

Highways Focus Group – Work in progress. (UPDATED 16/09/24 CC)

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Stocken Hall Road SID broken	11/23	11/23 reported on fix my street numerous times 30/07/24 raised with Cllr C Wise at North Rutland Highways Focus Group meeting. 19/08/24 JS sent letter to Mark Andrews CEO of RCC chasing SID replacement.	02/24 Issue closed by RCC on FMS will be considered as part of the planned programme of work by RCC. No timescale for resolution. 30/07/24 Cllr Nick Begy forwarded on info that SID due to be replaced 25/26. 06/09/24 Response Mark Andrews – SID replacement brought forward, due to be replaced by March 2025.		SID to be replaced by RCC by March 25.
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CLIPSHAM ROAD Narrow pavement and speeding		ITCP-2022-01	A speed survey highlighted high vehicle speeds and officers will put together a feasibility design for further traffic calming measures	11/23 - GH contacted RCC (Cllr C Wise) for update on this and SID's costings. 08/01/24 GH emailed Baston PC to enquire cost of their self installed SIDS – circa £3000 25/01/24 - GH emailed PC Ben Orton to highlight speeding on this corner and request if any evidence of speeding could be provided to SPC	

Clipsham Road Continued		14/02/24 – CC contacted Mick George enquiring about their advisory speed limit they can instigate for their vehicles through villages	02/24 Await response Mick George 15/03/24 Meeting with Mick George – agreed signs , need Parish Council approval. 01/05/24 Parish council approved signs	Mick George placed signs June 24	
		19/03/24 CC emailed Cllr C Wise at RCC enquiring when feasibility study would be completed	19/03/24 Cllr C Wise will have a meeting soon with Highways Manager to look at outstanding concerns.		
			30/04/24 Cllr C Wise has had meeting, raised issues. Hopeful one concern will be actioned 24/25 with others requiring new paperwork to go forward for consideration 25/26. Still no route to report Highways Concerns, new system starting end of year.	30/04/24 CC emailed copy of ITCP 2022-01 to C Wise	
		30/07/24 raised with Cllr C Wise at North Rutland Highways Focus Group meeting	30/07/24 Cllr C Wise to clarify status of ITCP-2022-01		
		10/09/24 Email sent to Cllr C Wise following up on info to be provided	10/09/24 Response Cllr C Wise – a document is being prepared for all outstanding ITCPs to explain status		

Clipsham Road Continued		27/08/24 CC emailed PC Jake Spruce enquiring if this area had ever been assessed for speed van or if it could be considered for Op Numbers (operation to crack down on speeding)	28/08/24 response from PC Jake Spruce- unfortunately there isn't anywhere for police van to be safely off the carriageway at this location		
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GEORGE HENRY WOOD Pedestrian Crossing Sign	Aug 23	(CC) Email R Green 14/09/23 Email B Rush 12/10/23	Response from Cllr Christine Wise – no route at RCC at moment to register new Highway Concerns. Will be notified when next reporting window opens. Likely to be March.		To be pursued as part of ITCP 2022-01 solution (see above)
FLEETWOOD COURT Road safety		ITCP-2023-08 30/07/24 raised with Cllr C Wise at North	RCC have engaged with the prison and they will be updating information provided further correspondence to staff/contractors and visitors to remind them of the 30mph speed limit 30/07/24 Cllr C Wise informed meeting Highways Concern Process still not in operation	Police speed van has been seen more regularly attending.	

		<p>Rutland Highways Focus Group meeting</p> <p>10/09/24 Email sent to Cllr C Wise following up information to be provided.</p>	<p>and new process being worked upon. More evidence will be required for future applications.</p> <p>10/09/24 Response Cllr C Wise – a document is being prepared for all outstanding ITCPs to explain status</p> <p>12/09/24 response from RCC Highways, the process is suspended, this ITCP has not been approved for further investigation as insufficient data to support the request. Highways concern process aiming to restart 2025.</p>		
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STOCKEN HALL ROAD Speed reduction(40mph)/ blind corners	Aug 23 June 23 (Prev 2019)	<p>(CC) Email R Green 14/09/23 Email B Rush 12/10/23</p> <p>19/03/24 CC emailed Cllr C Wise enquiring if able to</p>	<p>Response from Cllr Christine Wise – no route at RCC at moment to register new Highway Concerns. Will be notified when next reporting window opens. Likely to be March.</p> <p>19/03/24 C Wise responded informing Highways Concerns process not reopened.</p>		Await notification from RCC with regards to new system to raise Highways Concerns and information that will be required.

