

HOLLY MUMBY-CROFT MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Chris Heaton-Harris MP
Minister of State
Department for Transport

8 September 2020

Dear Minister,

I am writing to congratulate you on the success of the Active Travel Fund. North Lincolnshire Council used this money to fund Phase 1 of their ambitions for better infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists. As a result, we saw more space available for pedestrians on main roads, created new temporary cycle lanes, and discovered an opportunity to increase connectivity between residents and the town centre.

This project is led by the leader of North Lincolnshire Council, Mr Rob Waltham, and I am eager to join him in bringing this opportunity into fruition with a new bid for Phase 2 of 'Sustainable Scunthorpe'.

Firstly, we want to cement temporary measures into permanent ones by creating physical demarcations for our most successful cycle lanes. One of our busiest streets, Ashby Road, was painted to create a temporary cycle lane during the pandemic. We now want to widen the cycle lane and secure it with a physically segregated cycle path along the length of the route in both directions. This will consist of bolt down style kerbs, complete with reflective flexi style wands. Trials have shown that by adding the infrastructure, this will lead to an obvious reduction in vehicle speeds.

To add to this, a two-stage right turn will be created at the near Junction which will again make local cycling safer and more accessible for beginners.

To accompany the easier connection to the town centre, new cycle parking would be created in the multi-storey car park in the centre of Scunthorpe. This sheltered, CCTV-supervised proposal will encourage people to use an alternate method to driving when travelling to the centre, and may increase footfall for local businesses.

Finally, our bid will add parallel crossings in three locations: Messingham Road in Scunthorpe, A18 in Brigg and A1077 in Barton upon Humber. Again, residents'

understandable worries about busy roads will hopefully be lessened with these crossings, leading to improved pedestrian connectivity and safety to retail areas.

The proposals will be accompanied by a publicity campaign, which will build on the government's Obesity Strategy by emboldening residents to get fit through travel.

Route safety has always been one of my top priorities since being elected. With pedestrians and cyclists most at risk when using our roads, I am delighted to throw my full support behind this bid to make progress towards a more safe and sustainable Scunthorpe. I have seen the success of what has been implemented so far, and would encourage you to fund these proposals to make 'Scunthorpe Sustainable' for the long term.

I have enclosed North Lincs Council's bid for your reference. I look forward to a response from you or a member of your team.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly Mumby-Croft". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Holly Mumby-Croft

Member of Parliament for Scunthorpe