

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**NEIGHBOURHOODS
CABINET MEMBER**

AMENDMENT TO WINTER SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider a proposal to make a temporary alteration to our approved Winter Service arrangements.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Cabinet Member approved our arrangements for the provision of our winter service for 2015/16 in October 2015. In the accompanying report, reference was made to additional requests received by the council for the addition of roads etc to our schedule of precautionary routes for salting. One of these was in connection with Shore Road, Garthorpe. Officers had assessed the merits of the request concluding that the road in question did not meet the criteria for inclusion. The recommendation approved by the Cabinet Member duly excluded Shore Road from our list of precautionary routes.
- 2.2 Following a recent road traffic accident in apparently icy conditions, the issue of not treating this road as a precautionary route has again been raised (see appendix 1 attached). Additionally, it has been suggested that the road is now subject to more frequent use by school bus services and emergency service vehicles. Local Ward Members have asked that consideration be given to adding Shore Road to the schedule for precautionary salting.
- 2.3 The exact circumstances of the road traffic accident in question and its causes remain unclear, subject to further investigation. Preliminary review suggests speed as a contributory factor, but this is at this time uncertain. Further consideration of the various issues affecting this road is necessary.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The proposal for consideration by the Cabinet Member is that in light of the as yet unconfirmed circumstances of the recent road traffic accident and the suggestion that the road is now subject to more frequent use by school bus services and by emergency service vehicles, we temporarily add the road to our precautionary treatment regime for the remainder of the current winter period on a wholly without prejudice basis and as a short term precautionary measure.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Adopting the proposal will allow time for a more in depth review of the circumstances affecting this road in advance of establishing our winter service plans for the 2016/17 winter period starting in October 2016. To this end, officers will need to explore further the logistical issues this might give rise to, including discussing with colleagues in the East Riding of Yorkshire Council who undertake the treatment of parts of the highway network in the immediate area on our behalf.

4.2 The council currently treats the B1392 running between Amcotts via Mere Dyke to Luddington, Garthorpe and Adlingfleet as a precautionary route. As such provision is made to treat a route into and out of Garthorpe in adverse weather circumstances. This is consistent with our arrangements for various similar communities across North Lincolnshire. The map at appendix 2 shows both the current extent of our precautionary treatment arrangements and the additional length of road that is the subject of this paper.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 Financial

The additional costs of adopting the proposal will amount to around £3,500 in the current financial year. The current Winter Service budget can meet this additional cost.

5.2 There are no other immediate resource implications to highlight.

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

6.1 Not applicable.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

7.1 The council has received previous requests to add Shore Road, Garthorpe to our schedule of precautionary salting routes.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That the Cabinet Member approves the proposal to make a temporary alteration to our approved Winter Service arrangements to add Shore Road, Garthorpe to our precautionary treatment regime on the basis set out in paragraph 3.1 above.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

- Minute 22 (22) of the Neighbourhoods Cabinet Member of 26 October 2015 – **Winter Service: Desktop Review Update**

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Subject: Shore Road, Garthorpe Gritting

Dear Andrew

If you remember less than a year ago we discussed the stretch of Shore Road leading into Garthorpe regarding the gritting of this road.

This morning there was yet another accident involving all the emergency services after a car went off the road due to the icy conditions. The attached photos shows the state of the car after the accident

As I mentioned previously this stretch of road gets used more by vehicles travelling from Garthorpe Adlingfleet Ousefleet Whitgift and Reedness when travelling to Scunthorpe. Now even a school bus uses this stretch of road.

Also when the emergency services are on route to Garthorpe they use this road as it is the quickest route to Garthorpe & Adlingfleet. Rather than use the official gritted route that can take up to 2 minutes longer.

After speaking to the Police this morning I was told that the woman involved in the accident this morning was taken to hospital but not seriously injured. If you look at the attached photo then you will see this was a miracle.

The Policeman who I spoke to also said that the road conditions when he attended the scene were treacherous due to the icy conditions.

Just when is everyone who are involved with which roads are gritted and the gritting policies that are followed finally going to take notice and do something about it or will we all have to wait until someone loses their life?

I strongly suggest that this stretch or road is not only gritted during icy conditions but also warning signs put up to warn vehicles of a blind corner where the road meets the river bank as that is where numerous accidents have occurred in the past.

