

Questions and Answers from the Public Meeting Tuesday 29th May

We have raised several questions with the County Project team and this is the response: They are edited for brevity we have other questions with them. Yes, the answers do raise further questions that we are working on.

Q. On Eccles, there was concern about safe passage for pedestrians, cyclists, horses and vehicles on a track that is not designed for the usage it will get. Would it be possible to limit the speed and provide better signage restricting vehicles?

A. We do not aim to restrict speed of vehicles on this road. If it is going to be busier then road speeds should be lower. We would expect all road users from tractors to cars, horses, cyclists and pedestrians to comply with the Highway Code
We have a plan to augment the existing signage (NOT SUITABLE FOR HGVs) with extra signs and or marshals if there is a significant overuse by such vehicles. However, we have to allow access to businesses and land along the lane and cannot restrict the width of the road or right of access.

Q. There was a fear from one of the landowners that the drains could not cope with the load going across them.

A. We will talk to our structural and drainage colleagues but do not believe this road has any specific weight limit problems. If we find anything out I will endeavour to bring answers to next week's meeting.

Q. Apparently, a local tree surgeon has been given permission to close Eccles Lane during this period. Can you check if this is true and consider delaying it until after the closure?

A. We are not aware of any tree cutting for this time, and have told colleagues that there should be no works, save emergency work, allowed on this route during the Brough closure.

Q. Making it one way with an alternative one way system around the quarry.

A. There are still ongoing discussions around this suggestion.

Q. It was also raised that Eccles Lane is not an adopted road, can you please confirm what status the road is and if not adopted any impact this has for insurance purposes?

A. It would appear Eccles Lane is adopted highway from the records search undertaken.

Q. What is the plan for signage and can we make it clear Bradwell is "Open for Business".

A. We do have a comprehensive signage plan for the diversion. We cannot account for people following Satnav and ignoring the signs. We will bring copies of the plan next week.

Q. Concerns were raised on the timeliness, detail and distribution of comms for this and other projects undertaken in the valley. Can you also provide a map of the detour as many people do not know the road numbers. Can you also provide a contact for updating us on progress against the plan during the summer.

A. Our comms rep will be at the event next week and will be able to provide more details as required. For example, we have already undertaken extensive comms around the project including letters to 520 businesses across the area/valley, our dedicated webpage which has received a substantial 1,000 unique visits, information to local stakeholders and direct posts on the Hope Valley Facebook group etc as well as the forthcoming drop-in session.