

## Freedom of Information request NCC-050001-21

Thank you for your recent Freedom of information request for all highway assessments and safety features which have been undertaken and installed in Harworth and Bircotes in the previous 5 years. I am wishing to understand the importance Nottinghamshire County Council attach to the safety of children and young people in Harworth and Bircotes especially on their journeys to and from school.

Nottinghamshire County Council "NCC" do not hold the data in a form specific to the geographical area being requested, We are able to provide the following information based on the search parameters:

A review of the Road Safety Audit data set has produced the following list of sites.

SA1930 - Stage 1 - Proposed employment park affecting various roads A614 Bawtry Road, Blyth Road, and Snape Lane

SA2159 – Stage 1 – Town centre enhancements including zebra crossings on Scrooby Road, Harworth

SA2180 – Stage 1 – Right turn lane at A614 / Scrooby Road junction

SA2189 – Stages 2 & 3 – Zebra crossing outside Harworth CofE Academy on Scrooby Road, Harworth

SA2197 – Stage 1 – Signal-controlled crossroads on Blyth Road south of Harworth

SA2211 – Stages 1, 2, & 3 – Traffic signals at Blyth Road / Serlby Road junction

SA2311 – Stage 1, 2, & 3 – Zebra crossing on Scrooby Road, Harworth outside Town Council building

In addition to this the local Highway Manger has confirmed that it's not practical to identify the last 5 years of all highway works for whole of Harworth & Bircotes so given your past interest they have focused on Scrooby Road and provided the following information.

We have a permanent traffic counter on Scrooby Road and have undertaken traffic data collection with traffic loops 2007, 2014 & July 2019 and manual traffic counts 2010 & 2019 plus PV<sup>2</sup> surveys at two locations on Scrooby Road in Jan 2019.

**o/s Harworth Church of England Academy, Scrooby Road, Harworth**, The Highways Authority have previously implemented a number of features outside and on the approaches to this school in a bid to improve and increase road safety for highway users and the existing road safety features in place eg: the raised zebra (which was installed as a part of the new development), LED belisha beacons at the crossing, advanced warning signage of the humped crossing and pedestrians in the road, an interactive speed sign, a school 20mph zone, yellow backed flashing 'school zone' signs incorporating children warning signage, 'Billy' and 'Belinda' bollards and also further 'children' warning signage incorporating a 'school' plate.

**Response to enquiry Nov 2020 included:** Given the features that are already in place outside of the school and the good forward visibility of this crossing, drivers ignoring pedestrians when they have shown intent to cross is a Police matter as only the Police have enforcement powers for this type of offence. We have liaised with Nottinghamshire Police to request for some enforcement action to be arranged.

A colleague has recently discussed this location with our Safer Highways Team and they are going to approach Harworth C of E School with a road safety package for pupils that has a specific focus on pedestrians and zebra crossing usage; and the potential hazards that can be faced when using such crossings. This will help to ensure that the pupils of this school are armed with the best skills possible when using the zebra crossing.

With regard to this offer of road safety education, there was no feedback from the school in November. However, recently all schools were contacted again to invite them to book in education and on this occasion Harworth C of E School has requested full road safety education for the whole school. We have had a huge response to this latest offer though and unfortunately, we are currently fully booked for in person visits, which Harworth requested. We have agreed with the school to contact them in June when restrictions are lessened, and we can hopefully accommodate the request after that.

## **Last 5 years**

### **Scrooby Road, Bircotes:**

- Dec 2017 - Bus Layby kerb edging
- Jan 2019 - Refresh Parking Enforcement lines –
- Aug 2020 - Refresh white lining
- Feb 2021 - Installation of new zebra crossing & f/w widening to replace existing refuge island between mini roundabouts at Grosvenor Rd and Health Centre

### **Scrooby Road, Harworth**

- Nov 2018 - Installation of ped crossing o/s no. 70, surfacing and raised platform
- Aug 2019 – Extend zig zags and upgrade heads on Belisha beacons
- Aug 2020 – resurfacing, Hesley RD to ped crossing o/s All Saints CoF Primary school

**On list for consideration** of inclusion in 2022-23 Programme - Additional parking restrictions O/S Harworth Church of England Academy, just after Coppice road, Scrooby Road, Harworth

I hope that you find this information to be helpful, however if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, then please email us at [foi@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nottscc.gov.uk) quoting the reference NCC-050001-21 and we will be happy to review your request.

With kind regards

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