

Coddington Parish Council objects to the closure and diversion of Winthorpe Footpath No. 3 that crosses the existing A46 East of the Friendly Farmer A46 / A17 / A1 roundabout, as it is inconsistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Nottinghamshire County Council has confirmed that the Definitive Map of recorded Public Rights of Way (PROW) shows Winthorpe Footpath No. 3 crosses the existing A46 between Coddington and Winthorpe.

Public Rights of Way (PROW) are the minor highway element of the public highway network and are afforded the same level of protection and control as the major highway network (i.e. all classes of roads including motorways).

They form part of the sustainable transport network that has links to healthy living, reducing carbon footprints, safe non-motorised links to local facilities, so it is important to ensure that they are linked to the other networks and are of a good design that encourages safe use.

The proposal to sever Footpath No.3 is not compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF):

- Para 104 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that planning policies and decisions should protect and enhance PROW and access including taking opportunities to provide better facilities for users.
- Para 116 of NPPF states that development should create places that are safe, secure and attractive – which minimise the scope for conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles,

The proposed closure and diversion of the public footpath back towards the A17 is unacceptable, as there is no safe pedestrian route available which connects to the rest of the public footpath to Winthorpe. A diversion which provides direct access to cross the A46 to Winthorpe is required, as already exists, supported by a safe pedestrian and cyclist crossing facility from the Coddington side to the Winthorpe side of the road network. This will also support Active Travel of Winthorpe residents to the proposed employment development on the land at Godfrey Drive.

Coddington Parish Council has examined the Applicants proposals for traffic management and diversion routes in:

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Most of the junction phasing plans and diversion routes during construction do not appear to impact traffic flow through Coddington Village directly. Coddington Parish Council seeks reassurance that the signage and traffic controls during diversions do not result in additional vehicles, especially HGVs, travelling along the weight restricted roads of Beckingham Road and Drove Lane in particular. The diversions, as identified in the Outline Traffic Management Plan, and areas of concern are:

- A.1.1 – results in traffic being diverted along the A1 and past the local Coddington junction. Signage to indicate the diversion continues past Coddington is required on the A1 just before the Northbound and Southbound exits to Coddington
- A.1.4 – the diversion route shown only covers traffic travelling along the A46 to the A1. An extension to the diversion route is required to allow traffic travelling on the A17 to access the A1 North of Newark.
- A.1.6 – the diversion route only shows the clockwise route and needs the anticlockwise route highlighting on the A46 section West of Brough.
- A.1.7 – this overnight diversion route includes the main access to Newark and Nottinghamshire Showground, so needs prompt removal of diversion signs after the overnight closure to avoid excessive routing of Showground traffic through Coddington Village.