

**LINCOLNSHIRE MAJOR HIGHWAY SCHEME UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2017**

**LINCOLN EAST WEST LINK**

Background – Scheme cost £23 m, part of the Lincoln Integrated Transport Strategy and also a regeneration scheme. Will offer an across town route to mitigate the impact of a potential lengthy level crossing closure and also opens up development opportunities. Contract awarded to Balfour Beatty, off highways works started 3 November 2015.

Current Position – The highway scheme is now operational with a temporary bus station to the north of Tentercroft Street with the access controlled by permanent traffic signals in a temporary position, whilst the new Transport Hub is constructed by the City of Lincoln. The full scheme benefits will only be realised when the Lincoln Transport Hub is open and the temporary bus station removed.

Rose House was handed over to the Lincolnshire County Council Client on the 31 January 2017 with the Contractor given four weeks to address an agreed list of defects.

**SKEGNESS COUNTRYSIDE BUSINESS PARK**

Current Position - Tenders were returned at the beginning of October. A value engineering meeting has been carried out with the contractor which identified just under £0.5m of potential savings within the scheme. The value engineering measures include some limited redesign, removal of constraints, and starting at a different time of year.

A delegation of Lincolnshire County Council officers and elected members together with the local Member of Parliament met with Anglian Water to discuss issues surrounding the costs for development. As a result, the scheme has become affordable.

A contract for the main works will be awarded once the Heads of Terms with the private sector partner are signed. In the interim, a letter of intent has been sent to Eurovia (the contractor), to facilitate their mobilisation with an expected start on site on the 27 February 2017.

**GO SKEGNESS**

Background – The Smarter Choices Team have secured £4 m of funding through the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership to help improve sustainable transport links to and through Skegness and Ingoldmells. Transport studies have been conducted to identify sites where improvements can be made to assist bus movements, cyclists and pedestrian provisions and to help promote local attractions.

Various sites have cascaded out of this study and we have progressed designs, the first of which started on site in September last year. With Skegness being a busy holiday destination, we are limited to working through the winter months, so as not to unnecessarily affect summer traffic movements. The first wave of schemes will therefore be complete by the end of March.

Current Position:

- Gibraltar Point Cyclepath Phase 3 has been successfully completed;
- Lumley Road Bus Stops have successfully been completed;
- Roman Bank, Ingoldmells layby extension has successfully been completed but in need of some minor remedials;
- A52 Bus Lane Extension and cyclepath, £1.2m tender awarded to North Midland Construction, work on site commenced on Monday 7 November, good progress has been made to date.
- Gibraltar Point Phase 1 has started and good progress being made.
- Gibraltar Point Phase 4a is due to start on site on the 27 February 2017.

Design and project management work is well underway with the next winter tranche of schemes.

### **HYKEHAM RELIEF ROAD (FORMERLY LINCOLN SOUTHERN BYPASS)**

Background – Scheme progressed to Preferred Route status agreed by the Executive on the 5 December 2006 and some "blight" property bought to deliver the scheme. Estimate for dual scheme at that time was £67 m but this has now been revised to £90 m. Some discussions with developers regarding constructing part of the scheme to allow access to development land. The next stage is to submit a planning application for all or part of the route. Timescales for this activity are unknown at the present. Bids have been submitted to both the Lincolnshire Enterprise Partnership and Highways England to assist with funding construction of the improvements to the A46 roundabout, both were unfortunately unsuccessful.

Current Position –A bid was submitted to the DfT in late July for funds to develop the scheme to planning application stage. The bid was unfortunately unsuccessful. A further bid has been made to the HCA Capacity Fund and a decision is expected shortly. There have been no significant changes to the Scheme.

### **LINCOLN EASTERN BYPASS**

Current Position - The legal process to acquire land needed for the scheme has now started. Following the submission to DfT (Department for Transport) in early October for approval to release the £50m funding they are currently provisionally contributing for the scheme, a decision to grant the funding was announced in late November. The contract has therefore been awarded to Carillion who are mobilising to start on site in June 2017. In advance of the start on site, a soft start has been proposed by

the contractor to establish the site team, secure resources through the supply chain and carry out an effective Value Engineering process.

A track possession has been provisionally booked by Network Rail for October 2017, to allow them to construct the bridge that will take the Lincoln to Spalding railway over the bypass. Network Rail commenced work on site in December 2016 and will be complete by April 2018.

A scheme of archaeological investigation commenced in September, initially focussed on the area required by Network Rail. A number of interesting finds have been discovered and recorded.

The scheme is being progressed as a single carriageway under the current funding arrangements.

### **LINCOLN FOOTBRIDGES**

High Street Footbridge - The footbridge opened in June 2016. A series of remedial works to correct defects are currently being implemented by Network Rail. The bridge has not been constructed to highway standards and LCC are currently resisting adoption on the basis that it presents an unacceptable liability to the highway authority. A further review will take place once the bridge has been subject to the effects of winter conditions.

Brayford Wharf East – A planning application for the new bridge was submitted to the City of Lincoln Council in December 2016. Subject to planning permission being granted, the bridge is expected to open in late 2017.

