

**Reopening of North Luffenham CA Site 18th May 2020:
Results of Correspondence & Discussions with RCC 7th-11th May 2020:**

**Points made by:
Morcott Parish Council**

Question/Concern:	Response/Information for clarity:
<p>1. Risk management: Has RCC ensured that a comprehensive risk assessment has been carried out prior to the CA reopening to identify, manage, and mitigate the risks to people, property and infrastructure? If not the reopening could represent an unmitigated danger not recognised or managed by RCC.</p>	<p>The Council and its Contractors have spent a significant amount of time reviewing all options for the safe reopening of Civic Amenity provision. Risk assessments have been reviewed and updated to reflect the proposed operations</p> <p>The opening times of the North Luffenham CA for the period of the one-way Traffic Order will be 8am to 6pm, Tuesday-Sunday each week from 8am 18th May to 6pm 1st June 2020 inclusive.</p>
<p>2. Volume of traffic: As Morcott is proposed as the “To the CA” one-way access the volume of traffic on first opening could be unmanageable depending on the initial opening hours. There needs to be a contingency plan for Traffic volumes which potentially need to be managed by RCC in the event that village roads are in danger of or do become blocked by impatient drivers</p>	<p>The traffic will now be accessing the CA site from the north only during the period of the Traffic Order.</p> <p>The one-way part of the road will be southbound only and now runs from Pilton crossroads in the north to the 20mph speed limit signs on Willoughby Road.</p> <p>If the demand is too high, the road will be closed at the Pilton crossroads and the CA site shut either temporarily or for the rest of the day. During the opening hours of 8am-6pm there will be two marshals permanently at Pilton crossroads and at the junction of Willoughby Road & High Street, Morcott to direct traffic.</p> <p>The one-way controls will be in place from 8am-6pm only everyday Tues-Sunday. Outside these hours the road signs will be removed by the marshalls and restrictions lifted.</p>
<p>3. Loading of rubbish on/in vehicles: As Morcott is proposed as the “To the CA” one-way access a percentage of vehicles will be carrying loads stacked on overloaded trailers or sticking out of car windows. We have experience of this in normal times and rubbish gets strewn on the High Street regularly during busy periods.</p>	<p>No trailers will be allowed during the period of the Traffic Order. Trailers will be turned back at Pilton crossroads (or before) by the marshalls in place 8am-6pm.</p> <p>The Biffa Waste Lorries transporting waste materials away from the CA site will access the CA from the South (via Willoughby Road, Morcott) and drive North to the site. Biffa contractors will phone through to prevent other traffic accessing the road during this time. They will return southbound through Morcott.</p>
<p>- There needs to be a contingency plan, particularly at the first (and potentially subsequent) weekend opening, so that the safety of vehicle loads is monitored and</p>	<p>The traffic will be accessing the CA site from the north. If the demand is too high, the road will be closed at the Pilton crossroads and the CA site shut either temporarily or for the rest of the day.</p>

