

CLLR ALEXANDER MAUGHAN LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE SUMMER 2024



Summer surface dressing is go

A huge-scale surface dressing scheme has just got underway. Covering a staggering 227 sites across Lincolnshire, the £6m seven week scheme will improve the condition of 177 miles of our road network.

Adding around ten years of life on to effected roads, this quick and practical method is also super-cost effective - working out at around a tenth of the cost for what we'd spend on other repair techniques.

It's a real boost for the network and, after works are completed at the end of August, there'll be a noticeable difference to the quality and durability of roads at hundreds of locations county-wide.

New pedestrian crossing at Great Gonerby

As part of our community crossing initiative and wider package of road schemes in the Grantham area, we have completed installation of a brand new puffin crossing and road resurfacing scheme on High Street, Great Gonerby.

The High Street section of the B1174 in Great Gonerby has been fully rebuilt from the ground up, with a full rebuild of a failing section of Gonerby Road immediately after. And at the same time, we've built a new puffin crossing, with six new traffic signal heads, near the junction with Long Street in Great Gonerby.

Residents had been calling for an upgraded pedestrian crossing at Great Gonerby High Street for many years, so I'm delighted that Lincolnshire County Council has heard our campaign and delivered this investment for the village. I'm also grateful to the local Parish Council, who supported the scheme with a contribution.

To hear more about the scheme watch the full video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADUVznKmodg>

Disappointment at solar farm decisions

The news that proposals for giant solar parks for both Mallard Pass and Gate Burton have been approved is deeply disappointing for all those who will have to live with these huge developments on their doorstep.

These industrial sites will change our county landscapes dramatically, with both proposals expected to cover over 2000 acres each, degrading the quality of life of our residents who have also been vocal in their opposition to the plans.

As a council we have consistently argued Lincolnshire should not be a dumping ground for these enormous infrastructure projects - our agricultural land in particular should be protected, playing a key role in our nation's food security. But these pleas are not being heard by the Labour government now in charge of environmental policy.

Uncertainty over devolution deal for Greater Lincolnshire

Prior to the general election being called Lincolnshire County Council, together with the Councils of North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire, agreed a devolution deal for the Greater Lincolnshire region.

The devolution deal agreed will involve the creation of a Combined Mayoral Authority, covering the region of Greater Lincolnshire from the south bank of the Humber down to the Wash. The authority will be led by a directly elected Mayor, voted in by the public. This election was widely anticipated to take place alongside the County Council elections in May 2025.

Following the general election outcome we are awaiting clarification from the new Labour government as to whether the deal backed by the previous Conservative Government will be supported and put to Parliament for ratification.