### **SUTTERTON ROUNDABOUT**

Current Position – following award to North Midlands Construction, works commenced on site in January 2017 and are expected to be complete by the end of April 2017 to avoid clashing with the Peppermint Junction works.

### **BOSTON QUADRANT**

Background – A developer led scheme for a new football ground and mixed use commercial and residential use. This includes a link road between A16 and London Road with a new roundabout on the A16 and signalised junction on London Road. The Boston Quadrant forms what will become the first section of a proposed Boston Distributor Road.

Current Position – Quadrant 1 is well under way, with the installation of a new roundabout south of Boston on the A16 complete. Lincolnshire County Council has completed a Section 38 design check on the section of road which links the A16 roundabout to the adjacent London Road, this is also on site being constructed. The

London Road signalised junction is currently being design checked by TSP designers.

None of the other corridor sections of the Boston Distributor Road have progressed more than Lincolnshire County Council being in a strong proactive position to help and work with developers to deliver the distributors road and development growth.

### **SPALDING WESTERN RELIEF ROAD**

Background – A scheme to provide alternative route for potential through town traffic and to unlock development potential. Phase 1 south is designed, with the developer due to submit the scheme to South Holland District Council as part of a reserved matters planning application early 2017. Negotiations are under way in relation to the share of cost between Lincolnshire County Council and the developer, through the use of a Memorandum of Understanding.

The Spalding Western Relief Road is referred to in the draft South East Lincolnshire Local Plan. Further draft plan consultation events have been held locally during July and August with "Phase 2 North" being a key part of the plan. The North phase has a high level design and also awaits developer stimulus.

Current Position – South Phase – Broadgate Homes are due to submit a reserved matters planning application for this phase early 2017. LCC continues to negotiate with the developer in relation to shared costs on this section.

North Phase – SHDC have submitted a HCA Capacity Fund Bid for the purpose of developing this phase up to the planning stage. Awaiting outcome of the bid and/or developer stimulus.

### **GRANTHAM SOUTHERN RELIEF ROAD (GSRR)**

Background; GSRR consists of three phases 1 and 2 on King 31 and Phase 3 on Southern Quadrant Link Road (SQLR ).

Current Position; King 31 Phase 1 – The road from the new roundabout on the B1174 running towards the A1 with another roundabout to a proposed development, was completed in July 2016.

King 31 Phase 2 – Highways England are in the process of conducting a technical approval on the submitted design. Once this is approved, Lincolnshire County Council will work alongside Highways England on the Line Orders Process. Galliford Try have been appointed (through the Midlands Highways Alliance) to produce a target cost and to carry out the works, however, a works contract cannot be awarded until the outcome of the Line Orders process is known. The current design is based on consented development in the area. There is a proposal to change the use of one of these developments from warehousing to that of a Designer Outlet

Village, which proposes to significantly increase traffic flows at this junction. Lincolnshire County Council is currently working with the developer and Highways England in order to understand whether this will require changes to the current design, which could delay the process.

Southern Quadrant Link Road - Phase 3 – The scheme is currently on programme. Lincolnshire County Council has a valid planning permission following approval of the S73 change to planning. The detailed design is now substantially complete. Network Rail are insisting on securing a ransom for crossing the East Coast main line in accordance with their Shared Value policy. Whilst the basis of a settlement has been agreed, a satisfactory outcome of the detail is required to this issue and the ongoing S106 discussions to secure a funding package. The Compulsory Purchase Orders and the Side Road Orders cannot be published until the Network Rail issue is resolved since they would object to the Orders as a statutory consultee.

### **STREET LIGHTING TRANSFORMATION PROJECT**

Background – Lincolnshire County Council is making changes to its street lighting across the County in order to provide a more sustainable network. The combination of changes are designed to save £1.7 m revenue funding per year, to further reduce Lincolnshire County Council's carbon footprint by 6000 tonnes CO2 and reduce light pollution. It currently costs approximately £5 m per year to operate and maintain the County Council's 68,000 street lights. The project uses capital funding to introduce a combination of LED and part night lighting.

### **A17/A151 – PEPPERMINT JUNCTION, HOLBEACH**

Background – A joint highways and development scheme which will consist of a three arm roundabout at A17/A151 junction and a four arm roundabout on the A151. This will improve road safety and open up land for mixed development, including around 1000 houses and is designed to relieve traffic from Holbeach Town Centre. Overall estimated cost of £5.4m with £2.4m from GLLEP Growth Deal. The project also considers improvements to the Boston Road roundabout as well as the resurfacing of adjacent sections of carriageway.

Current Position – The scheme went out to tender, via the Lincolnshire Highways Select Tender List on 4 January 2017. Tenders are due back on 15th February. Contract due in March.

Papers were considered at the Executive Council Meeting of the 7 February 2017 where sign off for capital forward funding and delegated powers for contract award for the Highways Scheme were approved.

The scheme is due to commence on site from mid May 2017 and will include resurfacing works on adjacent sections of the A17 and A151, plus capacity improvements at the adjacent Boston Road Roundabout on the A17.

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