



19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Greetham Parish Council and Stretton Parish Council

**Re: Update on highway and transport concerns categorised as 'beneficial' or 'amenity'**

**Reference:** ITCP/2017/11

**Concern:** Lack of footway/ cycleway - concern for safety and isolation.

**Location:** Wood Lane crossroad to Stretton

**Parish:** Greetham and Stretton

### **Review of concerns for use of accrued funds**

I am writing to update you on progress of the raised concern. When we notified you of the categorisation of your concern we advised we may consider amenity and beneficial schemes at the end of the financial year, for use of any accrued funding. We have now reviewed all schemes categorised as beneficial or amenity that were not taken forward, to assess if they can be supported.

We have reviewed your concern, as detailed within the title of this letter, and whilst we acknowledge your view, there is not enough evidence to indicate that dedicated infrastructure is required on the grounds of safety. As such we are unable to justify funding works on the above concern using money from the Integrated Transport Funding Block, so the concern raised has been closed down on the highway and transport concern list.

### **Overview of funding**

Funding for capital works on the highway is limited, as are resources to assess, consider, design and then over-see the implementation of any agreed works.

The Council receives Integrated Transport Capital Block funding from the Department for Transport to improve the safety of the highway and deliver integrated transport measures. The Council allocates the bulk of this funding to highways and transport improvements considered essential or necessary. For example, we receive information about accident cluster sites and collisions that result in fatalities or serious injuries. Highway measures to improve safety at these locations take priority over other work.

In addition, Parish and Town Councils, ward members and MPs, emergency services and disability groups are able to raise highway and transport concerns, including road safety, parking or sustainable travel infra-structure, to the Council via an online web-form. There are high levels of demand for the limited funding we have available, so additional schemes to address community concerns must also be categorised as either essential, necessary, beneficial or amenity – with funding again prioritised against concerns

identified as essential or necessary. Unfortunately, due to limited funding this inevitably means that some requests will not be supported to take forwards into implementation.

The Highway and Transport Working Group (HTWG) oversee this programme of work which is clearly of interest to communities in Rutland.

**Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)**

Dedicated infrastructure in the location of your concern would help improve pedestrian and cyclist connectivity across the county. Therefore, we will ensure that the gap in infrastructure you have raised is included for consideration in our forthcoming Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). Our LCWIP will set out the gaps in our walking and cycling network and identify a mechanism for prioritising routes for use of any potential future funding dedicated to the creation of new sustainable travel infrastructure.

Yours faithfully

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Andrew Tatt FCIHT  
**Principal Highways Manager**