



Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council

Non-confidential

Request to Lincolnshire County Council for a Trial of a Quiet Lane – Sykes Lane, Saxilby to Torksey

Report to: Planning and Development Committee

Report by: Clerk

Power/duty which decision falls under:

N/A Highways. Council is making a representation.

Which council objective(s) it falls under:

- Maintain and improve community facilities and amenities
- Preserve and enhance heritage assets, environmental assets and wildlife
- Retain and encourage employment and tourism opportunities
- Improve the well-being of residents
- To foster public participation and engagement
- To recognise the climate and biodiversity emergency and it should be considered as the basis of all decision and policy making

Public Sector Equality Duty

Consider how policies/decisions affect those protected under the Equality Act)

Open public road.

Duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity

Potential for additional planting and reduced traffic speed.

Consideration on carbon reduction:

Encourages more sustainable methods of transport and reduced speeds.

Consideration of risk management in relation to the proposal¹

It is impossible to list every risk faced by a local council. Risk, in the general sense, means the likelihood of an event happening, and the severity of the negative consequences. The insurance industry regards risk as representing loss or damage. Risk always involves uncertainty. When protecting a local council effectively, it is important to consider if risk is present in the following areas:

Risks and Mitigation

Does the report consider any new activity? If 'Yes', has a risk assessment, including risk management proposals, been included for consideration and adoption by the council?
(Financial Regulation 17b)

Yes. LCC would risk assess.

¹Risk areas to consider - strategic/operational, likelihood/impact, add to risk register? Any contingency planning needed?

REPORT

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval to formally request that Lincolnshire County Council (as the highway authority) undertake a trial designation of Sykes Lane (Saxilby to Torksey) as a Quiet Lane, aimed at promoting sustainable, low-speed, multi-user access.

2. Background

Quiet Lanes are minor rural roads which are appropriate for shared use by walkers, cyclists, horse riders and motorised users. They should have low traffic flows travelling at low speeds.²

Sykes Lane is a rural route connecting Saxilby and Torksey, which is already well used by cyclists and walkers, with an increasing rural offer with Hardwick Scrub and Ingleby Clay Nature Reserves now being present along the route.

A trial Quiet Lane designation would encourage walking, cycling, horse riding, and general low-speed use while discouraging through traffic. This project is supported by Sustrans and Saxilby Nature Project.

Quiet Lane designation remains the responsibility of the Highway Authority; the Parish Council's role would be supportive.

3. Proposal

The Parish Council submit a formal request to Lincolnshire County Council (Highways) to consider a trial designation of Sykes Lane as a quiet lane. This could include:



- Clear signage identifying the route as a Quiet Lane.
- Traffic calming measures or low-speed reminders where appropriate.
- Monitoring of usage, condition, and community feedback.
- A review at the end of the trial to inform next steps.

4. Benefits

- Lane is shared by walkers, cyclists, horse riders, and vehicles, rather than vehicles retaining priority.
- Promotes sustainable transport, inclusive travel, outdoor recreation, and countryside access.
- Encourages health and wellbeing through walking, cycling, and horse riding.
- Supports the parish's Neighbourhood Development Plan ambitions for recreation and green space connectivity and a reduced parish carbon footprint.
- Provides evidence for future improvements or designations.

² <https://tsrgd.co.uk/pdf/tal/2004/tal-3-04.pdf>

5. Financial Implications

- No direct financial implication for the parish council at this stage.
- Parish Council officer time required for liaison and supporting consultation.
- Any costs (signage, monitoring, enforcement) would fall to Lincolnshire County Council if they approve the trial. However, the council could budget (2026/27) for gateway signage (see example below) to support the scheme.
 - Everwood Polymer Gateway Sign @ £621 x 2 = £1,242 – alternative wood options may be available
 - Quiet Lane Aluminium Signage (Start and End x 2) @ £91 x 4 = £364



6. Legal and Policy Considerations

- Responsibility lies with Lincolnshire County Council as a highway authority.
- Parish Council's role is limited to requesting and supporting the trial.
- Supports multiple council objectives for sustainable, healthy, and connected communities.

7. Consultation



Feedback can be requested from residents, to inform the development of the initial trial.

If the Highway Authority agrees to the trial, further consultation would likely involve:

- Residents and landowners.
- Police (re: enforcement of vehicle restrictions).
- Community user groups (walkers, cyclists, horse riders).
- Torksey Parish Council
- County Councillor Brockway

8. RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Parish Council:

1. Seeks feedback from residents on the proposed trial, to feed into the development of the trial.
2. Contacts Torksey Parish Council to advise them of the request and explore collaboration.
3. Contacts county councillor Brockway to advise them of the request
4. Approves submitting a formal request to Lincolnshire County Council (Highways) for a trial designation of Sykes Lane (Saxilby to Torksey) as a quiet lane.
5. Authorises the clerk to draft and send the request, including the rationale and community benefits outlined in this report.
6. Offers support in local engagement, feedback collection, and monitoring.
7. Builds budget for 2026/27 to support the project.

Appendix 1: Resources

CPRE Quiet Lanes - www.cpre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/quiet_lanes_1.pdf

The Quiet Lanes and Home Zones (England) Regulations 2006 –
www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2006/2082/contents/made

Advice for drivers <https://www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk/advice-for-drivers>

Appendix 2: Draft Letter

Dear Sir/Madam,

Request for a Trial Designation of Sykes Lane (Saxilby to Torksey) as a Quiet Lane

At its meeting on 15 October, Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council resolved to formally request that Lincolnshire County Council consider a trial designation of Sykes Lane as a Quiet Lane.

The Parish Council recognises that the designation and management of Quiet Lanes is the responsibility of the Highway Authority. Members are keen to explore whether a trial could:

Promote sustainable, low-speed, inclusive access for walkers, cyclists, horse riders, and mobility users.

Encourage health and wellbeing through increased outdoor activity.

Support Neighbourhood Development Plan objectives for recreation, green space connectivity, and safe rural access.

Provide evidence to inform potential permanent designation and future investment.

The Parish Council envisages a 12-month trial, including measures such as:

- Clear signage identifying the route as a Quiet Lane.
- Traffic calming measures or low-speed reminders where appropriate.
- Monitoring of route usage, condition, and feedback from residents and users.

The Parish Council is willing to support community engagement, publicity, and feedback collection during the trial period, as well as contributing towards the gateway signage.

We would be grateful if this request could be considered, and we would welcome the opportunity to meet with officers to discuss next steps.

Yours sincerely,

Clerk to Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council