

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS FORUM FOR MELTON

20TH FEBRUARY 2017

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE –
NETHER BROUGHTON HILL A606 - PROPOSED HILL CLIMB EVENT

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Purpose

1. To update Highways Forum Members on the proposed re-enactment of the Kettleby Hill Climb that was originally held between 1901 and 1910.

Background

2. Mr Groom attended a Highways Forum meeting on the 11th October 2016 requesting Members to support him in trying to organise a Hill climb event. It was envisaged the event would be fairly major and would attract a great deal of tourism to the area but would mean closing the A606 for the duration of the event. Cllr J Orson gave his support to the idea but Mr Crossland had concerns about the event being held on this particular road.
3. Following the meeting, Leicestershire County Council's Network Maintenance team were requested to contact Mr Groom to discuss the event proposals. The meeting was held on 2nd February 2017 at Leicestershire County Council's Croft office.
4. At the meeting, Mr Groom put his proposals forward and the following items were discussed.

Prior to any agreement of the route Mr Groom was advised that an Event Safety Advisory Group meeting would be required to include Leicestershire County Council (Network Maintenance and Local Resilience representatives), Melton Borough Council, Leicestershire Police, Leicestershire Fire Service, East Midlands Ambulance Service, Highways England, Nottinghamshire County Council to discuss if any third parties have any concerns relating to the closure of the A606 for approximately 12 hours – 6am to 6pm, possibly between late Spring and early Autumn.

- **The impact of closing the A606 at Ab Kettleby on a Sunday morning**
 The A606 is a fairly quiet 'A' class road (see Appendix A for volume) but closing this could have considerable impact on the network, especially if there was an accident on the A46 and the emergency services diverted traffic along the A606. Mr Groom did state that the event could be stopped if the A46 did close for an emergency and if emergency vehicles were required access/exit the A46 via the A606. A communications plan would be required prior to the event notifying all relevant parties of the event.

- **Temporary Traffic Regulation Order for the event**
A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order Section 16a Road Traffic Regulation Act (1984) would be required for closing the road and any further temporary restriction required. The cost of the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order would be £600 plus advertising.
- **Traffic Management**
A Traffic Management Plan would be required to be submitted for the event to include routes to the event, proposed safe parking for participants and spectators, diversion routes, location plans.
- **Proposed Diversion Routes**
The diversion route would take traffic onto the A46. Agreement for traffic to be diverted on the A46 will require permission from Highways England. This will require a road space booking form submitting to Highways England along with a signed diversion plan, prior to them confirming this. All diversion routes must be agreed with Leicestershire County Council and adjoining authorities (Notts CC) prior to the event and all signage for the diversion route must comply with Chapter 8 (Traffic Signs for Temporary Situation).
- **COMMS Plan**
A good communication plan will be required listing who has been notified of the event:-
Emergency Services
Highways England
Nottinghamshire County Council
Local Businesses
Residents
Bus Companies
A copy of the letter distributed to stakeholders
Leicestershire County Council would issue a Press Release for the event and notify Leicestershire County Council Customer Services of the event.
- **Highway Health and Safety**
Stewards will be required to manage spectators – where matters such as where will spectators stand – this matter was discussed and Mr Groom was advised that if the Hill Climb could be held one side of the road, spectators could stand behind a barrier to ensure there was no conflict with spectators and vehicles, stewards could manage the spectators. Stewards cannot stop and direct traffic – traffic management signs advises traffic
If a field is used for additional parking, Mr Groom was advised it would be good practice to have a form of cleaning the road if vehicles leaving the event carried mud onto the highway. This would prevent the Highway Authority being called by Leicestershire Police to clean the road and recharging any incurred costs to the event organiser. Leicestershire County Council have advised no stakes to be put into the ground.

There are Public Right of Ways that lead onto the A606, consideration is required whether a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order is required to close any Public Right of Ways.

Conclusion

5. Moving forward with this, if Mr Groom wishes to proceed after our initial meeting, I think it would be a good idea to arrange a Safety Advisory Meeting to find out if any third parties would have concerns relating to the event.

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Background Papers

None.

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