

**LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**HIGHWAYS FORUM FOR MELTON**

**11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT**

**Nether Broughton Hill A606 Landslip**

**Purpose**

1. To update Highways Forum Members on work to reopen the A606 in Nether Broughton following a landslide earlier in the year as requested by Cllr Orson at the previous meeting.

**Background**

2. In June the A606 between Ab Kettleby and the A46 junction at Nether Broughton was temporarily closed following a small landslide which resulted in safety concerns for motorists and pedestrians. The land in question is in private ownership and as such it was the responsibility of the landowner to secure their land. The County Council is in working with the land owner to ensure the road was reopened as quickly as possible.
3. Following the closure our engineers visited the site within 24 hours to assess the area. At this stage there was still movement of the bank and the slip have left an exposed vertical face at the top of the slope liable to further collapse.
4. A survey of the slope was arranged, including a level survey and work to some trees. Contact was made with the land owner to clarify responsibilities and proactively aid a solution. Soil testing and samples were taken from the site for analysis.
5. Following further monitoring of the slope, the carriageway was opened in one direction at the end of June by installing temporary vertical concrete barriers (TVCB's). The barriers were required to be placed in the carriageway to protect users of the highway from the slipped material at the base of the slope and the potential of a further collapse of the upper part of the slope.
6. A specialist geotechnical consultant, LCC structural engineers and the land owner worked to identify an agreed suitable solution, and during July produced developed option drawings. Agreement was sought on the disposal of the slipped material and by the end of July detailed costs were produced and negotiations between the land owner and insurance companies were being finalised.

7. Procurement of contractors and plant hire companies required to undertake the works was achieved within the first two weeks of August, and a road closure order put in place which included negotiation and road space booking from Highways England was agreed. The closure was originally agreed for two week from 5<sup>th</sup> September, but all parties were able to agree to bring this forward to utilise weekend working resulting in the closure being put into place from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The road was reopened one day ahead of the two week closure on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September and four days ahead of the original closure dates.
8. During the two week closure, other works were scheduled which has reduced the number of closures on this stretch of road. These works included patching work, tree survey, grass cutting, sign clearance and felling of two trees by another private land owner.

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