



## **Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council**

### **Non-confidential**

## **Summary of resident feedback regarding Quiet Lane Trial – Sykes Lane, Saxilby to Torksey**

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**Report to:** Planning and Development Committee

**Meeting Date:** 17 June 2026

**Report by:** Administration Officer

**Power/duty which decision falls under:**

Transport Act 2000 s268 (1), implemented through the Quiet Lanes and Home Zones (England) Regulations 2006

Lincolnshire County Council, as the Highway and Traffic Authority, holds the power to designate a road as a Quiet Lane.

This paper relates to the parish council making representations to Lincolnshire County Council and providing resident feedback to support consideration of a potential Quiet Lane trial.

**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

**SUMMARY:**

This report presents feedback received from residents, businesses, and users of Sykes Lane regarding the potential trial designation of the route as a Quiet Lane. Responses demonstrate support for measures to improve safety for walkers, cyclists, and horse riders, alongside concerns relating to access, road infrastructure, costs, and impact on residents and businesses who rely on Sykes Lane for daily travel.

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

- a) To note the feedback received and to agree for the clerk to submit a summary of feedback to Lincolnshire County Council and Sustrans as part of any future discussions regarding a potential Quiet Lane trial



# QUIET LANE TRIAL – SYKES LANE

## RESIDENT FEEDBACK SUMMARY

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Feedback was invited from residents, businesses and users of Sykes Lane regarding a potential Quiet Lane trial. 11 written responses were received.

### RESPONSES RECEIVED

11  
Written Responses



6  
Supportive  
(55%)

5  
Concerned /  
Objecting  
(45%)

Support 55%  
Concerned 45%

### WHY RESIDENTS SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL



#### IMPROVED SAFETY

- Excessive vehicle speeds reported
- Close passing of walkers, cyclists and horse riders
- Blind bends and narrow sections create risks



#### ENCOURAGES ACTIVE TRAVEL

- Supports walking, running and cycling
- Better access to countryside and nature
- Promotes health and wellbeing



#### BENEFITS FOR HORSE RIDERS

- Reduced risk from speeding traffic
- Greater confidence for riders and children
- Safer access for equestrian businesses



#### ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

- Protects verges and hedgerows
- Supports wildlife and biodiversity
- Encourages sustainable transport choices

### MAIN CONCERNS RAISED



#### DAILY ACCESS NEEDS

Residents highlighted use of Sykes Lane for:

- Work journeys
- School runs
- Healthcare access
- Deliveries
- Farming & business activities



#### INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES

- Narrow carriageway
- Lack of passing places
- Road condition and potholes
- Restricted visibility



#### NEED FOR MORE EVIDENCE

- Road closure may affect current traffic patterns
- Requests for updated traffic and speed data



#### COST AND PRIORITIES

- Some residents questioned whether funding would be better spent on:
  - Road maintenance
  - Pothole repairs
  - Other local priorities

### ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS

Residents suggested:



Lower speed limits



Access-only restrictions



Additional passing places



Verge and visibility improvements



Further traffic and speed surveys



Time-limited or seasonal trials

### OVERALL MESSAGE

#### AREAS OF AGREEMENT

- Sykes Lane is a valued rural route
- Safety for vulnerable road users is important
- The lane is used by a wide range of people



RECREATION & ACTIVE TRAVEL

#### AREAS OF DIFFERENCE

Residents disagree on whether a Quiet Lane designation is the best way to balance:



DAILY ACCESS & BUSINESS NEEDS

### RECOMMENDATION TO COMMITTEE



Note the feedback received and submit a summary to Lincolnshire County Council and Sustrans for consideration in any future Quiet Lane discussions.



Potential wider benefits of a Quiet Lane trial



Encourages active travel



Promotes lower vehicle speeds



Supports wildlife and biodiversity



Improves health and wellbeing

**Public Sector Equality Duty:**

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

- Potential positive impact on pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, older people, children, and disabled users, through improved road safety
- Potential impact on residents who rely on the route for daily access to services, education and employment
- Any formal proposal would require further assessment by Lincolnshire County Council

**Duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity:**

- Potential benefits through reduced vehicle speeds and protection of verges, hedgerows and wildlife habitats
- May support biodiversity and enjoyment of the rural environment

**Consideration on carbon reduction:**

- Encourages active travel and reduced vehicle speeds
- May support walking, cycling, and other sustainable transport choices

**Impact on staff:**

- Minimal. Falls within normal administrative duties.

**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. Any trial or designation would be led by Lincolnshire County Council as Highway Authority, and they would undertake risk assessments as part of any formal trial or implementation process.

# REPORT

## 1. Background

At FC 25-10, the council resolved to seek feedback from residents regarding a proposed trial designation of Sykes Lane as a Quiet Lane before submitting a formal request to Lincolnshire County Council.