<p>managed by RCC before loaded vehicles enter the village should they contain dangerous or unsafe loads.</p>	<p>The traffic management and operation of the CA site will be kept under constant review. Changes to operations will be made as necessary, including potentially closing the CA site again.</p>
<p>4. <u>Speed of traffic & driver behaviour:</u> We already have experience of drivers before lockdown driving at excessive speed (the speed limit is 20mph) through the village and on local narrow roads. This incidence has become much worse during lockdown. Vehicles going to the Tip in normal times tend to be impatient and drive erratically as they try to find their way. The risk of excessive speed and dangerous driving while looking at the sat nav will increase when the CA is reopened as it will be the only CA reopening in Rutland and drivers unfamiliar with the area will be travelling to the CA.</p>	<p>Speeding is a Police matter.</p> <p>Biffa drivers will be reminded that Morcott is a 20mph limit</p> <p>Direction signs will be provided to the CA site.</p>
<p>- There is a need for measures to be put in place to reduce the speed of traffic and to ensure drivers are properly informed of the routes to and from the CA. These could include custom signage at frequent intervals reminding drivers to drive safely, warning them of pedestrians and children walking as well as providing directions and reminding them of the speed limits. Temporary speed restriction devices should be considered.</p> <p>- There needs to be a contingency plan to monitor speed and driver behaviour during the initial CA opening times and potentially subsequently</p>	<p>The CA site will open Tues-Sunday each week from 8am to 6pm</p> <p>Information on CA site reopening is being publicised through all media channels including press, social media, and radios.</p> <p>The key message is that people should <u>only bring essential waste to CA sites</u> – waste that can't be stored safely at home.</p> <p>The Council has previously issued advice about the need for speed reduction during the Covid crisis.</p> <p>Speeding is a Police matter</p>
<p>5. <u>Willoughby Road access & egress:</u> The temporary order indicates that the whole of Wiloughby Rd will be one way only.</p> <p>- Does this mean that all residents of Wiloughby Rd will need to travel north to access Morcott High Street</p>	<p>The residents in Willoughby road in Morcott will have free access to their properties as the closure is from the speed limit signs after the last house in the village.</p> <p>Between there and the CA site, residents will need to follow the diversion route and access their properties from the northern end only.</p>

<p>(a diversion of some two miles instead of <100 metres)?</p> <p>- This proposal needs to be modified in order to ensure that Willoughby Rd residents are able to travel in both directions along the village section of the road. To facilitate this the one way system travelling northwards could commence c.50 metres north of the village at the bend by the bridge over the stream by the allotments.</p>	<p>Willoughby Road will have a "ROAD CLOSED" sign at the southern end.</p> <p>The junction of Willoughby Road with High Street will be actively managed by Tarmac staff from 8am to 6pm when the CA is open</p>
<p>6. <u>North Luffenham Road access & egress:</u> Similarly the residents of North Luffenham Rd living near to the entrance to the tip will need unencumbered access to their houses and driveways. How will access be assured and how will traffic be prevented from using driveways or verges as turning circles?</p> <p>Provision needs to be made for ingress and egress especially as traffic is likely to be heavy at the initial openings. For example additional resource as Marshalls to ensure traffic/drivers are considerate during the periods the tip is open.</p>	<p>They will have access their properties from the northern end only.</p> <p>They will be able to access their properties by driving past the queue. Arrangements will be made to facilitate two lanes of traffic travelling southwards.</p> <p>Vehicles that choose not to join the queue for the CA can continue south on Glebe road/Willoughby Road to exit – there is no need for vehicles to turnaround</p> <p>The road closure will be staffed by Tarmac contractors at either end of Glebe Road (Pilton crossroads) /Willoughby Road.</p>
<p>7. The comments made by North and South Luffenham councils about routing, safety of pedestrians and children, particularly on local narrow roads & alternative access to the A6121, appear to be valid and should be similarly risk assessed, alternatives considered and assessed risks actively mitigated.</p>	<p>The suggested diversion route along Back Lane South Luffenham is now being implemented.</p>

<p>South Luffenham</p> <p>We are aware that this is a difficult scheme to implement and we are willing to help you make it work in a way that keeps things flowing for both Rutland residents and our businesses. Another problem has been reported to me that will happen during the time this scheme is in place. The farm on Pinfold Lane will be cutting silage in June and will need to get it back to the farm for wrapping before the bales deteriorate. These are brought back on a 20ft bale trailer and have to come down Pinfold Lane for access to the farm yard. There is no other way through the village as the corners are too tight for the trailer, this will mean going against the proposed flow of traffic. This and the weight limit on the bridge is why we consider a meeting in the village is the only way to sort out these problems.</p>	<p>Diversion route will now be via Back Lane not Pinfold Lane</p>
<p>Also can you confirm that the river bridge on Pinfold lane that is certified as maximum 7.5 tons will stand up to use by the heavy vehicles moving the full skips</p> <p>At last evenings meeting of the South Luffenham Parish Council very serious concerns were voiced over the way the traffic order has been set up through our village.</p>	<p>Diversion route now via Back Lane</p>
<p>Gatehouse Lane and Pinfold Lane are both narrow with a tight blind bend just before the river bridge on Pinfold Lane. There are cars parked on these roads narrowing them even more as a number of the properties are terraces and have no drives.</p>	<p>Now via Back Lane</p>
<p>If these roads are to be one way it will cause problems with deliveries</p>	<p>There is no change in the roads outside Glebe Road/ Wiloughby Road which will be closed.</p>

