

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

Report to:	Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee
Date:	21 January 2019
Subject:	A46 Dunholme and Welton Junction Scheme

Summary:

The A46 Dunholme and Welton Junction Scheme (the Scheme) is being promoted by Lincolnshire County Council as a scheme that will enhance safety, reduce accidents and help manage future traffic growth.

The scheme will require the implementation of both a Side Roads Order and a Compulsory Purchase Order to allow for the acquisition of the land required for the construction of the new roundabout and junction alignment.

At present we are unable to provide final copies of either of these orders as part of the land needed for the scheme is affected by an old restriction imposed by the MOD when the site was RAF Dunholme Lodge. Steps are being taken to remove the restriction but it is envisaged this will be completed early in 2019.

The purpose of this report is to seek support from the Scrutiny Committee to endorse the approach where approval is sought from The Executive to publish the necessary orders which allow for the compulsory acquisition of land required for the scheme within the timescales highlighted in this report.

Actions Required:

The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee are invited to endorse the approach for the A46 Dunholme and Welton Junction Scheme outlined in this report.

1. Background

Scheme Description

1.1 The A46 Dunholme and Welton Junction Scheme site is located 4.5 miles to the north east of Lincoln near to the villages of Welton and Dunholme (see Figure 1 below).

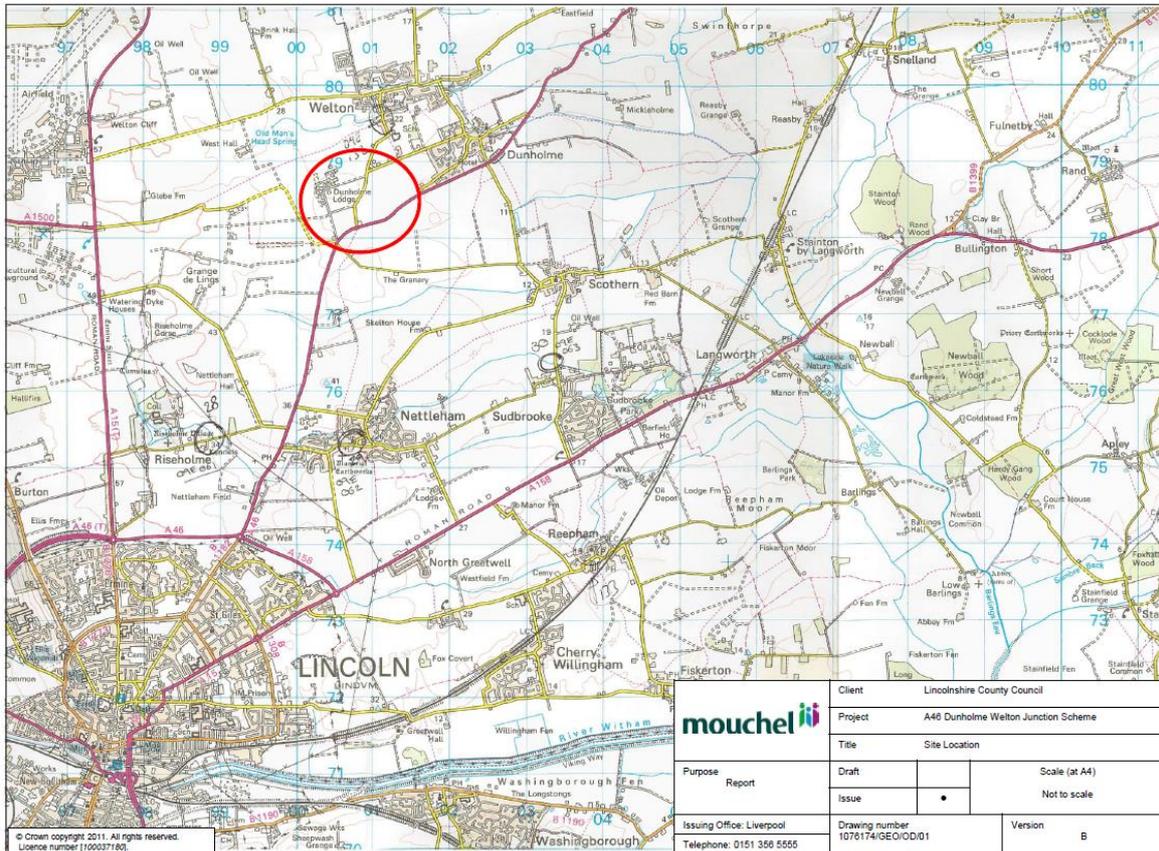


Figure 1 – Scheme location

1.2 The Scheme includes the installation of a 60m roundabout to the west of the A46 Welton Road/Lincoln Road junction, the partial realignment of the A46 to the south west and east and the realignment of Lincoln Road to the north (see Figure 2 below).

