

# NUNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Our ref: L209 Dixons Bank - Stainton Way Highway Improvement Scheme

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Dear Mayor Budd

A 172 Dixons Bank / Stainton Way Highway Improvement Scheme.

Nunthorpe Parish Council objects to the A 172 Dixons Bank aspect of the Highway Improvement Scheme on the following grounds:

- (i) A significant worsening of the attractive appearance of Dixons Bank.
- (ii) A significant impact on the residents facing, and those backing, Dixons bank.
- (iii) It would, probably, do little to improve the peak flow of traffic both northwards and southwards.
- (iv) There are safety issues for the residents facing Dixons Bank.
- (iv) There would be substantial disruption during the construction period.

NPC understands that the object of the works would be to encourage the flow of vehicles from the junction in a westwards direction, ie towards Coulby Newham, and therefore reduce the vehicle flow northwards towards Middlesbrough Centre. This proposal would also require the improvement to junctions in the Coulby Newham area which, we understand, may not be undertaken for many years.

Middlesbrough Council commissioned Ove Arup and Partners Ltd to produce a micro- simulation traffic model of south Middlesbrough, 9 December 2016 and its Forecasting Report Addendum of the same date. The purpose of a properly validated numerical model of this type is to predict the traffic impact of proposed developments and to illustrate the requirement for any future highway interventions. It appears that the future housing developments in Redcar and Cleveland and Hambleton have not been taken into account in this study and it follows that any traffic journey time predictions in the analysis would be something of an underestimate.

The Summary of the findings of this study are interesting. While confirming that traffic flow times would be adversely affected in the years to come, the current proposal under consultation is likely to be of little benefit for the reasons already made clear by NPC and at the three consultation meetings held to date.

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(i) Do Minimum Model Results for the AM Peak, A172 Marton Road / Dixons Bank (Northbound), Stainton Way to Broughton Avenue, unsurprisingly show a very significant increase in journey time compared with the 2014 Base. To do nothing to mitigate these predicted traffic conditions would be unacceptable.

(ii) Do Something 4 Model Results.

(a) The Model results show the Stainton Way widening scheme would result in a significant reduction in journey times, eastbound, PM peak. Nunthorpe Parish Council would have little objection to this proposal.

(b) The Model results show the Dixons Bank widening scheme would not result in a reduction in journey times, northbound, AM peak; any possible advantage being nullified by the tailback of traffic from the Stokesley Road, Gypsy Lane, Gunnergate Lane junction. Nunthorpe Parish Council objects to this proposal.

We understand from our meeting with Middlesbrough Council, 27 November 2017, that traffic congestion at the, "Marton Shops", junction cannot be improved and that this area is at capacity. Therefore, NPC would like to see the promotion of a traffic improvement scheme that would encourage vehicles approaching Nunthorpe from the south and east to avoid the Dixons Bank area, for example, the earlier proposed East Middlesbrough Bypass, which is now blocked by housing developments. We suggest that schemes are pursued which would link Ormesby Bank, firstly, to the westbound A 174, Parkway and, secondly, to the proposed Ladgate Lane to Longlands Road development.

We believe that the Dixons Bank element of this proposal should be shelved; the data from the consultant's report clearly does not support this aspect of your scheme and therefore it would be a waste of public money. NPC would like to see a broad review of the traffic conditions in south Middlesbrough and in particular traffic modelling of the impact of the two Ormesby Bank schemes.

We believe from recent discussions that government funding will be made available in 2018 for traffic schemes of this type and that Simon Clarke MP and Teesside Mayor Ben Houchen would support a well-considered bid from Middlesbrough Council. As we discussed during our recent meeting with you, this combined approach could, if successful, be a win – win situation for Nunthorpe residents and all concerned.

Nunthorpe Parish Council would be pleased to be kept informed of future planned highway developments in the Dixons Bank and the wider south Middlesbrough area that would affect our residents.

Yours sincerely

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