



19th April 2022

Dear Edith Weston Parish Council

Re: Update on highway and transport concerns categorised as 'beneficial' or 'amenity'

Reference: ITCP-2020-19

Concern: Speeding vehicles, including lorries, causing safety concern

Location: Main roads through Edith Weston - including Normanton Road, Manton Road and Pennine Drive

Parish: Edith Weston

Review of concerns for use of accrued funds

I am writing to update you on progress of the raised concern. When we notified you of the categorisation of your concern we advised we may consider amenity and beneficial schemes at the end of the financial year, for use of any accrued funding. We have now reviewed all schemes categorised as beneficial or amenity that were not taken forward, to assess if they can be supported.

We have reviewed your concern, as detailed within the title of this letter, and whilst we acknowledge your view, there is not enough evidence to indicate a problem exists. As such we are unable to justify funding works on the highway and so the concern raised has been closed and will not be considered by Rutland County Council any further.

Overview of funding

Funding for capital works on the highway is limited, as are resources to assess, consider, design and then over-see the implementation of any agreed works.

The Council receives Integrated Transport Capital Block funding from the Department for Transport to improve the safety of the highway and deliver integrated transport measures. The Council allocates the bulk of this funding to highways and transport improvements considered essential or necessary. For example, we receive information about accident cluster sites and collisions that result in fatalities or serious injuries. Highway measures to improve safety at these locations take priority over other work.

In addition, Parish and Town Councils, ward members and MPs, emergency services and disability groups can raise highway and transport concerns, including road safety, parking or sustainable travel infra-structure, to the Council via an online web-form. There are high levels of demand for the limited funding we have available so additional schemes to address community concerns must also be categorised as either essential, necessary, beneficial or amenity – with funding again prioritised against concerns identified as

essential or necessary. Unfortunately, due to limited funding this inevitably means that some requests will not be supported to take forwards into implementation.

The Highway and Transport Working Group (HTWG) oversee this programme of work which is clearly of interest to communities in Rutland.

Thank you for bringing the matter to our attention, however, we have now closed this concern and will take no further action. If circumstances change, you may wish to raise a new concern, however, we will not consider any scheme to address this concern for at least 3 years unless there are significant changes, which may alter priorities for funding.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Tatt'.

Andrew Tatt FCIHT
Principal Highways Manager