Green light for local road improvements

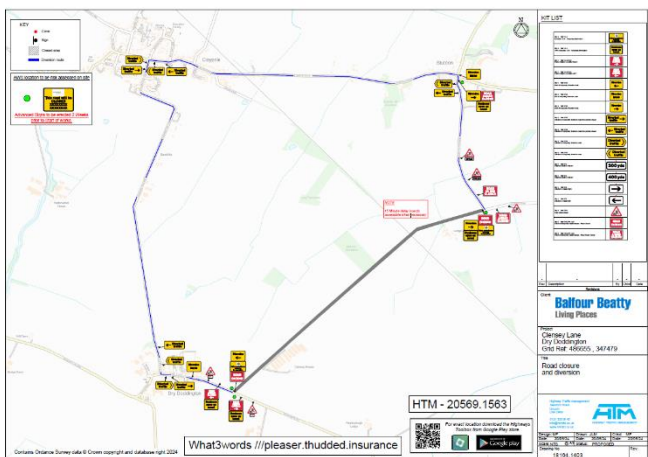
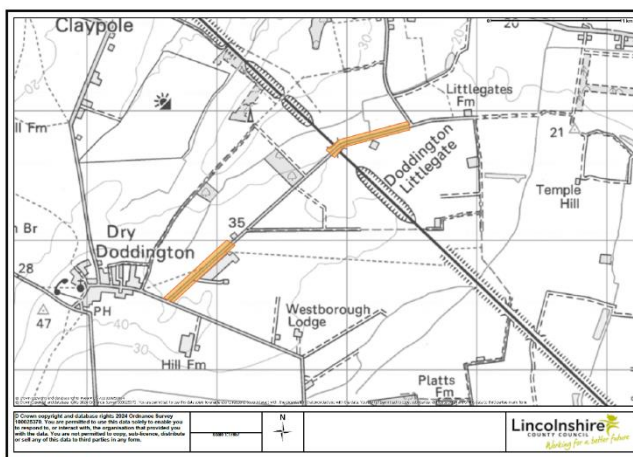
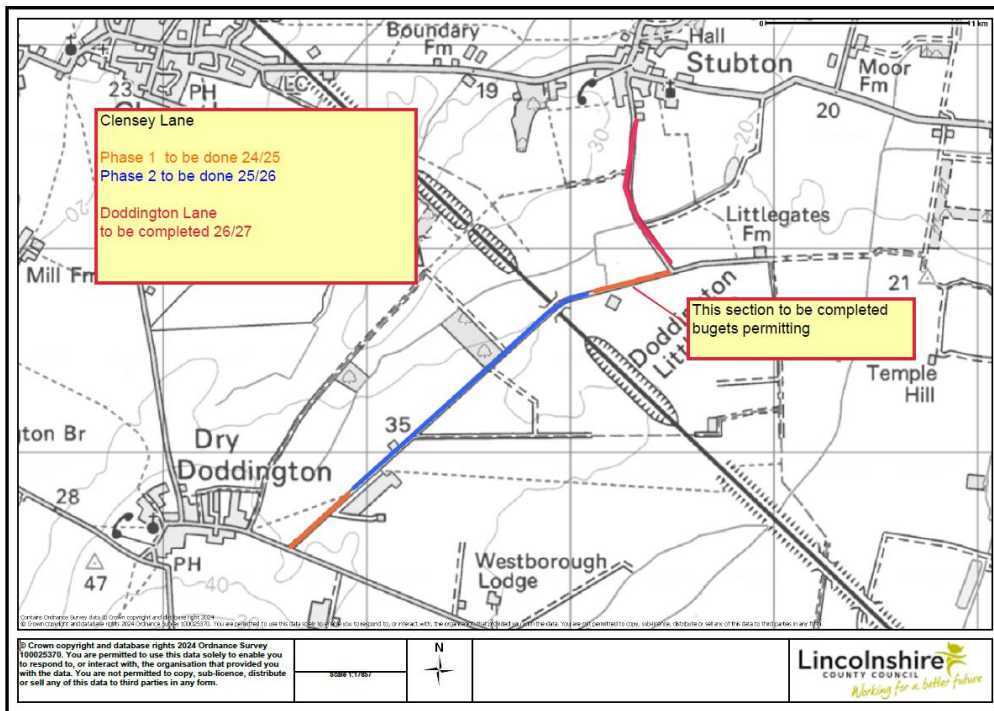
Our local roads remain the top issue in my inbox, and I have worked with your local Parish Council to lobby for the priority schemes in our area. The additional funding that Conservative Councillors have invested in our highway network this year, opposed by Independent Councillors at County Hall, has enabled a number of local road schemes programmed over the coming year. I am delighted to share details of the following schemes.

Clensey Lane, Dry Doddington/Stubton

Work will start next month on a 3 year programme of roadworks for Clensey Lane/Doddington Lane between Dry Doddington and Stubton. This section has long been in need of repair. Following site meetings I held last year, I am pleased to see Lincolnshire County Council has heard our local concerns and committed to a rolling programme of works over 3 years to resurface the entire section between the two villages.

The scheme will commence next month with works in the sections highlighted orange, with the remaining sections to be completed in 2025/26 and 2026/27. The scheme is being split into 3 stages to make it affordable, with an estimated total cost of £1million.

Phase 1 – both orange sections in the map below (funding now secured for both) – are **due to take place between 19th to 28th August**. Access will be maintained to local businesses and residential properties. Working hours will be 07:30 -17:30, with a signposted diversion via Claypole.



High Street, Caythorpe

A full reconstruction of the carriageway along Caythorpe High Street is due to take place between 13th to 23rd August. The map (right) shows the extent of the carriageway being treated (with one minor error, the section alongside the triangular section in the south is also being resurfaced).

A full road closure will be in place for the duration of these works, with access maintained to property where possible. The diversion will be via Lincoln Road.