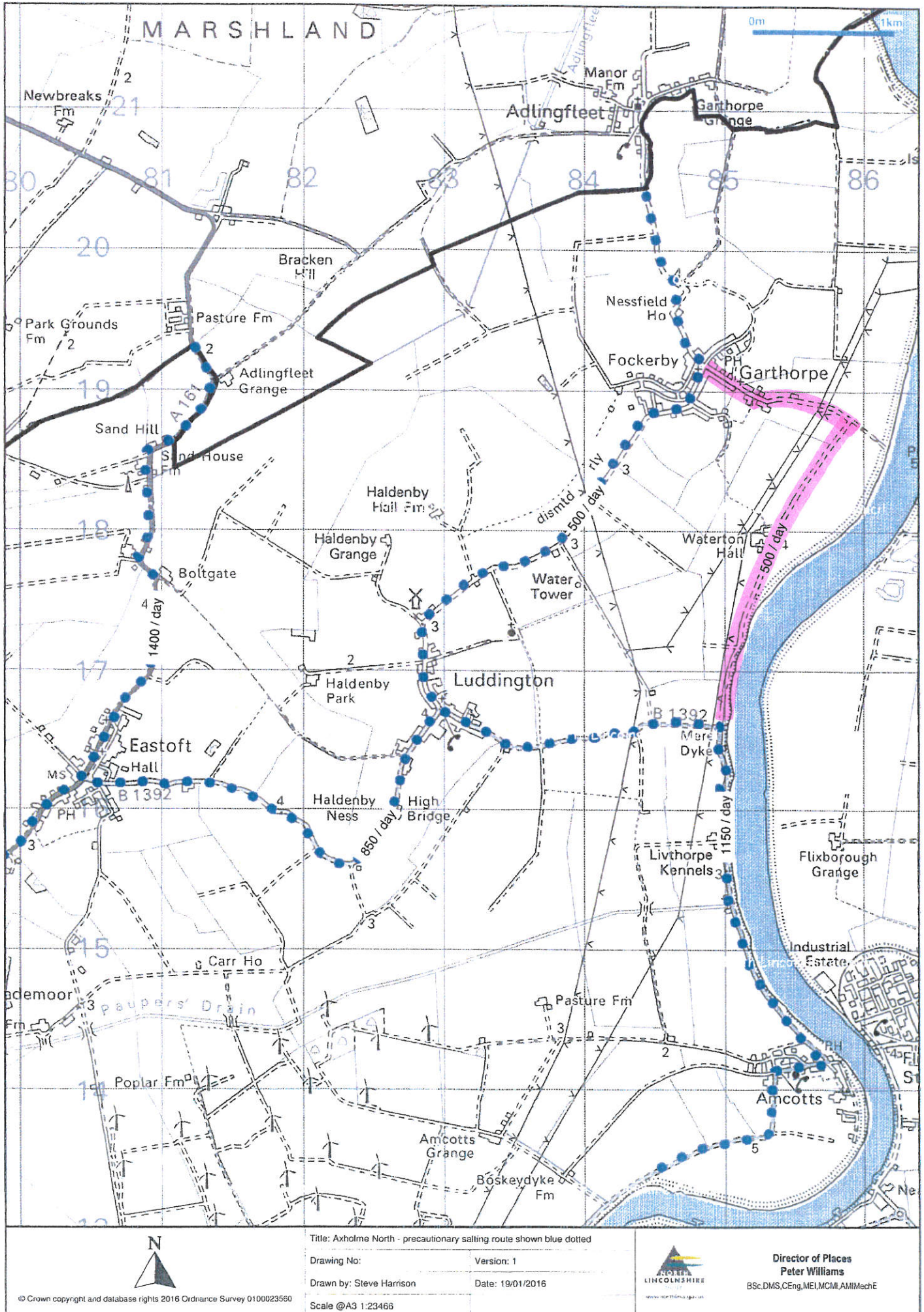
This stretch of road is unique by the fact it is the shortest route to Scunthorpe and obviously used by local residents AND the Emergency services and yet it is still not being gritted.

While we are on with this I also suggest that a survey is taken of the whole road from Garthorpe to Scunthorpe especially the road from Amcotts to Keadby where now because of the high hedges planted there are blind corners that need the hedge removing close to these corners to reduce the possibility of any accidents in the future.

I predicted a year ago it was only a matter of time before there was another accident on this stretch or road and this is not the first since the one that occurred last year either. It's a death trap waiting to happen and needs addressing before we all regret not doing enough to prevent it

Kind regards

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