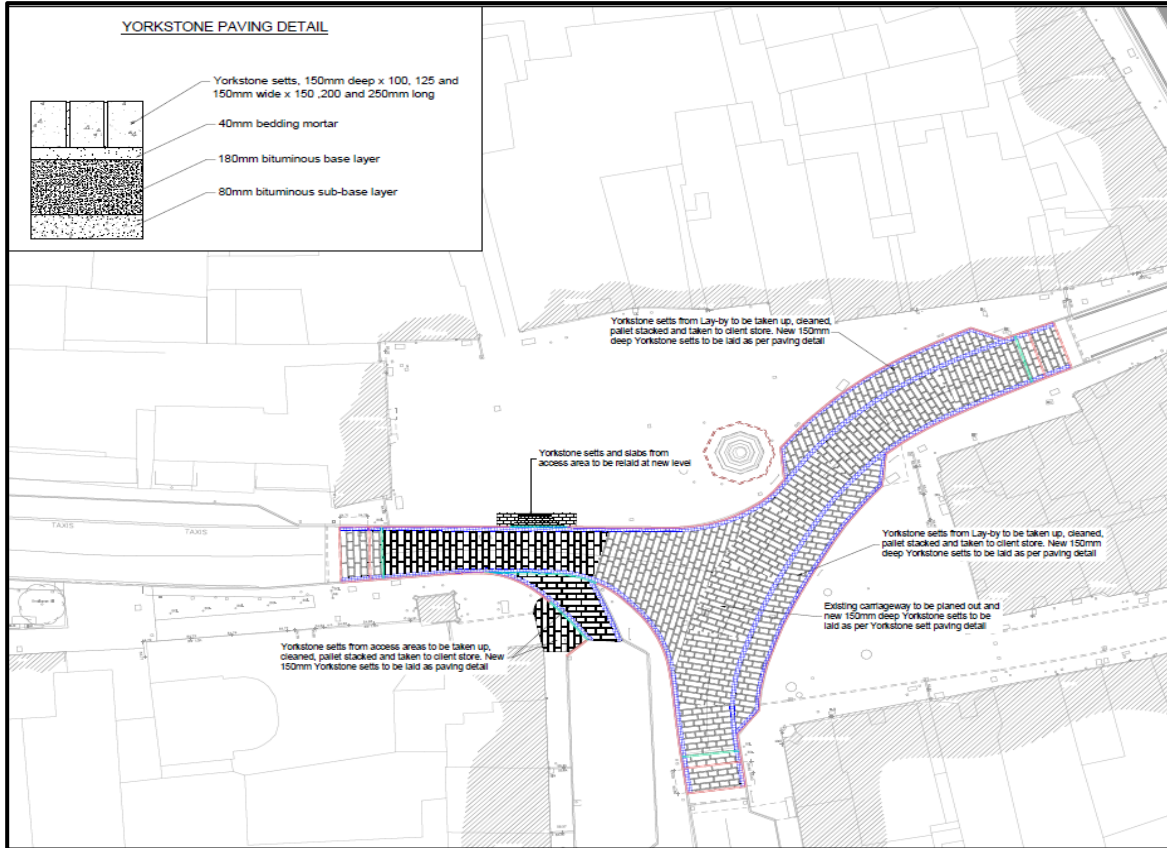


5.4 For Spalding Active Travel, design work continues on the second phase of the project to link the A151 footway/cycleway along Coronation Channel towards the car park of the retail park. These works are planned for Summer 2024.

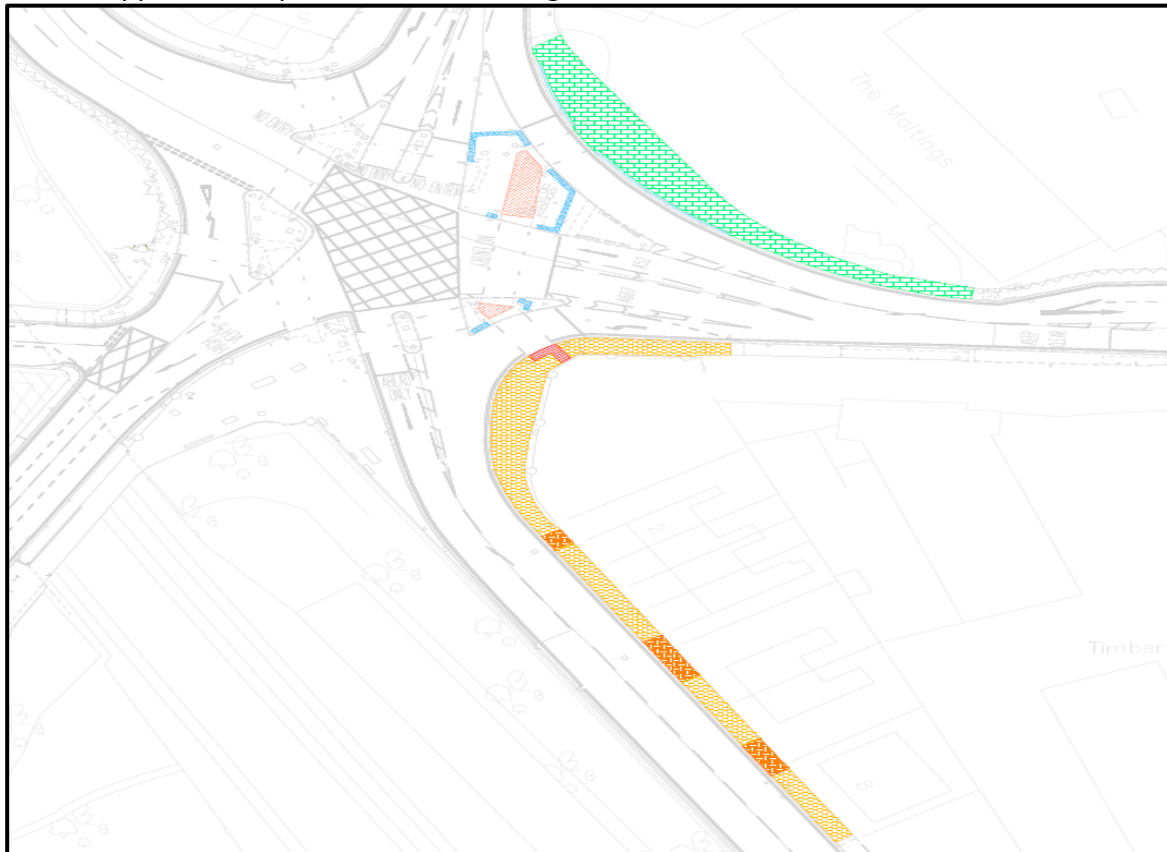
**6.0 Grantham Future High Street Fund**

