

**Kirkbymoorside Town Council**  
**Information for the meeting on Monday 17 July 2023**

**16. A170 Roundabout**

**a) To receive correspondence from a member of the public raising safety issues regarding the A170 carriageway and traffic visibility issues caused by the roundabout**

Correspondence received by email from member of the public dated 21 June 2023:

Since the roundabout was altered and the greenery has grown massively, if you come from Ings Lane to either up Piercy End or to Scarborough you cannot see the vehicles coming round, you lose them as they exit from Helmsley. Helmsley is still a problem but you are exiting quicker and to the outside of the carriageway

Since the roundabout was altered vehicles especially cycles and motorcycles hug the inner curb and you have no knowledge they are there until they are upon you. I tow a trailer and have had several near accidents due to this.

Cars coming from Helmsley just presume you are going to Helmsley, similarly if you are going to Ings Lane cars exiting the A170 from Scarborough presume you are heading East not going across the roundabout

Cycles exiting Scarborough try to overtake as you are turning left down Ings Lane, twice I have nearly knocked them off.

I understand that the overgrown nature of the shrubs and trees on the centre of the roundabout do not cause all these issues but before I have an accident, I would like the Kirkbymoorside Town Council to acknowledge the fact I have raised the safety issues regarding the main A170 carriageway. This is the only roundabout I regularly use that has totally blocked vision to oncoming traffic

Regards

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Ings Lane  
Kirkbymoorside

**b) To note referral to North Yorkshire Council and receipt of confirmation that the Highways Authority do not have any safety concerns at this junction**

Response received from North Yorkshire Council, Highways Officer dated 22 June:

When the roundabout works were carried out in 2017 they were designed in accordance with national standards. I have reviewed the collision history at this roundabout and the only collision that has happened since 2017 occurred in July 2022. The factors that were involved in that collision were unrelated to any issue with the vegetation or visibility on the roundabout.

I note what you have said in the email (extract referenced below) regarding the planned roundabout vegetation maintenance. Therefore, I am satisfied that we do not have any safety concerns at this junction.

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Extract of email from Kirkbymoorside Town Clerk dated 21 June 2023:

As part of the roundabout maintenance all vegetation is due to be cut back to reduce the height of all plants, with exception of the Buddleia (which is cut back annually) and Silver Birch tree, below the height of the Yorkstone wall to ensure that all signage is clearly visible. Additionally, it is apparent that the Phormium Bronze Baby are too large for the roundabout and they will be removed and in due course replaced with a suitable ground covering plant, either more lavender or possibly vinca.

***Works were carried out on 28 June 2023***

Background information: When the roundabout was redesigned in 2017, to accommodate a wider turning area for HGVs entering Ings Lane, all the works were commissioned and managed by NYC. The Town Council were consulted and the extent of participation was limited to liaising with In Bloom representatives for their recommendations so that the original planting scheme was kept, and with the contractors to ensure that the original design of Yorkstone wall, gate and track were maintained.

**c) To consider any action as appropriate**