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To: A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Ellingham
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Hello Folks

I have been asked to send you the two attachments referred to in my representation.

One is a copy of the first emails that I sent from 2018,
I think walking and dedicated cycling access east/west across the A1 needs to be better considered.
It is not sufficient now to say cyclists can 'use the pavements over the bridge'.

And two is an Ordnance Survey map extract of the 'proposed' cycle route.
My thinking is that - whilst the equipment and work force is in position - now is the time to try and
achieve this dedicated route.
If we leave it until later the idea would probably become uneconomic.

I will be very interested to hear what you think.

Regards

Andrew Kirkham

From: A1inNorthumberland A1inNorthumberland@highwaysengland.co.uk
Subject: RE: A1 Morpeth to Felton scheme consultation - cycling provision
Date: 13 July 2018 at 09:54
To: Andrew Kirkham [REDACTED]



Dear Mr Kirkham

A1 in Northumberland Programme - Morpeth to Felton Cycling Provision

Thank you for your e-mails dated 25 June 2018 and 03 July 2018 relating to the cycling provision that is being made as part of the A1 Morpeth to Felton Scheme. I would like to apologise for the length of time that it has taken to respond to your original e-mail. We are grateful for the feedback that you have provided, as this will be included as part of the overall consultation, as we are seeking Development Consent Orders. The Development Consent Orders will provide the necessary planning permission for the scheme to proceed to construction.

At this point in time, we are developing the detail for the scheme through consultation with the local highway authority. Some early engagement has also taken place with some of the non-motorised user groups and this will continue, as the scheme proposals develop to ensure the best possible outcome for all non-motorised users.

One of our principal aims, is to improve connectivity, and there will be safer routes available using the three new junctions at Highlaws, Fenrother and West Moor. These junctions will remove the current conflict with A1 traffic, which you have explained as part of your e-mail. The Morpeth to Felton scheme will also include a new bridge over the A1 at Causey Park on a route that you have explained that you use for cycling.

If you are able to attend any of our consultation exhibitions, we would happy to explain these provisions to you in more detail. Once again we would like to thank you for taking the time to write to us with your comments and feedback on the A1 Morpeth to Felton Scheme.

For more information on the A1 in Northumberland programme, please visit our scheme web page at the link below. Here you can provide feedback by filling out our online questionnaire.
<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/programmes/a1-in-northumberland/>

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch at A1inNorthumberland@highwaysengland.co.uk.

Kind regards

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Sent: 03 July 2018 09:25
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Subject: A1 Morpeth to Felton scheme consultation - cycling provision

Hello All

I emailed - as below - about a week ago but have received no reply.

This might mean I used the wrong email address - or it might mean that you are stumped for an answer?

Okay the quip about hedgehogs and worms was a bit flippant but the lack of any mention of cyclists and walkers is a real concern.

Unless of course - as I say - you can direct me to the relevant information that I have missed.

I will be going along to the consultation at some point so maybe that is where I can see how to cross the A1 by cycle safely and in a manner that encourages cycling as a mode of transport and a means of keeping the nation fit.

I'm off on a cycle to the coast now - inspired by the National Cycling Championships held in Northumberland, Stamfordham on Sunday - today I'm going to try and cross the A1 at Causey Park.

Regards

Andrew Kirkham
Motorist, cyclist, and walker
[REDACTED]

On 25 Jun 2018, at 15:19, Andrew Kirkham [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello

I live in [REDACTED] and I'm a motorist, a motorsport enthusiast, and a cyclist. I used to commute to work - 20 miles per day - all year round.

If I head out to the coast I have to cross the A1 That will be either at the West Moor iunction and round the airfield - preferred

but requires a sprint across busy lanes - or at Causey Park - run across the road, staggered junction and then some very fast traffic as far as Chevington Moor, then a fabulous road to Widdrington.

To use the bridge over the A1 at Felton requires quite a detour to Pauperhaugh to cross the River Coquet and back through Longframlington - busy roads.

There is no cycle track or footpath between Longhorsley and Longframlington.

I'm not the only one heading this way - go to Netherwitton and count the cyclist coming up from west of Newcastle through the 'Trench'.

In the public consultation documents that you have sent me I see an excellent and well considered scheme - Morpeth to Felton.

What I don't see is a single mention of cyclist and pedestrians/walkers?
Have I missed something?

How would I cross at the currently safer cycling option to the coast - West Moor and round the airport?

In the scheme there is a new bridge at Causey Park - is there any cycling/walking provision - and what do we do when we get to the 'old' A1? Should the scheme include a dedicated cycle track from Causey Park all the way to the Chevington Moor junction - to make that very fast bit of road [rat run] safer?

I hope I'm wrong and I have missed something. If not I'm going to be massively disappointed that a government agency - against a background of national schemes to encourage cycling and walking - such as <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/cycling> - has failed to take cycling and walking into account. I hope - if we go on to debate this in a wider forum - that we don't find that frogs, hedgehogs, worms, and red squirrels have been accounted for! Nothing against any of those - in fact good on you and I'd be the first to stop my car or get off my bicycle to help a hedgehog et al cross the road - but without thinking of cyclists and walkers too?

Regards
Andrew Kirkham
Motorist, cyclist and walker.

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