



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

Report to:	Councillor M J Hill, OBE, Leader of the Council (Executive Councillor: Resources and Communications)
Date:	Between 22 and 26 February 2021
Subject:	A15 Ashby de la Launde Primary Route Network
Decision Reference:	I021766
Key decision?	Yes

Summary:

Approval is sought to award a contract for the main works for resurfacing works at A15 Ashby de la Launde.

Recommendation(s):

That the Leader of the Council approves the award of a main contract for the A15 Ashby de la Launde Primary Route Network (PRN) Scheme.

Alternatives Considered:

1. Not to award a contract which will result in the remedial works not being completed and the inevitable consequence that the road condition will continue to deteriorate, with deeper structural failures and ultimately result in a larger cost of future repair.

Reasons for Recommendation:

To allow the works to proceed and provide a serviceable, and safe, running surface for the travelling public.

1. Background

- 1.1 The A15 Ashby de la Launde has been assessed by Lincs laboratory using a number of different techniques, including Dynamic Cone Penetration tests for bearing capacity, surface coring and deflectograph to inform the treatment schedule. The results of the testing placed this particular site on next calendar years list of resurfacing priorities, programmed to commence February 2022.

- 1.2 The defects identified at this location are extensive material failures in the surfacing. The treatments derived from these defects will be from 40mm to 200mm of new surfacing.
- 1.3 This winter has seen deterioration of the surfacing at a rate far quicker than forecast. The Police have taken to implementing emergency closures for Lincolnshire County Council to enact immediate repairs and make the road safe again. The surface continues to deteriorate and remedial works continue. The impetus is to bring the scheme forward from February 2022 to April 2021 and fully resurface the road and prevent further deterioration.
- 1.4 The proposals are to resurface a total of 8.02km of the A15, including the B1429 Cranwell junction by planing out the existing thin surfacing and replacing it with Hot Rolled Asphalt, supported by deeper construction in the haunches.
- 1.5 The southern extent of the site is approximately 3km north from Holdingham Roundabout where major works commence on 15th February 2021, so it is clear there will be a conflict of traffic management measures between the two sites. In order to mitigate this, the intention is to award the resurfacing work to the Holdingham roundabout contractor, with a view to successfully integrating the two schemes and minimising network incursion.
- 1.6 Work will take place during night time hours from 6pm to 7am Monday to Friday. The option to work weekends will be reserved should it be deemed necessary. Access to residential properties will be maintained at all times.
- 1.7 The exact dates are yet to be determined but it is anticipated that work will continue from April through to July 2021.
- 1.8 Traffic will be managed by closing the road. Signed suitable alternative routes will be provided and maintained in serviceable condition.
- 1.9 The work will be offered to the Principal Contractor currently contracted to deliver the Holdingham Roundabout Contract. The estimated cost of the works is £2,766,000.
- 1.10 The whole scheme costs are:

