

Highway and transport concern – initial assessment (updated: 12/02/2021)

Scheme reference number:	ITCP-2017-09
Location:	Braunston to Oakham
Concern:	Lack of Cycleway
Parish/s	Braunston and Martinsthorpe
Ward Member/s	William Cross
Case Officer	Robyn Green

Engagement

Prior to undertaking the initial assessment:

- Contact the applicant to fully understand the nature and scope of their concern and identify any relevant local evidence of accidents or other useful information.
- Contact the relevant parish/s to identify any relevant local evidence of accidents or other useful information.
- Contact the relevant ward member/s to identify any relevant local evidence of accidents or other useful information.

Please provide the date of and a summary of the initial engagement with the above.

08/03/2021 – RG emailed PC to advise we are carrying out an initial assessment and requested any further information to support the application from the PC

Evidence of concern

Please provide detail here including:

- police accident data and where available, evidenced local accident records
- any previous concerns received or actions taken
- speed / traffic count data (noting the date)
- where necessary a site visit to note features of the current highway environment and any existing traffic calming features.

The accident data between Braunston and Oakham has been collected between 1/1/2016 and 31/12/2020. This showed that there have been 4 accidents along this route.

Accident 201600069 – V1 travelling south west fails to negotiate right bend travelling west leaves carriageway near side and collides with tree, rebounds onto carriageway and over turns – no other vehicles involved. Driver and passengers slightly injured

Accident 201602152 – V1 travelling south west negotiates slightly left bend and leaves carriageway offside into ditch and collides with tree in field. No other vehicles involved. Driver slightly injured

Accident 201801090 – V1 traveling north east towards Oakham leaves carriageway near side and enters ditch – approx. 150m north west of kitchen showroom. Driver slightly injured

Accident 202000419 – V1 travelling south west leaves carriageway and collides with tree, exact location unknown – driver seriously injured

The accidents do not relate to pedestrians or cyclists, this could be because they do not currently use the route. It should be noted that the first 2 accidents relate to the approach to Braunston village near The Plough. RCC have submitted a works order to improve the 30mph gateway on this section of road

None of these accidents relate to pedestrians or cyclists

A speed survey was carried out along Braunston Road – between Oakham and Braunston, between 7/11/2020 to 13/11/2020

	Total Volume	85th Percentile	Mean Average
Sat 7 Nov	1643	48.5	40.9
Sun 8 Nov	1066	48.1	39.8
Mon 9 Nov	2142	48.7	41.3
Tue 10 Nov	2001	48.8	41.6
Wed 11 Nov	2261	48.5	40.9
Thu 12 Nov	2411	48.7	40.6
Fri 13 Nov	2343	49.2	41.9
5 Day Ave.	2232	48.8	41.3
7 Day Ave.	1981	48.6	41.0

The speed survey demonstrated the average 85th percentile speed over 7 days was 48.6mph and the average speed was 41mph. This shows that vehicles are complying with the stated speed limit.

Officer recommendation

Based on the evidence available please outline what category the concern falls within.

Essential – a scheme that must be delivered as soon as possible to address actual harm to persons i.e. serious injuries. Progress to design/ feasibility as a priority.

Necessary – works that are required to address sites that historically have injury or maintenance harm but are not currently occurring, but may occur again if not acted upon. Progress to design/ feasibility study.

Beneficial – works that would provide benefit to the current situation but are not addressing a recorded history of harm. These will be schemes where the concerns or perception relating to a location feeling unsafe can be addressed. Notify applicant, parish/s and ward member/s that won't be progressed unless there is an underspend available or alternative funding sources are found.

Amenity – works that would provide amenity opportunities only. Notify applicant, parish/s and ward member/s that won't be progressed unless there is an underspend available or alternative funding sources are found.

Additional comments

Officer to provide any further points of note.

A cycle way would only be proposed on one side of the carriageway as this will prevent the need for pedestrians to keep crossing the road. The most appropriate location for this would be on the southern side of Braunston Road. This is because side of the road has the widest verges.

However at various intervals, land would need to be purchased from the adjacent land owners due to there not being enough scope within the adopted highway to install a cycleway. Additionally, sections of the cycleway will require retaining features at the back edge of the cycleway, as the banks slope away from the carriageway. This would significantly increase the cost of the scheme

If pedestrians or cyclists did want to get to Oakham they could go via Brooke Road. This is a country lane with less traffic than Braunston Road and wide verges along its entire route.

FOLLOW ON ACTION: Case officer/ engineer – upon completion of the above sections, please email this initial assessment to either the Senior Highway Manager or Senior Transport Manager for review.

Senior manager review and comments (to be completed by senior highway manager or senior transport manager – depending on nature of concern)

I have reviewed the above assessment and do/ do not concur with the officer recommendation.

Additional comments or action required: Approved.

Date: 21st May 2021

Signed: Andrew Tatt

Role: Interim Principal Highways Manager

FOLLOW ON ACTION: Senior highway or transport manager - please forward a signed copy of this initial assessment to the lead engineer/ officer.

The lead engineer/ officer must then update all relevant parties of the outcome.

Notification of outcome

Case officer to notify all relevant parties of outcome.

Please check all relevant boxes and provide date of communication.

Parish – date of communication:

Ward members – date of communication:

The applicant (if not the parish or ward member) – date of communication:

Other stakeholder/ interested party – date of communication:

FOLLOW ON ACTION: Case officer/ engineer – upon completion of the above section, please forward this completed initial assessment to:

tstrategy@rutland.gov.uk