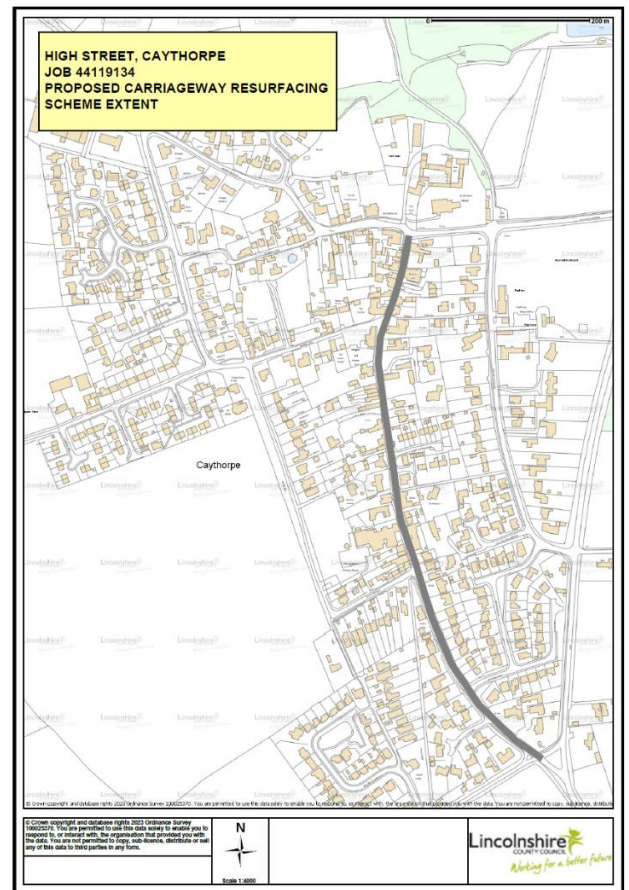
A607 resurfacing schemes planned for 2025

Caythorpe – resurfacing of the A607 from the Caythorpe Heath Lane junction to the edge of Fulbeck village.

Provisional dates at this stage are from the 31 March to 23 May 2025, subject to changes once final designs are completed and contractors are appointed.

Honington to Carlton Scroop – resurfacing of the A607 from the level crossing at Honnington through to the village boundary at Carlton Scroop.

Provisional dates at this stage are from 26 May to 1 August 2025, subject to changes once final designs are completed and contractors are appointed.



I am fully aware of the challenges a closure of the A607 poses and the impact this will have on local businesses, motorists, and bus services. I continue to liaise with the project team managing these works to ensure that the impact is minimised as far as possible. Early dialogue with Stagecoach and local school bus providers has already begun. Additionally, I am mindful of the many thriving local businesses we have along the A607 who rely on passing trade. Highways are currently considering a mix of day-time/night-time working for these schemes to reduce and spread the impact on trade. Please contact me with your comments.

Flood response in Lincolnshire

Following storms Babet and Henk we have bolstered the resources available to respond to flood events in Lincolnshire with an extra £3.3million of funding allocated in the budget this year. This includes additional jetting and surveys, designers for new drainage schemes, flood investigators, and new equipment for our brave fire fighters responding to flood events.

Highways crews continue to work through the backlog of requests for gully jetting and cleansing, and CCTV drainage surveys from these events. We are also working with Internal Drainage Boards to support enforcement action where landowners have not maintained ditches and other drainage systems that are riparian responsibility.

If you have been a victim of flooding to your property please make sure this is reported on www.fixmystreet.com or email floodrisk@lincolnshire.gov.uk to ensure you are in the system for a section 19 report. You can also copy my email address cllra.maughan@lincolnshire.gov.uk so that I can accurately monitor progress of these reports across the 18 villages I represent.

Getting back on the buses

More people are getting onboard with bus improvements across Lincolnshire. Increased, extended, and upgraded services are thanks to extra funding from the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), which has been made available by the county council.

Services county-wide have seen a marked increase in users, with highlights including Stagecoach's Gainsborough Town service, which saw a 63 per cent increase on passengers compared with the same period last year - roughly 900 additional passengers per week - and more than double the amount of users hopping on PC Coaches' Saturday service from Boston to Lincoln since it's enhanced service became live.

The BSIP money was also used to help relaunch the Lincoln evening services to give those working late, or socialising in the city, a secure and reliable service late into the night. It has been the first time in over five years that such a service has been available.

Further improvements are on their way too. By late autumn, our transport team are planning to enhance more services, with some real time digital displays and new infrastructure also on the schedule.

How to contact me

Follow me on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/AlexanderMaughan> to keep up to date with local news and my work, on your behalf, as County Councillor for Hough Division.

For highway defects, potholes, damaged pavements, overgrown trees – please report these in the first instance at www.fixmystreet.com. If your report has not been dealt with sufficiently by the County Council (repairs should take no longer than 90 days on rural roads) please email me your report number at cllra.maughan@lincolnshire.gov.uk so I can raise this with the Local Highways Manager.

For other queries relating to council services, including but not limited to flooding, adult social care, children's services, or more complex highways matters, please email me at cllra.maughan@lincolnshire.gov.uk or call 07707 060 022.

To keep track of planned road works in your area you can see all road closures and planned works around the country at <https://one.network/>

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