Both Station Approach and the Marketplace schemes have restarted and working towards a start date in April/May 2024 at Marketplace. During those work the Station Approach scheme will be fully designed and then can be progressed to site after the Marketplace works, should sufficient funding be available.

## Marketplace Proposed General Arrangement



## Station Approach Proposed General Arrangement

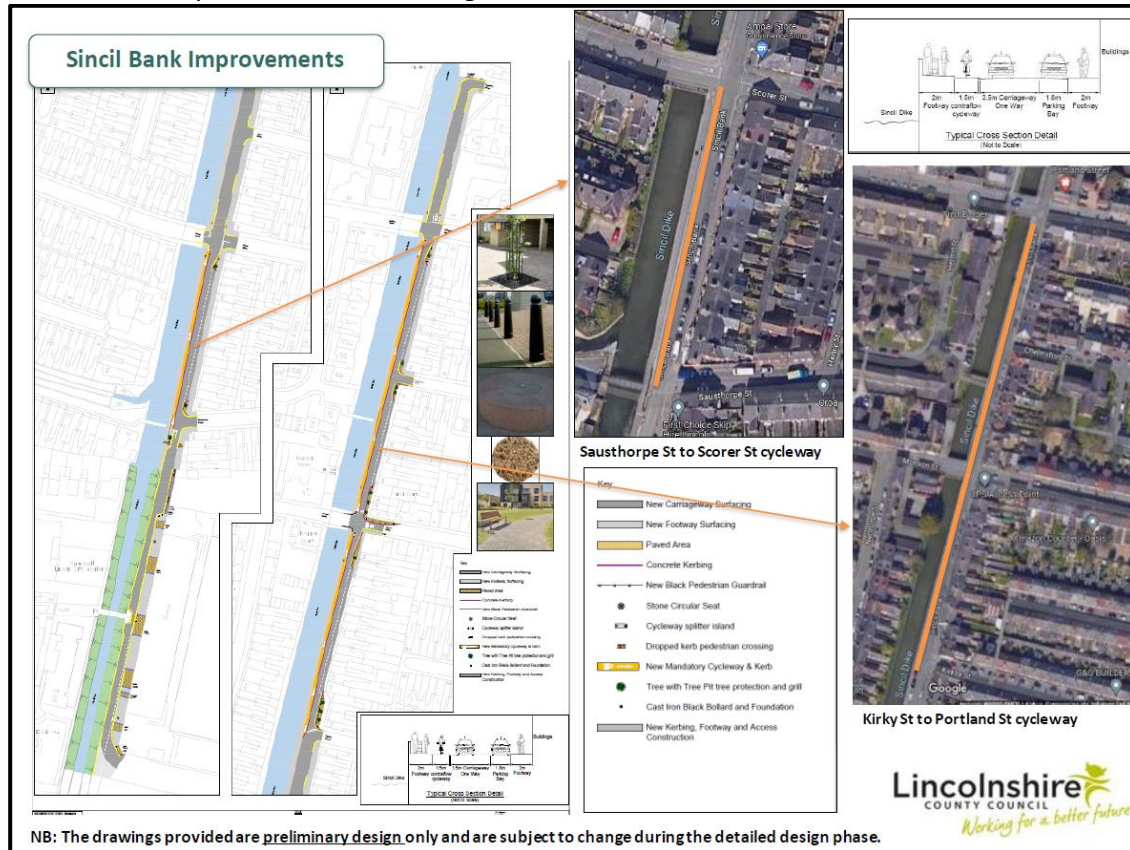




**7.0 Sincil Bank**

7.1 Due to increased construction costs the original intention of the project has been reduced in scope. This new outline was completed in July 2023 and provided to the CoLC for consideration with the Town Fund Board. The proposals have been reviewed by the Town Fund Board in September 2023, who were supportive of the project. Detailed design continues for the project in addition to public engagement later this year and next. Works are planned to commence Spring 2024.

*Sincil Bank Proposed General Arrangement*



**8.0 Dolphin Lane**

8.1 During the period works have progressed really well with positive feedback. Previously the works had fallen about 10 days behind programme, however the team has now won that time back which is excellent considering some of the poor weather that's been experienced. Works are planned to be completed October 2023.

Dolphin Lane Completed Project



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## **9.0 Conclusion**

The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the detail contained in the report and recommend any actions to the Executive Member for Highways, Transport, and IT.

## **10.0 Consultation**

### **a) Risks and Impact Analysis**

Not applicable.

## **11.0 Background Paper**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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