

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

**20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE –**  
**ACCIDENT REPORT FOR CROXTON KERRIAL**

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

1. As part of the County Council's on-going analysis of accident data, the A607 west of the village of Croxton Kerrial has been highlighted as a site for concern.
2. In the last five years (December 2011 to November 2016), there have been 21 recorded injury accidents at various bends 2 along this road (see plan attached at Appendix A). These consisted of a total of 3 fatal accidents, 5 serious and 13 involving slight injury:
3. The 'western' bend, the bend at the junction of Lings Hill (junction of Waltham Road and Green Lane) had 7 accidents (2 serious and 5 slight) in this period.
4. The series of bends further east (between Lings Hill and the entrance to Croxton Park) had three fatal accidents, three serious and eight slight accidents.
5. The three fatal accidents have all occurred within the last 18 months (in October 2015 and in May 2016, both on a left-hand bend and latterly the one in November 2016, on a straight section of carriageway slightly further to the east.

**Action taken/to be taken**

6. The recently installed (early 2016) vehicle activated signs have been checked to ensure that they are operating correctly. The trigger speeds at which the signs are activated was set at a factory setting of the national speed limit. This has now been changed so that the sign for eastbound traffic has a trigger speed of 45 mph. This will provide a more effective warning of the bend for approaching drivers of the bend.
7. Standard yellow backed bend warning signs and chevron signs are in place for the eastern bend. This site has been added to a safety critical vegetation cutting programme so that visibility of these signs is maintained throughout the growing season.
8. At both sets of bends there is a high proportion of accidents that have occurred in wet/damp road conditions where vehicles have been identified as skidding. These two bend sites have been added to the 2017 surface dressing programme at which time a higher skid resistance surface will be installed.