		report Highway Concerns.	30/04/24 C Wise still no route to report Highways concern, new process end of year.		
		15/04/24 submitted Highways Concern with RCC reference ITCP-2024-03	12/09/24 response from RCC Highways, the process is suspended, this ITCP has not been approved for further investigation as insufficient data to support the request. Highways concern process aiming to restart 2025.		
		30/07/24 raised Highways concern process at North Rutland Highways Focus Group meeting with Cllr C Wise	30/07/24 Cllr C Wise informed meeting Highways Concern Process still not in operation and new process being worked upon. More evidence will be required for future applications.	30/07/24 Cllr C Wise to provide information as to what has happened to current Highways Concerns submitted, what info will be needed for new process.	
		10/09/24 Email sent to Cllr C Wise following up information to be provided	10/09/24 Response Cllr C Wise – a document is being prepared for all outstanding ITCPs to explain status		
		19/08/24 JS sent letter to CEO of RCC, Mark Andrews. Requested reduction in speed limit.	06/09/24 Response Mark Andrews- no data to support such an introduction in line with Department of Transport National guidance.		

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STOCKEN HALL ROAD Narrow Road	June 23 Aug 23	<p>Meeting with Cllr C Wise and Highways Focus Group</p> <p>Reported FMS 01/24</p> <p>19/03/24 CC emailed Cllr C Wise Enquiring if able to report Highway Concerns.</p> <p>15/04/24 submitted Highways concern to RCC ref ITCP-2024-03</p> <p>19/08/24 JS sent letter to CEO of RCC, Mark Andrews. Requesting works to widen Road.</p>	<p>10/07/23 C Wise meeting with R Green – R Green to contact prison to ask they synchronise the arrival and departure of HGV vehicles so not meeting on road.</p> <p>19/03/24 C Wise responded informing Highways Concerns process not reopened</p> <p>30/04/24 C Wise still no route to report Highways concern, new process end of year</p> <p>12/09/24 response from RCC Highways, the process is suspended, this ITCP has not been approved for further investigation as insufficient data to support the request. Highways concern process aiming to restart 2025.</p> <p>06/09/24 Response Mark Andrews- width of road 5.5m which is acceptable for two-way traffic on unclassified road.</p>		Await notification from RCC with regards to new system to raise Highways Concerns and information that will be required.

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STOCKEN HALL ROAD (Top of hill near chicken farm) Road narrowed, edge deteriorating leaving gully, gravel washed down causing hazard	Aug 23	(CC) Email R Green 14/09 Email B Rush 12/10 Reported FMS 01/24 19/03/24 CC emailed Cllr C Wise Enquiring if able to report Highway Concerns. CC reported FMS 04/24 15/04/24 submitted Highways concern to RCC ref ITCP-2024-03	Response from Cllr Christine Wise – no route at RCC at moment to register new Highway Concerns. Will be notified when next reporting window opens. Likely to be March 19/03/24 C Wise responded informing Highways Concerns process not reopened Gully at top has been filled with Tarmac 12/09/24 response from RCC Highways, the process is suspended, this ITCP has not been approved for further investigation as insufficient data to support the request. Highways concern process aiming to restart 2025		Await notification from RCC with regards to new system to raise Highways Concerns and information that will be required.
SHIRES LANE LEADING TO SLIP ROAD 60mph limit too high	Jan 23 Aug 23	(CC) Email R Green 14/09/23 Email B Rush 12/10/23	Response from Cllr Christine Wise – no route at RCC at moment to register new Highway Concerns. Will be notified when next reporting		

		<p>03/02/24 GH emailed National Highways to establish responsibility for road and highlight request for reduction in speed limit.</p> <p>25/07/24 GH sent email chasing response from Stephen Warren – National Highways</p>	<p>window opens. Likely to be March.</p> <p>05/02/24 response received Stephen Warren Route Manager National Highways will liaise with relevant teams and respond.</p>		
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<p>ROUNDBABOUTS</p> <p>Lower Speed limit (Being used as race track)</p>	Aug 23	<p>(CC)</p> <p>Email R Green 14/09</p> <p>Email B Rush 12/10</p>	<p>Response from Cllr Christine Wise – no route at RCC at moment to register new Highway Concerns. Will be notified when next reporting window opens. Likely to be March.</p> <p>30/04/24 C Wise still no route to report Highways concern, new process end of year.</p>		<p>Raise with PC Jake Spruce</p>
<p>ROUNDBABOUTS</p> <p>HGV's shedding hard-core</p>	Aug 23				<p>Progress with New Highways Focus Group members</p>