<p>as access is difficult from North Luffenham Road into Gatehouse Lane when approaching from the north through the village and is impossible for HGVs. Due to the lock down there is an increase in food and parcel deliveries every day.</p>	
<p>South Luffenham is a working village with two farms and a stable yard all of which need access to the fields to carry out work on the land and the feeding of stock, not all can be accessed across country. This also counts for the farms at Morcott and North Luffenham.</p>	<p>Nothing changes except for the closure.</p>
<p>With these roads one way it will make it nearly impossible for the weekly refuse collection to take place for the same reason as above.</p>	<p>Weekly refuse collections will continue</p>
<p>There are no pavements on these roads which means residents and their children are going to be put at risk when out walking or cycling for their daily exercise, this would also be true of Pilton Road which as a small country road is used for said exercise by both residents of South and North Luffenham.</p>	<p>Public highway, all have rights of usage.</p>
<p>With the CA site open there will be in an increase of traffic of over 400 cars, vans etc which may drop over time but with it being the only site open there will still be in the region of at least 200 a day.</p>	<p>Public highway</p>
<p>What is planned for the removal of the full skips as the trucks will not get through these roads and with a weight loaded of anything from 15 to 20 tons plus will be overweight for the bridge over the river Fosse on Pinfold Lane which has a weight limit of 7.5 ton.</p>	<p>The Lorries transporting materials from the CA site will access from the South (Morcott) and drive North to the site. Biffa contractors will phone through to prevent other traffic accessing the road during this time.</p>
<p>We are aware of the problems of reopening of the CA Waste site but there has been no contact with any locals including our ward councillor to talk through the traffic</p>	<p>There has been a considerable amount of officer time involved both on site and off site in developing the optimal solution. Due to the timescales involved from Government guidance being issued to the date of the proposed</p>

management, unfortunately to some this looks like a desk top exercise.	reopening it has not been possible to engage with Parish Councils and Ward Members in the usual way.
Although North Luffenham Road Back Lane are a little winding in general they are wider and safer for both traffic and walkers and the exit onto the A6121 Stamford road is easier with better site lines.	Diversion route now uses Back Lane
We know time is limited but we ask that your highways team reconsider this scheme. Whatever the outcome a letter should be sent to all our residents explaining the reasons for the decision, with people in isolation not everyone will see the notices on the notice boards and not all receive our newsletter.	The diversion route has been reviewed and amended. Letters will be sent to all properties directly affected on Glebe Road/Wiloughby Road.
North Luffenham Parish Council North Luffenham Parish Council have discussed the proposals and have the following concerns:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety: with the lock down many people from North and South Luffenham are walking the lanes that are proposed for the one way system. 	Public highway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From North Luffenham a popular route is down Glebe Road to the junction with Pilton Road, along the lane known as the Settings and back into the village by Moor Lane. 	Public highway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families, with young children, sometimes with pushchairs, now often walk this route. 	Public highway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a noticeable increase in cyclists and runners using the local lanes. 	Public highway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the opening the site there is bound to be, certainly 	Accepted

initially, a large increase in traffic.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drivers may have a tendency to drive faster on one way roads.	Police matter
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are other options available but have not been discussed with the parishes affected.	All options have challenges this is considered the optimal solution