**Meeting re Holdiford Road, Tixall**

**Date: 21.9.2022, 1.00pm – 1.45pm, via MS Teams**

**Present: from SCC**

Richard Rayson (RR)

Sandeep Aheer – Amey on behalf of SCC (SA)

Marianna Pagoulatou – Amey on behalf of SCC (MP)

Amy Humphries (AH)

Kayleigh Clewley (KC)

**From Parish Councils:**

Malcolm Sindrey (MS) – Chairman, Ingestre with Tixall

Nicholas Bostock (NB) – Parish Cllr, Ingestre with Tixall

Tric Parrott (TP) – Parish Cllr, Ingestre with Tixall

Jill Davies (JD) – Clerk to Ingestre with Tixall

Sue Fullwood (SF) – Clerk to Berkswich

RR welcomed all, confirmed purpose of meeting was to provide an update on Holdiford Road & Tixall scheme. Significant traffic problems, very heavily used route. Cluster of accidents, triggered concerns for road safety.

Cllr Francis instructed SCC to commission Amey to look at options, which have been discussed.

**Update from SA**

Options were covered in feasibility report – solution: signalised option for bridges, with a speed reduction.

Not an easy solution: limited space, power supply, cabling installation, conservation area & listed bridge. Solution needed to be practical and affordable.

The reduction in the speed limit process for the road from Tixall Road to the Junction with A513 at Milford had begun – the speed limit was to be reduced from National Speed Limit (60 mph) to 40 mph.

SBC are aware of premise of scheme, but not the details.

Scheme will include signage and speed reductions on A513.

**Update from MP**

Draft plans were shared. 2 sets of traffic lights on each bridge, intelligent system designed to reduce waiting times & avoid motorists potentially jumping lights.

Signage and warning signs will be displayed to alert motorists of changes to carriage layout & new speed limits.

**Questions;**

MS – any potential for blockages between bridges?

SA – 2 sets of phasing lights to avoid this, system is intelligent.

MS – any weight limit over canal bridge or is this already in place?

MP – advised that there is an advisory weight limit, DfT advised bridge is not structurally weak, so HGV’s cannot be stopped from using route.

MS – signage will need to be carefully located, as no road verges. Therefore, location in hedges will require regular maintenance to ensure signs remain visible.

SA – noted, there is some flexibility over signs location, will use advise from DfT.

**Summary**

RR noted that current traffic signals on Baswich Lane are probably contributing to traffic flow over bridges on Holdiford Road. Scheme is a high priority and aim is to deliver asap, if everyone signs up.

SA advised that he hoped to get the consultation paperwork for the speed reduction to Councils before 28 September. For the signalisation there would be stakeholder consultation, then full consultation. They weren’t anticipating negative feedback for the reduction in speed limit. It is hoped that delivery would likely be in quarter 4; Jan – Mar 2023, dependent upon consultation and provision of equipment.

Holdiford Road will be closed during completion of works, which will take 2-3 weeks, owing to extra care needed. 12 weeks’ notice of road closures is required.

MS advised this will be discussed at next meeting of Ingestre with Tixall PC, on 28.9.22 and response provided back to SCC after meeting.

RR thanked all for attending & meeting closed at 1.45pm