Feedback was invited from residents, businesses and other users of the lane. Responses were received from residents of Saxilby, Hardwick, and surrounding areas, including regular walkers, runners, horse riders, cyclists, business owners and residents who rely on the route for daily access.

## 2. Summary of Responses

A total of 11 written responses were received.

- 6 responses expressed support for the proposal
- 5 responses expressed objections or significant concerns
- Several respondents supported the principle of improving safety but suggested alternative approaches or additional measures

## 3. Key Themes Raised in Support

### a. Road safety concerns

The most frequently cited reason for supporting the proposal was concern about vehicle speeds and driver behaviour.

Respondents reported:

- Vehicles travelling at excessive speeds despite the nature of the road
- Drivers passing horses, cyclists, and pedestrians too closely
- Drivers sounding horns or displaying impatience towards vulnerable road users
- Concerns regarding blind bends, limited visibility, and narrow sections of the lane

Several respondents considered the current national speed limit inappropriate for the character of the road and suggested a reduction to 30mph or 40mph.

### b. Support for recreational use

Many supporters described Sykes Lane as an important recreational route used for:

- Walking
- Running
- Cycling
- Horse riding
- Accessing the countryside and local nature sites

Respondents noted that the lane became particularly valued during the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to provide opportunities for outdoor recreation, wellbeing and connection with nature.

### c. Benefits for horse riders

Horse riders and equestrian businesses provided detailed accounts of safety concerns.

Issues raised included:

- Horses being startled by speeding vehicles
- Riders feeling unsafe using the route

- Reduced confidence among horses and riders
- Difficulty taking children on pony rides due to traffic conditions

Several respondents considered a Quiet Lane designation would significantly improve safety and accessibility for equestrian users.

**d. Environmental and wildlife benefits**

Supported also highlighted potential benefits for:

- Hedgerow protection
- Wildlife habitats
- Biodiversity
- Encouraging active travel

One respondent suggested extending the Quiet Lane designation closer to the village to support walking routes and reduce verge damage from larger vehicles.

**4. Key Themes Raised in Objection or Concern**

**a. Impact on residents who depend on the route**

The most common concern raised by objectors was the importance of Sykes Lane as a daily access route.

Respondents highlighted that the lane is regularly used for:

- School journeys
- Access to shops and services
- Access to healthcare facilities
- Travel to work
- Deliveries
- Agricultural operations
- Access to rural businesses

Several respondents felt that measures perceived as discouraging vehicle use could disproportionately affect residents living along or beyond the lane.

**b. Suitability of the lane's infrastructure**

A number of respondents questioned whether the existing road layout is suitable for a Quiet Lane designation without further improvements.

Concerns included:

- Limited passing places
- Narrow carriageway widths
- Restricted visibility
- Existing conflicts between users
- The condition of the road surface

Suggestions included investment in additional passing places, verge maintenance, visibility improvements, and pothole repairs.

**c. Existing shared use**

Several respondents argued that Sykes Lane already functions as a shared-use rural road.

These responses noted that walkers, cyclists, runners, horse riders and motorists already use the route together and questioned what practical benefits a formal Quiet Lane designation would deliver.

**d. Cost and value for money**

Some respondents questioned whether funding would be better directed towards:

- Highway maintenance
- Pothole repairs
- Other local priorities

Requests were also made for greater clarity regarding the potential costs of any trial and how it would be funded.

**e. Traffic data and evidence base**

A number of respondents expressed concern that traffic conditions may currently be unrepresentative due to the road closure in place since December 2025.

These respondents suggested that decisions should be based on traffic data collected after the road has fully reopened and normal traffic patterns have resumed.

**5. Alternative Suggestions Received**

Residents also proposed a number of alternative or complementary measures, including:

- Reducing the speed limit without a formal Quiet Lane designation
- Restricting through traffic or introducing access-only arrangements
- Creating additional passing places
- Improving road maintenance and visibility
- Trialling measures on specific days or periods
- Gathering further traffic and speed data before progressing

**6. Overall Themes**

Engagement with residents demonstrates strong support from recreational users of the lane, particularly walkers, runners, cyclists and horse riders, who view the proposal as an opportunity to improve safety and enhance the rural character of the route.

At the same time, significant concerns have been raised by residents and businesses who rely on Sykes Lane for daily access. These concerns focus primarily on accessibility, road infrastructure, potential impacts on journey times, and the need for robust evidence before any formal designation is pursued.

The feedback indicates broad recognition that Sykes Lane is a valued rural route used by a variety of users, however opinions differ on whether a Quiet Lane designation is the most appropriate way to balance these competing demands.