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Appendix 19

Traffic Data LCC Position Email 2020

Traffic Data LCC Position Email 2021

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Subject: FW: Traffic Data for use in Transport Assessments

From: Stevens, Neil <Neil.Stevens@lancashire.gov.uk>

Sent: 04 May 2020 18:01

To: Allen, David; Bloomer, David; Robinson, Glenn; Holt, Kelly; Doran, Michael; Akhtar, Tahira; Simpson, Janet; Gregg, Robert; Hancock, Rob; Kandola, Gurmial; Gailey, Stewart; Tay, William; Berkley, Steph; Hardie, Simon; Lawson-Marsden, Janet; Forde, Maureen; Spencer, Dan; Bennett, Ray

Cc: Bennett, Ray; Hemingway, Louise; Smith, Paul (ENV); Lancaster, Jason; Nickson, John

Subject: Traffic Data for use in Transport Assessments

All

As you know traffic counts are approximately 80% lower than historic levels. With this, for the foreseeable future we will not be requesting that new traffic counts to be undertaken, there current values are meaningless. I am aware that lock down started 23rd March, however the first cases were noted 28th Feb. Any data collected between 28th Feb-23rd March will need to be validated as being acceptable by the applicant and their consultant. At matters currently stand **traffic data collected post 23rd March 2020 will NOT be accepted by LCC as local highway authority.**

It is likely that a consultant may ask for your advice on when traffic data will be acceptable.

In response, I can indicate that Traffic data is being continuously monitored at a few sites within Lancashire. This and other sites will be used to determine when new traffic data will be acceptable in Lancashire. It may be the case that the new normal will be different to the historic, but at this stage no one knows. Once we are satisfied that traffic levels have normalised we will accept new traffic data. If a consultant presents data that is biased, he is using this at his own risk and he should be made aware of this.

For Transport Assessment's and Statements analysis will need to apply existing traffic counts, with a suitable level of traffic growth using the traditional approach i.e. (Tempo), **no discounting will be acceptable if the consultants anticipate their thoughts on the new norm.**

We will however consider the use of engineering judgement to infill where no data is available but requires highway officer support and all documentation must include a clear audit trail of all data used and supporting analysis which can be examined and be scrutinised by others (i.e. at a public inquiry). There are a 1001 variations on how this can be done in an acceptable way.

If you are unsure on a consultants approach and their engineering judgement please ask.

Kind regards and continue to keep safe.

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From: Stevens, Neil
Sent: 04 May 2020 17:22
To: Bloomer, David
Cc: Bennett, Ray
Subject: RE: Henthorn Road Clitheroe

Dave

For the foreseeable future we will not be requesting traffic counts to undertaken, as there value will be meaningless.

Analysis will need to be taken using existing traffic counts, with traffic growth, and where necessary the use of engineering judgement (but requires highway officer support). There needs with a clear audit trail for all analysis which can be examined and be scrutinised by others (i.e. at a public inquiry).

Regards

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Subject: FW: Traffic Counts in The Pandemic

From: Stevens, Neil <Neil.Stevens@lancashire.gov.uk>

Sent: 25 May 2021 13:03

To: Watson, David; Allen, David; Holt, Kelly; Hancock, Rob ; Robinson, Glenn; Gailey, Stewart; Lancaster, Jason

Subject: FW: Traffic Counts in The Pandemic

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For consistency, see below.

Regards

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From: Stevens, Neil

Sent: 25 May 2021 13:02

To:

Cc: Bennett, Ray

Subject: RE: Traffic Counts in The Pandemic

Stephen

LCC is not accepting traffic counts at the moment as traffic flows have not stabilised, even after 21st June levels will not be the norm (what ever that looks like), as for example a high proportion of officer workers will still be home work.

I will be reviewing data collection and their use in TA's after the summer holidays.

Regards

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