



**HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS (H&F)
Report to Parish Council 03 June 2025**

No report has been submitted to Council since 03 September 2024 with reports presented on an ad hoc basis. There is currently no formally constituted working group as set out in the H&F Terms of Reference but there remain several longstanding and new issues reported to Council and this report proposes recommendations to be made to full Council, reviewing priorities for further action

1. **HIGH STREET, COLSTERWORTH** – Safety issues relating to HGVs (exceeding weight limit), speeding, parking, road narrowing, crossings, access, linked footpaths and signage [review-of-high-street-road-safety-issues-25-08-2022](#)
2. **COLSTER WAY, COLSTERWORTH** – Reports of inconsiderate/dangerous parking close to Little Legs Nursery. Concerns about crossing Colster Way from the footpath to the Play Area/Little Legs where the road bends

Recommendation: Formal request as a follow up from July 2023 to be made to LCC Cllr Vernon to facilitate a “Walk About” with Rowan Smith to identify issues highlighted.

3. **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH** – No sessions have been held and a new Co-ordinator is required. Any new Co-ordinator will have to undergo training. Some Cllrs and volunteers have been on the training and can do roadside checks if any activities are reinstated.

Clerk has confirmed they will advertise in the In Touch for a volunteer Co-ordinator if one is not forthcoming

4. **VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS (VAS) – DATA COLLECTION** – As all the VASs have the capability of providing data which can be downloaded on an App, showing speed and volume of traffic and a valuable source of information if we wanted to refer it to Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to inform any police checks, Cllr Brocklebank has requested that this is investigated further

Recommendation: Investigate this further with a view to recruiting volunteers and how this can be implemented

5. VILLAGE SIGNS – STAINBY B676

Cllr Chatterton has proposed a project for new village gateway signs for Stainby similar to those at Castle Bytham which has the speed limit displayed and name of the village. This has been put forward to Finance and Administration 29 May 2025 (F&A) to consider as a project for the year and associated costs ringfenced to make recommendation to full Council. This is similar but on a smaller scale to the “White Gates Project” which was not pursued due to costs.

Clerk has already identified that permission would need to be sought from Highways to install new signs at an agreed location and village boundary can be confirmed using Parish Online. Costs can vary from several hundred pounds to up to £1,000

A separate FixMyStreet request has been made for a sign leaving Stainby towards Colsterworth to be moved further out towards the village boundary

Recommendation: To support the proposal by Cllr Chatterton to take forward the Project subject to the funds being made available and approved and liaison/permissions with LCC Highways



6. MAINTENANCE OF VILLAGE SIGNS

As part of the overall review of highways issues, speed and weight restriction signage was of particular note regarding placement, condition and visibility; this also includes verge maintenance. Cllr Brocklebank has identified that approaching Gunby down Gunby Road at the edge of the hamlet the verges are mown. This creates a marked difference from the country lane into settlement. In the case of Woolsthorpe Road the approach has narrow vegetated verges with the 30 mph signs concealed until quite close (although the speed sign is clearly visible long before the 30 mph zone).

Recommendation

- Determine signage that need cleaning and identify responsible authority and decide if this is something the PC would want to undertake
- Investigate potential costs for cleaning signage on an ad hoc basis – Cllr Brocklebank
- The verges from the Woolsthorpe Road 30 mph signs be mown and the trees before the signs cut back. Mowing the verges would be a regular additional charge to the Parish and cutting back the trees would also be at a cost
- Similarly tend to the approaches on the Stainby Road too

7. FOOTPATHS – Gunby, Stainby and North Witham

Cllr Brocklebank is actively checking footpaths at Woolsthorpe and Colsterworth to identify any issues to report. This has been extended to Gunby, Stainby and North Witham; Clerk will continue to report findings to the appropriate authority.

LCC ROW Report Ref: 2844986 - Overgrown footpath GunS/5/1 Footpath opposite Bottom Farm, Gunby Road, Stainby.

LCC ROW Report Ref: 2844987 - GunS/3/2 off Colsterworth Road, no sign of its start point and no evidence of a footpath.

8. A1

Reported by Cllr Bellamy at the meeting in April 2025, the current phase of closing some less contentious crossings are a positive first stage in the safety of the A1. He was aware of support of the residents in North Witham for the closure of the Bull Hill Junction. There will be further consultations with Parish Councils directly affected.

Recommendation

Continue to monitor progress and issues and ensure Colsterworth and District PC is involved in these consultations due to the impact on all our villages due to diversions etc.

9. FIX MY STREET/LORRY WATCH

Anyone can report issues directly to LCC

[FixMyStreet](#)

Report, view, or discuss local problems (like potholes, broken paving slabs, street lighting, or flooding)

[Report misuse of weight restricted roads – Lorry Watch - Lincolnshire County Council](#)

LCC Lorry Watch scheme helps you report the misuse of weight restricted roads by heavy goods vehicles (HGV) in Lincolnshire. HGVs are not allowed to travel along certain unsuitable roads. This is because they can create safety hazards for other road users and pedestrians.



You will need: name or number of the road, date and time of sighting(s), vehicle registration number

Cllr C Hainsworth and Cllr R Brocklebank

27 May 2025