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ROOKERY LANE Used as shortcut to A1, speeding	Jan 23 Aug 23	<p>(CC) Email R Green 14/09 Email B Rush 12/10</p> <p>19/03/24 CC emailed Cllr C Wise Enquiring if able to report Highway Concerns.</p> <p>02/07/24 Raised Highways Concern with RCC reference ITCP - 2024-18</p> <p>30/07/24 raised Highways concern process at North Rutland Highways Focus Group meeting with Cllr C Wise</p> <p>10/09/24 Email sent to Cllr C Wise following up information to be provided</p>	<p>Response from Cllr Christine Wise – no route at RCC at moment to register new Highway Concerns. Will be notified when next reporting window opens. Likely to be March.</p> <p>19/03/24 C Wise responded informing Highways Concerns process not reopened. 30/04/24 C Wise still no route to report Highways concern, new process end of year.</p> <p>30/07/24 Cllr C Wise informed meeting Highways Concern Process still not in operation and new process being worked upon. More evidence will be required for future applications.</p> <p>10/09/24 Response Cllr C Wise – a document is being prepared for all outstanding ITCPs to explain status</p>	<p>30/07/24 Cllr C Wise to provide information as to what has happened to current Highways Concerns submitted, what info will be needed for new process.</p>	Await notification from RCC with regards to new system to raise Highways Concerns and information that will be required.

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NEW ROAD Slow Down Horse warning signs at either end at corners due to high speed vehicles		<p>(CC) Email R Green 14/09 Email B Rush 12/10</p> <p>19/03/24 CC emailed Cllr C Wise Enquiring if able to report Highway Concerns.</p> <p>02/07/24 Raised Highways Concern with RCC reference ITCP 2024-17</p> <p>30/07/24 raised Highways concern process at North Rutland Highways Focus Group meeting with Cllr C Wise</p> <p>10/09/24 Email sent to Cllr C Wise following up information to be provided</p>	<p>Response from Cllr Christine Wise – no route at RCC at moment to register new Highway Concerns. Will be notified when next reporting window opens. Likely to be March.</p> <p>19/03/24 C Wise responded informing Highways Concerns process not reopened</p> <p>30/04/24 C Wise still no route to report Highways concern, new process end of year.</p> <p>30/07/24 Cllr C Wise informed meeting Highways Concern Process still not in operation and new process being worked upon. More evidence will be required for future applications.</p> <p>10/09/24 Response Cllr C Wise – a document is being prepared for all outstanding ITCPs to explain status</p>	<p>30/07/24 Cllr C Wise to provide information as to what has happened to current Highways Concerns submitted, and what info will be needed for new process.</p>	Await notification from RCC with regards to new system to raise Highways Concerns and information that will be required.

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STRETTON TO GREETHAM CYCLE PATH	March 2022	<p>30/07/24 Raised with Cllr C Wise how cycle path can be progressed.</p> <p>10/09/24 Email sent to Cllr C Wise following up information to be provided</p>	<p>30/07/24 Cllr C Wise suggested funding will need to come from central Government by way of a bid to Active Travel England. Cllr Wise to enquire how bid can be made.</p> <p>10/09/24 Response Cllr C Wise – no further progress to date</p>	<p>SPC has pursued this over the last few years and at every opportunity has and will reinforce the request for a cycle path. It is on the long term plan at RCC but needs funding from government.</p> <p>Under RCC assessment of cyclepath in document 'Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan' this cyclepath is ranked 10th in priority.</p>	All opportunities taken to reinforce with RCC the need for this cycle path.
LITTER	Aug 23	(CC) Neighbourhood watch Community Litter Pick 09/23, 11/23, 03/24, 05/24, 08/24		<p>Bins on Stocken Hall Road</p> <p>1 bin position approved July 24 Parish Council meeting – location at Stretton Woods bus stop.</p>	CC to pursue alternative funding rather than use precept.

