

### Consultation on Askham Bryan Lane Options

As a result of comments made during the roundabout options consultation, a further consultation of Askham Bryan residents was carried out seeking their views as to whether they wished to see Askham Bryan Lane closed to motor vehicles at its existing junction with the A1237 or kept open. For those who wished to see it kept open, their views were also sought as to whether it should be linked directly into the roundabout or the junction retained with restricted turning movements.

81 responses to the consultation document were received, giving a response rate of about 50%.

#### Closure of Askham Bryan Lane

Residents were asked whether they would like to see Askham Bryan Lane closed to motor vehicles at its junction with the A1237 or whether it should be kept open. It was noted that if the road were to be closed, access would be retained for cyclists, pedestrians, and emergency vehicles, and that Askham Fields Lane would become the only access for motor vehicles to and from Askham Bryan.

- 11% indicated a preference for the road to be closed;
- 89% indicated a preference for the road to be kept open.

#### Roundabout north of the existing Askham Bryan Lane junction

Respondents who favoured keeping Askham Bryan Lane open were asked for their views on the form of the Askham Bryan Lane connection to the A1237 if the roundabout were to be located north of the existing Askham Bryan Lane junction. (Location similar to roundabout consultation option A).

The first option would be to connect Askham Bryan Lane directly to the roundabout via the existing Askham Lane cul-de-sac. It was noted that this option would have an adverse impact on the two properties on the Askham Lane cul-de-sac.

- 22% gave it support whilst 53% do not support it.

The second option would be to not provide a direct connection to the roundabout but to retain the existing Askham Bryan Lane junction as both left and right in but left out only (in the direction of the roundabout). This option would go some way to reducing the impact of the northern roundabout scheme on the two Askham Lane properties. It was noted that access would be available in all directions either directly or indirectly via the roundabout.

- 49% gave it support whilst 26% do not support it.

## **Roundabout south of the existing Askham Bryan Lane junction**

Respondents who favoured keeping Askham Bryan Lane open were also asked for their views on the form of the Askham Bryan Lane connection to the A1237 if the roundabout were to be located south of the existing Askham Bryan Lane junction. (Location similar to roundabout consultation options B & C).

The first option would be to connect Askham Bryan Lane directly to the roundabout.

- 68% gave it support whilst 19% do not support it.

The second option would be to not provide a direct connection to the roundabout but to retain the existing Askham Bryan Lane junction as left in / left out only. It was noted that access to Moor Lane, to Askham Lane (to Acomb), and to the A1237 South would not be available, however all other movements would be available either directly or indirectly via the roundabout.

- 25% gave it support whilst 47% do not support it.

## **Public meeting in Askham Bryan**

The residents of Askham Bryan were given an opportunity to discuss the above issues at a meeting in Askham Bryan on 14 June 2006 arranged in conjunction with the Parish Council.

At this meeting, which was very well attended, there was strong support to keep Askham Bryan Lane open. Although there were some residents who are concerned that traffic flows through the village have increased recently and could increase further with a roundabout, the vast majority were more concerned about the adverse impact a closure would have on access, journey distances and times, and on farmers and other local businesses.

There were strong concerns about the adverse impact the northern (Option A) roundabout would have on nearby properties and strong support for the southern roundabout with Askham Bryan Lane connected directly to it (Option C).

As a related issue there were strong views that the signing on the A1237 and on Askham Fields Lane should be such as to indicate local access only, to discourage through traffic. There were also concerns about the impact of lighting on the environment and strong requests that the lighting be designed in such a way to illuminate the highway but be shielded from adjacent areas. These are issues that relate to all options and have been noted and will be taken into account at the detailed design stage.

## **Views of Askham Bryan Parish Council**

Askham Bryan Parish Council's views are in line with those expressed at the public meeting. They have indicated a strong preference for Option C. They have requested that, if Option A is to be considered, the roundabout be located as far away from the Askham Lane cul-de-sac properties as possible and the impact of the scheme on those residents minimised.

They have also requested that a previous weight restriction through the village should be re-introduced and "access only" or similar signs erected at appropriate locations.

## **Summary**

Based on the above there is strong support to keep Askham Bryan Lane open and connected to the A1237. The preference of Askham Bryan residents and businesses is for the roundabout to be located to the south, in the vicinity of Askham Bryan Lane or Moor Lane. Askham Bryan residents have concerns about the impact Option A has on nearby properties and the prospect of increased traffic through the village resulting from a direct connection to the roundabout. Should the roundabout be located to the north of the Askham Bryan Lane junction their preference is to retain the existing junction rather than provide a direct connection to the roundabout.