

York Road/A1079 Traffic Lights

The City of York Council is due to make a final decision about the lights on 30th October. It is important that residents continue to let the Council know how they feel. Here are the views of the Parish Council.

The lights at York Road end could:

1) Increase rat-running through the village.

- Off the A1079, through the village along York Street and back onto the A1079 in the morning.
- Off the A166, past the school and onto the A1079 in the morning.
- Off the A166, down Church Street and Common Road, and onto the A1079 in the evening to avoid the queues for the A1079 and the hold-ups caused by the new lights.

As the amount of 'green light time' given to York Road will be determined by traffic volume it is obvious that the more traffic there is on York Road the longer the lights will stay green so feeding the rat-runs.

2) Cause the traffic to tail back in the evening with a potential to jam the Grimston Bar roundabout.

3) Increase the amount of heavy farm vehicles along Common Road and York Street as they will not be able to turn right off the A1079 onto York Road.

4) Draw heavy vehicles from the industrial estate through the village to gain easier York bound access onto the A1079.

The lights should be at the Common Road/A1079 junction, which has never been fully assessed by the City Council.

1) There have been more accidents at this junction and when the Highways Agency was responsible for the A1079 it identified this junction as the one more in need of improvement.

2) Industrial estate traffic would be drawn away from the village as it could more easily turn right onto the A1079.

3) There already is a central 'right turn' lane and lighting at this junction. The road is no narrower here than at the traffic lights at Tang Hall Lane junction and is deemed safe for traffic travelling at 60mph. How would it not be suitable when the traffic would be controlled by lights and a 40mph limit?

If you agree with the views of the Parish Council or would like to comment please complete the form on the back and return to the Parish Clerk at 27 Church Street who will forward them all to City of York Council.