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ROOKERY LANE CHICANE Overgrown	Aug 23	(CC) Volunteers as part of Community Litter Pick		Mostly completed Sept 23 Further maintenance required.	Ongoing maintenance required
Floods Blocked drains, ditch and culvert assessment	03/01/2024	Issues reported on Fix My Street 08/01/24 – Emailed RCC Highways copied to Cllr C Wise to outline issues with blocked drains and extent it affected the Parish. 18/01/24 – GH, JC, CC attended Storm Henk special council meeting at RCC. 19/01/24 GH emailed CW to request information regarding volunteers safety and reinforce about blocked drains in parish. Followed up 29/01/24	08/01/24- Highways will contact SPC in the coming weeks RCC have commenced a review under 'section 19' 29/01/24 CW will seek meeting with RCC Highways to discuss issues	03/02/24 GH invited police/fire services to meet to discuss floods 08/24 Drains have all been cleared	Closed
NOTICE BOARD	Aug 23	(CC) Volunteers as part of Community Litter Pick		Completed Nov 23	Closed

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GODWIN DEVELOPMENT Potholes	Aug 23			Construction underway removing this issue	Closed

To note:

Clipsham Parish Council – ITCP-2023-05 – Road Safety – Initial Assessment – Clipsham to Stretton Road

Greetham Parish Council – Footpath from Greetham to Stretton – Being looked at under Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

Tools:

Create log of accidents witnessed or reported on excel document to support a highway concern as necessary.

APPENDIX 1

ITCP 2024-03

On Stocken Hall Road currently the speed limit is 60mph and the suggestion from residents of a more appropriate speed limit is 40mph reflecting the needs of all road users not just vehicles. HMP Stocken are also in support of a 40mph speed limit. The volume of traffic (cars and HGVs) has increased significantly with the past and current HMP expansion and is not likely to reduce. Several statements have been received from residents highlighting their concern of traffic speeds and incidents they have experienced on this road.

Serving as a vital link between different parts of the parish, this road is integral to the broader community. For instance, children utilize it for cycling to visit friends, and it provides access to outdoor spaces such as Stretton Woods, Morkery Woods, public rights of way (PROW) and bridleways. The footpath on Stocken Hall Road is regularly used by pedestrians, including dog walkers and HMP staff. Additionally, community litter picks are frequently conducted by volunteers due to the high volume of litter deposited. The footpath being directly adjacent to the road with no segregation from the carriageway by means of a grass verge means those on the footpath feel extremely vulnerable to passing traffic due to proximity and speed.

A 40mph limit would allow drivers and horse riders/cyclists alike more time to take adequate evasive action when they meet. There have been near misses when vehicles have overtaken vulnerable road users near to the bends not allowing for 60mph approaching vehicles from the other direction.

In addition, the road is not wide enough to accommodate larger vehicles alongside any other vehicle requiring them to straddle the white line. This has caused maintenance and safety issues, lorries are regularly mounting the grass verge or footpath, posing a risk to pedestrians and forming a deep rut along the verge. At the top of the hill going north on Stocken Hall Road the road has narrowed and deteriorated substantially on the left hand side. Temporary repairs have proven inadequate causing grit to be washed into the road after rainfall creating a skid hazard, blocking the drains and washing onto the footpath. Furthermore, as this temporary repair has failed, a deep gully is left which could potentially cause damage to vehicles.

The speeds of vehicles along the Stocken Hall Road have been documented for several years. Despite a previous request in ITCP 2019-07 to lower the speed limit, it was rejected as the police after consultation cited enforceability issues. Stretton Parish Council believes that a 40mph is crucial for the safety and well-being of our community.

In conclusion, the implementation of a reduced speed limit on Stocken Hall Road would contribute to an improved quality of life for the local community, fostering a safer environment for all road users. We request consideration of this matter, along with any necessary measures to address the road's maintenance and safety issues.

ITCP 2024-17

The Parish Council would like to request 2 Slow Down Horse warning signs be installed either end of New Road at the corners. This is a long straight road where many vehicles including HGVs obtain high speeds and are unaware there might be more vulnerable road users on this route. Horse riders have contacted the Parish Council expressing their concern there are no safe roads to travel on unless driving a vehicle.

ITCP 2024-18

The Parish Council would like to raise a Highway Concern that Rookery Lane is being used as a shortcut to the A1 by passing motorists including HGV's. Vehicles avoid the roundabout by turning into Manor Road from Clipsham Road then speed up Rookery Lane to the A1. Rookery Lane is a narrow street without footpaths and several families with young children living there. They as well as others are concerned an accident will occur.

This issue was raised several years ago under ITCP 2019-07 and still presents a safety concern for pedestrians on this street.