

**Ncc-048155-20 & Ncc-048139-20 Holme Lane Byway Open to All Traffic No.12**

Dear Requester,

**Holme Lane Byway Open to All Traffic No.12**

Thank you for your letter and FOI request regarding Holme Lane.

The unsurfaced section of Holme Lane is a Byway Open to All Traffic. Its legal definition is that it's a route mainly used by those on foot and horseback, but vehicles including cycles and road legal motor vehicles can use it. However, there is no requirement to maintain to a standard suitable for the passage of vehicles. Unfortunately as you know the byway is used as a rat run by cars, particularly when there is congestion on the A52. There is a balance between surfacing the byway to enable those on foot, horseback and cycle to pass and re-pass and to prevent the route being used as a main through road. As soon as we improve the surface, vehicle traffic and speeds increase. We also need to keep the Byway open for residents accessing their properties in motor vehicles.

The condition of the surface is monitored and assessed by the Area Rights of Way Officers and works undertaken are commensurate with its definition as Byway Open to All Traffic. There are no written risk assessments to provide to you and we're not privy to any by Sustrans who promote the route as part of their National Cycle Network. The stone section of the Byway is normally regraded every year just before the Notts Bike Ride and repairs undertaken as defects are noted and also reported by the public. For example, a number of developing pot holes are to be repaired very shortly in the New Year.

Officers have looked at a number of options in how this old carriageway can be managed in the future allowing a better and improved route for all non-motorised users. As part of any future discussions and proposed changes we will discuss with consultees including Pedals, user groups, local elected member, the Parish Council and motor vehicle representatives.

With regards to Sandays Lane, there is currently a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order in place and has been for a number of years. The current TTRO, preventing vehicles exiting on and off Stragglethorpe Junction, is the result of assisting Highways England following their previous TTRO at this location. I believe that the HE wish to make this permanent.

We trust this now resolves your enquiry. Where we have not been able to provide details we expect that this information is not held by Nottinghamshire county Council at this time.

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You can use the search facility using keywords. i.e. care / home etc.

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Kind Regards  
Complaints and Information Team  
Nottinghamshire County Council  
County Hall

Re: Holme Lane bye-way and bridle route Request: Access to most recent risk assessments specifically in relation to pedestrians and cyclists using this road which is designated by Sustrans (Route15) Reason I I have real concerns for the safety of cyclists on this route. My understanding is that elected members want to keep this route as messy as possible to minimise passage of cars. My contention is that to leave the roadway surface in this state creates significant danger of accidents for cyclists. I am therefore asking you also to provide the context in which the latest risk assessment was made, as it looks as though the safety needs of cyclists have been negated by the wish to keep vehicles out. Why I think this route is so important for cyclists and hence the need to improve things 1) This is a very busy cycle route for adults and children, with hundreds of cyclists using it every day and even more so at weekends.

2) In order to cycle out to the West of Nottingham there are only two cycle signposted routes available – one along the A46. This is joint cycle/pedestrian route by a very busy road and it is grossly sub-standard. The other is along Holme Lane.

3) Currently Holme Lane has extensive areas under water. Given that it is full of potholes, some of which are at least 200cms deep, entering these areas of water the cyclist has no means of knowing whether they will hit a deep unseen pothole beneath the surface. Would you want to take your own young children cycling along this route?

4) There are vicious speed bumps which in turn cause massive puddling either side of them.

5) I am aware that there are professional officers at the County Council (e.g. Paul Hillier) who can confirm with you the state of this route. I understand that various solutions have in the past been put forward to improve the surface but have not been acted upon because it might encourage more cars.

6) I cannot see how a risk assessment of the present state of Holme Lane could find it acceptable for cyclists

7) Opposite the Holme Pierrepont entrance another bye-way leads off Holme Lane leading to the A52. The local authority has taken powers to close off this bye-way to motors, so why should it not put a barrier across near Holme Pierrepont requiring motorists to enter either from Nottingham or Radcliffe, but not to use it as a through route? Then the roadway could be made safe.

I do hope that as well as dealing with this FOI request, you can also move towards a resolution of the problems stated above.