

## Notes

**Date :** 04 June 2019

**Subject :** Proposed A590 Drop in Meeting

**Speaker :** Jonathan Reade

Jonathan Read introduced himself as an Asset Manager for Highways England, based in Manchester and having been in that position for 8/9 years. Highways England have offices in Preston and Penrith.

In Cumbria Highways England are responsible for :-

- A590 from Junction 36 (M6) to Park Road roundabout , Barrow in Furness
- M6 from Jct 36 to boundary with Dumfries and Galloway
- A66 from Workington to the boundary with Durham
- A595 from Great Clifton to Calder Bridge
- All other roads are the responsibility of Cumbria County Council

His role is to engage with organisations on what needs doing and is very much at the start of any improvement process.

### **Drop in Meeting – Thursday 27 June 2019 at Gilpin Bridge Inn, 1pm to 7pm**

- This meeting is only regarding the A590 from Brettargh Halt roundabout to Meathop roundabout
- JR emphasises that additional dual carriageways are NOT part of this project
- It is to discuss concerns in an informal setting.
- There will be a series of plans on display, with colleagues and consultants available
- Plans will show basic information and include information such as accidents, volumes of traffic. Both historic and current information.
- Plans will also indicate sites where there is understood to be a problem and the broad nature of the problem.
- This is the very start of a process to produce a package of work that makes sense.
- This needs to address specific issues, to 'join the dots'. Changes are not looked at in isolation but as a package.
- Highways England recognise that something needs to be done at Gilpin Bridge and are open minded about what can be done.
- Gilpin Bridge junction is a complex site. Consideration needs to be given to ground conditions and what effect changes will make to the road in general.
- No decisions have been made at this time, this is a key part in consultation to obtain maximum information.
- JR wants to ensure he has all information before Highways England make a decision.
- Once decisions are made the information will go to specification and cost.
- Once designed the project will be completed in manageable chunks
- JR will need to demonstrate 'value for money' in terms of benefits so will be looking at the route holistically
- Pres notice has gone out regarding the Drop In session on 27 June
- JR expects to go back to the Transport Group in September with results of the consultation.