Costs incurred thus far

- Design fees - £15,000

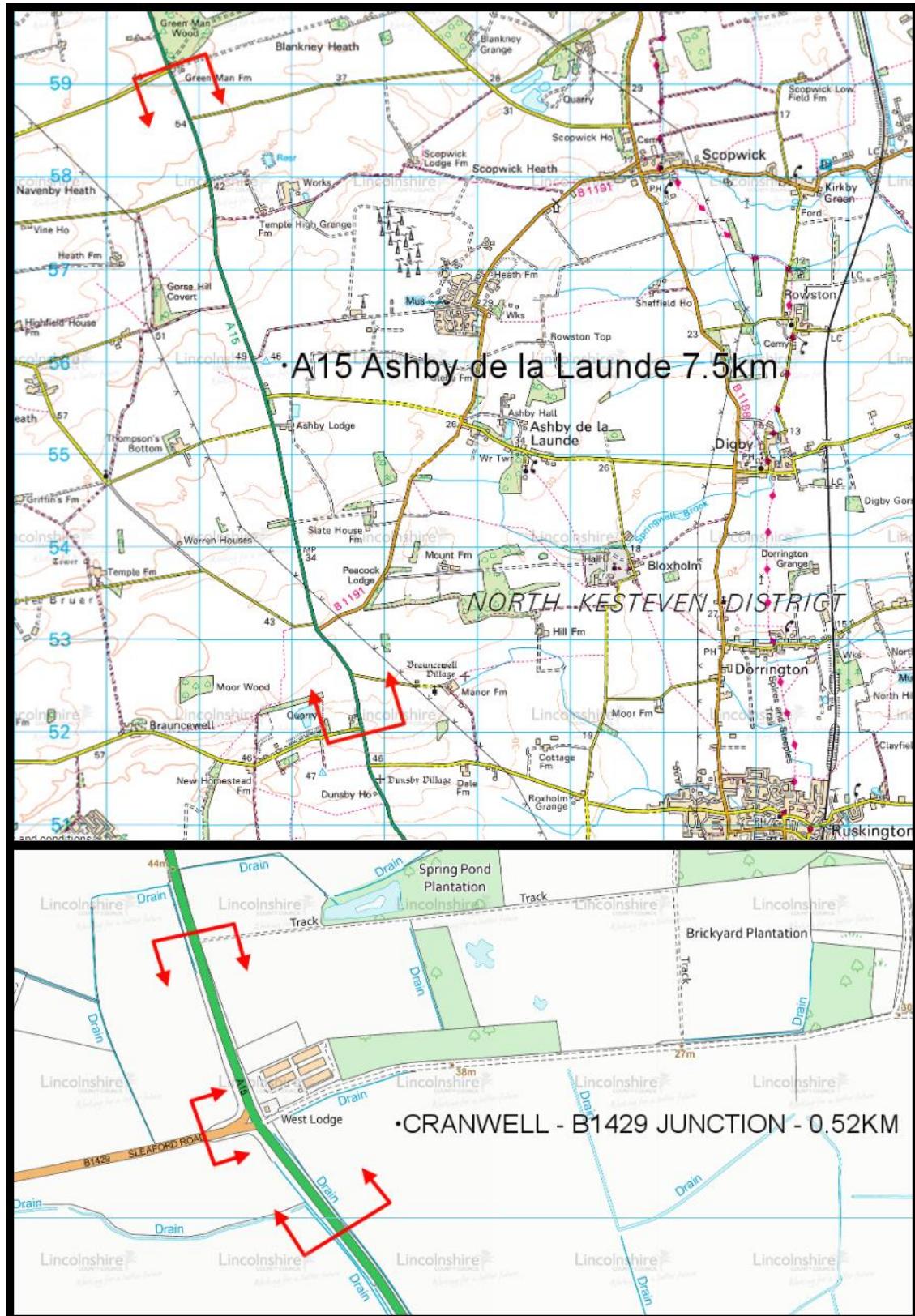
Projected additional costs

- Resurfacing contract - £2,766,000
- Supervision fees - £27,000
- Laboratory / final product testing costs - £55,000

TOTAL SCHEME COST - £2,863,000

1.11 The scheme will be funded from the 2021/22 Highways Asset Protection PRN Budgets.

1.12 Location Plans



2. Legal Issues:

Equality Act 2010

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The relevant protected characteristics are age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation.

Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:

- Remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic.
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it.
- Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities.

Having due regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to tackle prejudice, and promote understanding.

Compliance with the duties in section 149 may involve treating some persons more favourably than others.

The duty cannot be delegated and must be discharged by the decision-maker. To discharge the statutory duty the decision-maker must analyse all the relevant material with the specific statutory obligations in mind. If a risk of adverse impact is identified consideration must be given to measures to avoid that impact as part of the decision making process.

An Equality Impact Assessment has not been undertaken. This work is considered neutral in its impact on protected characteristics groups.

Joint Strategic Needs Analysis (JSNA and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS)

The Council must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Joint Health & Well Being Strategy (JHWS) in coming to a decision.

Consideration has been given to the JSNA and the JHWS and there are not considered to be any significant impacts on the health and wellbeing of the people of Lincolnshire.

Crime and Disorder

Under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Council must exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment), the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area and re-offending in its area.

The works outlined above are not considered to have an impact on Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 matters.

3. Conclusion

The rapid degradation of the surfacing has led to the proposal to bring this scheme forwards in the programme. This Report seeks approval for the award of a contract for the carrying out of the necessary works.

4. Legal Comments:

The Council has the power to pursue the scheme proposed.

The decision is consistent with the Policy Framework and within the remit of the Leader of the Council.

5. Resource Comments:

The works proposed in this paper are included in the programme of works funded by the Department for Transport Highways Asset Protection Grant and budgeted for in the Council's proposed 2021/22 Capital Programme.

6. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

Yes

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

Yes

c) Scrutiny Comments

This report has not been considered by a scrutiny committee.

d) Risks and Impact Analysis

See body of report

7. Background Papers

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

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