

## **Personal notes written by Cllr Gathercole taken from the meeting re: south end traffic**

A virtual meeting took place between Goxhill Parish Council and North Lincolnshire Council to find a way forward regarding south end traffic problems in relation to lorries visiting Salfina.

Attending the meeting was Cllr R Hannigan (who chaired the meeting) Cllr D Wells, Mr Jickells NLC and the head of the department Mr Mike Simpson.

The problems highlighted at the meeting were conflicting lorry movements at south end owing to Salfina now actively promoting their business.

Cllr Hannigan stated North Lincolnshire Council had liaised with Salfina offering them a purpose built unit for rental for Salfina to operate from, however Salfina decided on purchasing a readymade hanger on the airfield. This satisfies Salfina from a business perspective but the nature of their work at the worst case scenario could be 24hrs a day seven days a week and would be tide dependent i.e. off loading ships at Immingham for transfer to storage on the airfield. The amount of HGV traffic could result in a thousand vehicles per ship.

The Parish Council accepted South End was not suitable for cars two way and was certainly not suitable for HGV movements.

I stated a perceived easy fix to the problem was to keep the haul route open at South End but I was aware National Grid were duty bound by their contract to remove the route and return it to agricultural land. All parties concurred for a new bypass to be installed it would cost in excess of £5m and North Lincolnshire Council's total budget fell short of this amount. North Lincolnshire Council could apply to Central Government but the criteria for return on investment would not be met and the application would fall at the first hurdle.

I went on to state Goxhill Parish Council had looked at the feasibility of a one-way system for HGVs on Ferry Road to the River and then back up Chapelfield Road to Salfina's site and then exit onto South End and then Butterswood.

Ian Jickells stated in principle because National Grid was using this route it did not automatically mean when they moved out the route would naturally be able to take HGVs. Ian Jickells stated National Grid was funding the culvert damage etc but general HGV movement post National Grid would fall onto North Lincolnshire Council and a feasibility study needed to be carried out on a cost basis analyst.

Also stated was for such a major traffic management project consultation would need to be carried out involving the residents of Goxhill, this was a legal requirement. This would be funded by North Lincolnshire Council.

I stated the village newsletter The Goxhill Gander would be an ideal platform since it reaches all the village residents.

It was agreed Ian Jickells would progress the consultation document.

The meeting was closed.