

## *Lincoln Road/A46 Junction Update*

**Presently,** work is continuing on the flattening out of the A46, just north of the Lincoln Road junction, and the A46 remains closed. During the works there has been an increase in traffic through Welton and Dunholme that has ignored or been unaware of the lengthy official detour for both north and south bound traffic on the A46. This has been noticeable on Honeyholes Lane in Dunholme and Eastfield Lane in Welton as traffic leaves and returns to the A46 to avoid the closed section.



Latest information from Lincolnshire County Council is that work on the closed section is due to be completed by 2nd September. It will then be possible for north and south bound traffic to remain on the A46 without diversion but...work on the roundabout itself will not be completed until spring 2021, so that delays are likely to continue as traffic makes its way through the works.

It remains a matter of curiosity to me that the roundabout has not been sited at the junctions with Heath Lane and Horncastle Lane, to create a four-exit roundabout. Instead, there will still be two relatively busy junctions within metres of the roundabout. Traffic turning right at either of these is likely to have an impact on traffic flow on the A46 as well as being a continuing safety hazard. No doubt, the planners will have considered this.

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*[The latest information received from LCC Highways about the roundabout construction, traffic restrictions and diversions can be found on the Welton News website on the 'WLDC and LCC Updates and Announcements' page. We will update this as and when we receive information from LCC. Ed.]*



Adding to the traffic problems in the village resulting from vehicles being unable to access Dunholme directly from the A46 are the temporary traffic lights that have been at the roundabout and on Hackthorn Road for several weeks and other temporary traffic lights that have appeared from time to time in other parts of the village. Going from Welton to Sudbrooke one afternoon I went through three sets of temporary traffic lights and trying to get from Welton to

Nettleham the other evening I went through two sets of lights in the village and a diversion caused by Nettleham High Street being closed.

Oh, the joys of driving!

Editor

