Project Completion Notification

BYWAY 31 ELMDON SURFACE IMPROVEMENT (E09-0065-003)

SCHEME OBJECTIVE: The existing route with its status as Byway provides an off-road walking, cycling and horse riding, carriage driving and motorised vehicular opportunity for the local community and the public in general especially amongst a number of other byways and bridleways in the area.

At present the lane is naturally surfaced. Some sections are open and exposed to the elements while the majority is enclosed by trees and hedges. The constant use by motorised vehicles and the nature of the lane along with local topography and geology make the route almost impassable for most parts of the year. The lane becomes highly waterlogged and rutted and is very difficult to negotiate and could be   threatening for some to use. Therefore the purpose of the scheme is to undertake improvement works (drainage and surfacing) to improve accessibility for all users.

SCHEME SUMMARY & OUTCOME: Infilling of ruts with suitable graded material and overlaying with either road planings or type 1 or similar material. Clearance of grips and creation of new ones. Clearance of vegetation to the sides and clearance of ditches where necessary in order to improve the surface for users. In this instance we used a capping material instead of planings due to the following reasons: 1) Given the location of one end on the byway where it joins a fairly busy country road, we didn't want the lane to look like a new access route or rat run, available for any vehicle to take, 2) Current cost of planings is above average. The outcome of the works is a much improved surface of this byway that has both a rural look and feel about it which allows the a much safer passage of users along it.

Site Photos:

BEFORE

AFTER

Works Approval

The below signs to agree that works have been completed as per the agreed specification.

Completion pictures taken 7 May 2020 and Certificate signed as approved

Title: PROW Engineer	Date: 20 May 2020