

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

Report to:	Councillor M J Hill OBE, Leader of the Council
Date:	24 May - 31 May 2021
Subject:	A631 Glentham & West Rasen Safer Roads PRN
Decision Reference:	I022133
Key decision?	Yes

Summary:

Approval is sought to award a contract for the main works for resurfacing works on sections of the A631 at Glentham and between Bishopbridge and West Rasen. The works have been identified through a combination of the DfT Safer Roads fund, PRN resurfacing programme and Coastal Highway fund.

Recommendation(s):

That the Leader of the Council approves the award of a main contract for the A631 Glentham and Bishopbridge to West Rasen Safer Roads PRN resurfacing scheme.

Alternatives Considered:

1. Not to award a contract which will result in the remedial works not being completed. The inevitable consequence that the road condition will continue to deteriorate, with deeper structural failures and ultimately result in a larger future cost of 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 A631 at Glentham and between Bishopbridge and West Rasen 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 that has been tendered. The

results of the testing placed this particular site on this year's list of resurfacing priorities.

- 1.2 The current condition of these sections of the network has steadily worsened over the past few years, and there are safety concerns associated with the condition of the surface. Failure to intervene will result in increased claims as a result of vehicular damage, the potential for accidents to happen and propagation of increased repair costs once intervention takes place. The road could potentially become dangerous and safety concerns continue to grow.
- 1.3 This scheme forms part of central government's larger Safer Roads Fund programme looking at improving safety on some of the county's riskiest roads, from which we received £4.6m in funding from in 2018.
- 1.4 The proposals are to resurface sections totally 2.2km of the A631 by overlaying the majority of the existing surface and replacing it with Hot Rolled Asphalt. Overlaying removes the need for planing out and creating unnecessary waste. Full reconstruction of the carriageway is required on some lengths to ensure a structurally sound foundation for the road.
- 1.5 Work will take place overnight between 8:00pm and 6:00am, Monday to Friday to minimise the delay on the route. Access to properties will be maintained.
- 1.6 Traffic will be managed by road closures with signed suitable alternative routes which will be provided and maintained in serviceable condition.
- 1.7 In addition to resurfacing these sections of the A631, there will be drainage improvements made in Glentham and Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership will also be looking at lowering the speed limit and installing appropriate signage later in the year.
- 1.8 The PRN works are currently being tendered via Lincolnshire County Councils Select List Framework. The estimated cost of the works is £1,099,000.
- 1.9 The whole scheme costs are:

Costs incurred thus far

- Design fees - £35,000

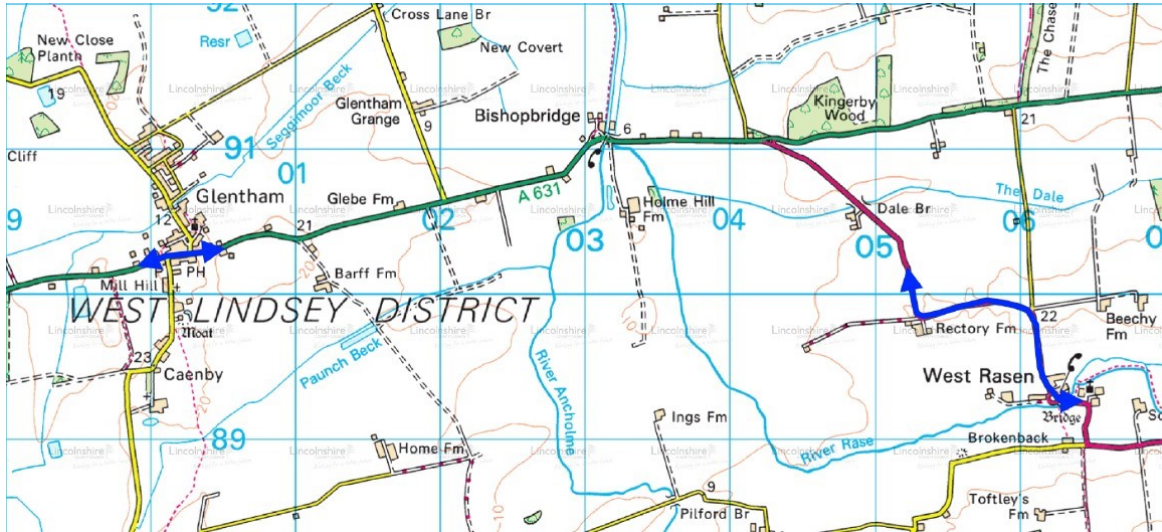
Projected additional costs

- Resurfacing contract - £1,099,000
- Supervision fees - £30,000
- Laboratory / final product testing costs - £16,000

TOTAL PRN SCHEME COST - £1,180,000

1.10 The scheme will be funded from the DfT Safer Roads funding allocation (£600,000), the Highway Coastal fund (£175,000) and the 2021/22 Highways Asset Protection PRN budget (£405,000).

1.11 Location Plan



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 successful bid to secure central government Safer Road funding and results of Lincs Laboratory testing have placed these sections of the A631 at Glenthams and between Bishopbridge and West Rasen on this year's list of resurfacing priorities. 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 enter into the contract proposed.

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

5. Resource Comments:

As detailed in paragraph 1.10 of the report, the proposed works are partially funded by a Safer Roads Fund Grant already received by the Council.

The remainder of the scheme is to be funded by the Department for Transport Highways Asset Protection Grant and Local Highways Improvements (Pinchpoints) to support Coastal Route programme, both of which are budgeted for in the Council's approved 2021/22 Capital Programme.

6. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

Yes

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

Yes

c) Scrutiny Comments

The decision has not been considered by a Scrutiny Committee.

d) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out??

Yes

e) Risks and Impact Analysis

See the body of the 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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