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Appendix Item AA0722 Report from Councillor Alison Austin.

Cllr Alison Austin, requested to read the report to all councillors without interruptions & advised that questions would be answered at the end.

First the bad news:

My desire to get a light controlled crossing over the A16 at Tytton Lane East will not be allowed.

The reason for this is that it is wished to make the A16 between Boston & Spalding a 60-mph road with the minimum of interruptions. The plan involves a bid for levelling up money to make this possible & involves a number of interventions at all the roundabouts between the two towns in order to make this possible.

Starting at the Marsh Lane roundabout, approaching from Wyberton, northbound, there is planned to be an additional lane on the Calder's side of the road, that will be a through lane with no interruption. There is sufficient land available for this.

The other two lanes will be controlled by traffic lights & will either be for turning right or alternatively carrying straight on. Southbound traffic will be signalised.

As far as I can tell, there are no plans relating to the Quadrant roundabout.

I cannot meaningfully keep my comments to the parish of Wyberton because the roundabout at Kirton is key to many people's journeys.

There will be dedicated unhindered left turn lanes from all directions: From Horseshoe Lane towards Spalding: from the Spalding direction into the village centre and similarly both to and from the Boston direction. To the best of my understanding, the roundabout will be removed & in all cases, there will be dedicated light controlled lanes for right turns.

The existing toucan crossing will remain in place.

South of Boston on the approach to Spalding, the Greencell roundabout will receive similar treatment to the Marsh Lane roundabout with a dedicated straight on lane & two light controlled lands for right turns into the industrial area.

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I'm unsure of the plans for the Springfields roundabout, although I do have some plans for it.

We assume that all of this will happen if the two councils are successful in their bid for levelling up money.

A positive for Wyberton is that the puffin crossing on London Road from Parthian Avenue has been approved & will be installed. I'm unsure of the exact location & would suggest the parish council, in conjunction with the residents discuss this matter with Highways.

The principle of the footway completion on West End Road is accepted but the problem is sourcing the funding. I'm no optimistic that this will happen within the next two years, but the large amount of traffic using the road is recognised.

Many Wyberton residents use Ralphs Lane & consultation is currently being carried out regarding a 40 – mph speed restriction all the way from London Road up to the existing restriction through Kirton End, the crossroad near St Michael's church is very dangerous.

My only other news is the fact that the large "Biomass" Power Station on the industrial estate close to the riverbank has been operating for some weeks & is feeding electricity into the local grid. The feedstock is in fact "Black Bag" waste that is brought onto the site, I do not know the source of it, but it means that we do not use landfill or send waste overseas.

As yet we have not heard the decision on the Alternative Energy application, we presume that it is still with the secretary of state.

Finally, an early date for residents' diaries:

I will be holding my "Service of Dedication" locally in Wyberton Church on the afternoon of Sunday 23rd October 2022, this will be followed by refreshments in the hospitality suite of the new Jakeman's Community Stadium.

I've opted for my local church rather than the cathedral when we would not have any choice of dates.

Invitations will be issued nearer the time. All will be welcome.

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Cllr Mike Sharp, suggested all councillors read the report before the next meeting, then to discuss any issues they may have.

Cllr Mike Sharp, asked for maps, which would make the details above easier to look at, Cllr Alison Austin to send the clerk the hyperlink to forward to all councillors.

Cllr Alison Austin asked for emails regarding highways to be sent to her with details of the complaint.