The key elements of the scheme are as follows:

- construction of a 60m diameter, 3 spur roundabout to replace the existing T junction where the A46 and Lincoln Road converge;
- construction of a new section of highway which would realign and replace part of Lincoln Road into and out of Welton village this will be retained to provide access into the commercial site;
- construction of a new northern and western access road into the commercial site to replace the existing accesses onto the A46;
- changes to the vertical alignment of the A46 to the east of the junction so

- as to improve visibility on the approach to the new roundabout junction;
- provision of a 2.5m wide shared use cycleway/footpath within the extent of the scheme footprint. This path would run alongside the route of the new highway and roundabout junction and would connect to the existing footway close to Horncastle Lane and terminate at the northern extent of the Scheme;
- permanent stopping up of three private means of access onto the A46 and the construction of a new dedicated access to/from Lincoln Road to serve the existing local businesses;
- proposals for new and replacement landscaping as well as drainage infrastructure including a balancing pond, swales and ditches in order to ensure surface waters are appropriately managed and discharged.



Figure 2: Overview of scheme

- 1.3 It is anticipated that construction of the scheme would take approximately 9-12 months to complete and so would be expected to be open for use by Spring 2021.
- 1.4 The Scheme is going to remove two accesses to the entrance of the Commercial site that exist from the A46, these are to a car showroom and to a car wash.
- 1.5 To mitigate the loss of the accesses outlined in 1.4, the scheme provides two new access roads (achieved via the second planning application) to the

existing commercial site. The access road to the north will mainly service the car showroom and the access road to the west will service the car wash business at the front of the site (See Figure 2 below):

3. Scheme objectives

3.1 The scheme objectives are as follows:

Objective 1 – Improve and enhance safety

The Scheme will help to improve and enhance safety as it makes improvements to visibility at the junction through changes to vertical and horizontal alignments of the existing A46 to the east of the junction. The closure of the two accesses to the commercial site will reduce any driver confusion at this location, as is currently the case.

Objective 2 – Enhance visibility

The realignment of the highway will improve the visibility on the approaches to the new junction on the A46 and those associated with the proposed roundabout.

Objective 3 – Help address future traffic growth

It is understood that there will be an increase in the local residential population as a number of planning permissions have been approved in the vicinity of the scheme. It is expected that this will increase the volume of cars using the junction and increase the waiting time of drivers. The scheme will reduce waiting time and will take into account future residential growth in the area.

4. The Orders and Overview of the Statement of Reasons (SoR)

4.1 For this paper, we are seeking support from the Scrutiny Committee to endorse our approach to gain permission from The Executive to publish the necessary orders which allow for the compulsory acquisition of land required for the scheme within the timescales highlighted in this report. It is intended to publish both a Side Roads Order and Compulsory Purchase Order. Both documents will be accompanied by a Statement of Reasons.

4.2 It is proposed to make the following orders:

4.2.1 To publish the Lincolnshire County Council (A46 Dunholme and Welton Junction) Compulsory Purchase Order 2019. This Order contains the provision for the compulsory acquisition of all the land and rights required for the Scheme.

4.2.2 To publish the Lincolnshire County Council (A46 Dunholme and Welton Junction) (Classified Road) Side Roads Order 2019 which is

required to authorise the highway realignments, the closure of the accesses and the construction of the roundabout.

4.3 The Statement of Reasons (SoR) sets out the reasons for building the Scheme and explains the need for the Compulsory Purchase Order and Side Roads Order to enable land and any other interest in the land that is not within the ownership or control of LCC to be acquired to permit the Scheme works to be carried out.

4.4 The draft SoR along with the Side Roads Order and Compulsory Purchase Order schedules and plans will be reviewed by The Executive.

2. Conclusion

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3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

N/A

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

4. Background Papers

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