

Traffic Meeting 17 October 2022

Present – Rob Denning (Coddendam Parish Council), Graham Crisp (SCC Trading Standards), Clare Fisher (SCC Trading Standards), Julian Hall (Coddendam resident), Richard Smith (SCC Cabinet Member for Transport), Tim Passmore (MSDC District Councillor and Police and Crime Commissioner) Ian Thompson (Coddendam Parish Council), Luke Barber (SCC Transport), Calum Poole (SCC Transport), Matthew Hicks (SCC County Councillor), Mark Skillin (SCC Trading Standards) and John Peacock (Coddendam resident)

Julian Hall – 1996 report states **‘The B1078 through the village is inadequate for even the single flow of lorries currently allowed’**

Matthew Hicks – This is history and need to move forward. Had a funded plan in place with the Gyratory proposal, but this was rejected by residents of Hemingstone and Coddendam

Julian Hall – This would not have solved the issue of HGV’s.

Graham Crisp – Provided background to Lorrywatch.

Clare Fisher – Reports to Lorrywatch are checked for vehicle weight and driver.

Enforcement policy is written advice for 1st report and for 2nd report written warning if under 32 tons and prosecution over 32 tons.

There have been no prosecutions for Coddendam.

The comment was made that people had stopped reporting as no action being taken.

Julian Hall – reporting HGV’s on SCC website goes to Transport and there is no link to Trading Standards

Action – Matthew Hicks to look into Transport linking with Trading Standards.

Tim Passmore – Suffolk Police have created a commercial vehicle unit which will aid enforcement. Need clearer signage. Have a number (12?) of ANPR cameras. Police can recommend removing operator’s licence. Is meeting with the Assistant Chief Constable and will report back.

Action - Tim Passmore to look into use of ANPR camera in Coddendam and whether can identify HGV’s.

Action – Richard Smith to arrange a review of signage (4 to 6 weeks?).

Luke Barber – Provided background to recent lorry route review. Air quality monitoring is a matter for the District Council. The Designated Lorry Route is not mandatory and just a recommendation to hauliers.

What is enforceable speed limit in 20 mph zone (speeds of 45 mph have been recorded in School Road)? 20 mph may be enforceable as 20 mph 'zone' has been extended throughout the village

Action – Luke Barber to check Traffic Regulation Order in respect of enforcement.

Where do vehicles go when diverted from Coddendam when the road is closed? Have there been any issues? Could not HGV's be routed this way?

Luke Barber – alternative route may only be suitable temporarily.

John Peacock – alternative routes have been in place 7 to 9 weeks this year.

Ian Thompson – the High Street is less than 4 metres at its narrowest point and not suitable for HGV's

Julian Hall – Looking at the positive, nearly all the schemes in the 2011 plan have been completed or started. All schemes promoted by SCC have been completed apart from Coddendam.

Luke Barber – The 2011 plan is currently being reviewed.

It was agreed to follow up the meeting with a site visit to Coddendam.