

Letter from LCC on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018

I am writing with regard to the petition you submitted to the County Council on 1 March 2018 requesting it to 'urgently improve traffic management and road safety on the A5199 on the roads approaching Shearsby and the junction/crossroads of Saddington Road / Bruntingthorpe Road'.

I also acknowledge that on 8 March 2018 it was confirmed that this petition, in both its paper and electronic version, gathered a total of 651 signatures. This clearly shows the amount of local interest and concern in the very important matter of road safety.

You will be aware of the County Council's response (dated 29 October 2017) to the detailed Shearsby Parish Council report entitled 'Shearsby Crossroads Safety' and the discussion held at the Parish meeting on 2 November 2017. This detailed the Council's position on the measures already undertaken to address road safety at the crossroads and its current position in responding to calls for further action.

To summarise, following earlier safety concerns raised by the local community in 2014 an accident investigation was undertaken at the crossroads and recommendations were made to improve safety. The package of measures was completed in 2016 and included improved warning signs on all approaches to the crossroads (including Vehicle Activated signs), improved direction signing, rumble strips, SLOW carriageway markings, an improved carriageway surface and improved verge vegetation clearance at the junction.

It is normal practice to formally assess the effectiveness of all safety schemes after a period of 3 years. This is to ensure that the results of safety scheme monitoring are statistically robust and is something the Council is committed to doing as a routine part of monitoring the effectiveness of its road safety work. For the cross roads scheme this will take place as a matter of course therefore in summer of 2019 and I will ensure that the results are shared you once that assessment has been undertaken.

Notwithstanding the standard three year 'after' assessment of a scheme the Council also undertakes accident cluster analysis on its local road network on an annual basis (a process ratified by a Council Scrutiny Committee in September 2016) where it assesses which sites merit detailed accident investigation, which in turn may lead to further measures being proposed, subject to resources available. Whilst further action is not currently justified for Shearsby Crossroads, this will be kept under review through our next annual assessment.

It was also stated in the County Council's report to the Parish Council that significant highway improvements could only be considered should third party funding be available, where these schemes can demonstrate a positive impact in road safety. We are continuing to explore that opportunity in relation to Shearsby Crossroads.

To conclude, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for highlighting local concern for road safety at Shearsby Crossroads via the petition and to reassure you that Leicestershire County Council takes its responsibilities for road safety very seriously. We will endeavour to keep all interested parties informed of any progress as and when new information is available and it is appropriate to do so, and in addition we will advise you of the outcome of our 3 year scheme review next year.

Yours sincerely

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