

Sutton-under-Whitestonecliffe Parish Council

- Fire Exit
- Toilets

Sutton-under-Whitestonecliffe Parish Council Traffic Management Group

- Traffic Management Group formed in June 2013
- Current Membership
 - Cllr Caroline Artingstoll
 - Cllr Jim Dickinson
 - Cllr Alison Pollard
 - Cllr Gill Thomas
- Mike Knighton, Roger Whittaker, Brett Edgeworth, Margaret Ripley, John Sharp, Joe Welburn and Jean Winter

What is this meeting about?

- Timeline of Activities
- Vehicle Activated Signs
- HGV Issues in the village and on Sutton Bank
- Ideas developed, achieved and ongoing
- Emerging Issues
- Focus of activity



Extent of our engagement



Timeline of Activities 2013

- January – concerns raised by residents at a Parish Council meeting
- March - Public Meeting with County Councillor Gareth Dadd, Police & Crime Commissioner Julia Mulligan, Mr Nigel Smith, Area Manager NYCC Highways and Inspector Mick Barron North Yorkshire Police
- June - Route Survey Report by Highways
- July - Met with Highways to discuss Route Survey Report
- August - VAS deployment trial commenced

Timeline of Activities 2014

- Meetings
- Research and preparation for the
Traffic Regulation Order for a ban on HGV's over
7.5 tonnes

Timeline of Activities 2015

- February – Public Meeting to discuss draft Traffic Regulation Order
- March – Traffic Regulation Order completed and sent to North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department for consideration
- June – Invited to Highways to discuss TRO. Rejected on grounds of not lawful
- August - Meeting with Kevin Hollinrake MP
- September – BBC Radio York and Tees. Georgey Spanswick morning show and videos on Facebook

Traffic Regulation Order Rejection

To ban vehicles greater than 7.5 tonnes other than local hauliers

North Yorkshire County Council

“under European Commission Directive 89/460 the PRN must offer unrestricted access to vehicles up to 40 tonnes”

North Yorkshire Police *“the alternative routes are longer so would add to journey times and impact drivers’ hours”*

Timeline of Activities

2016

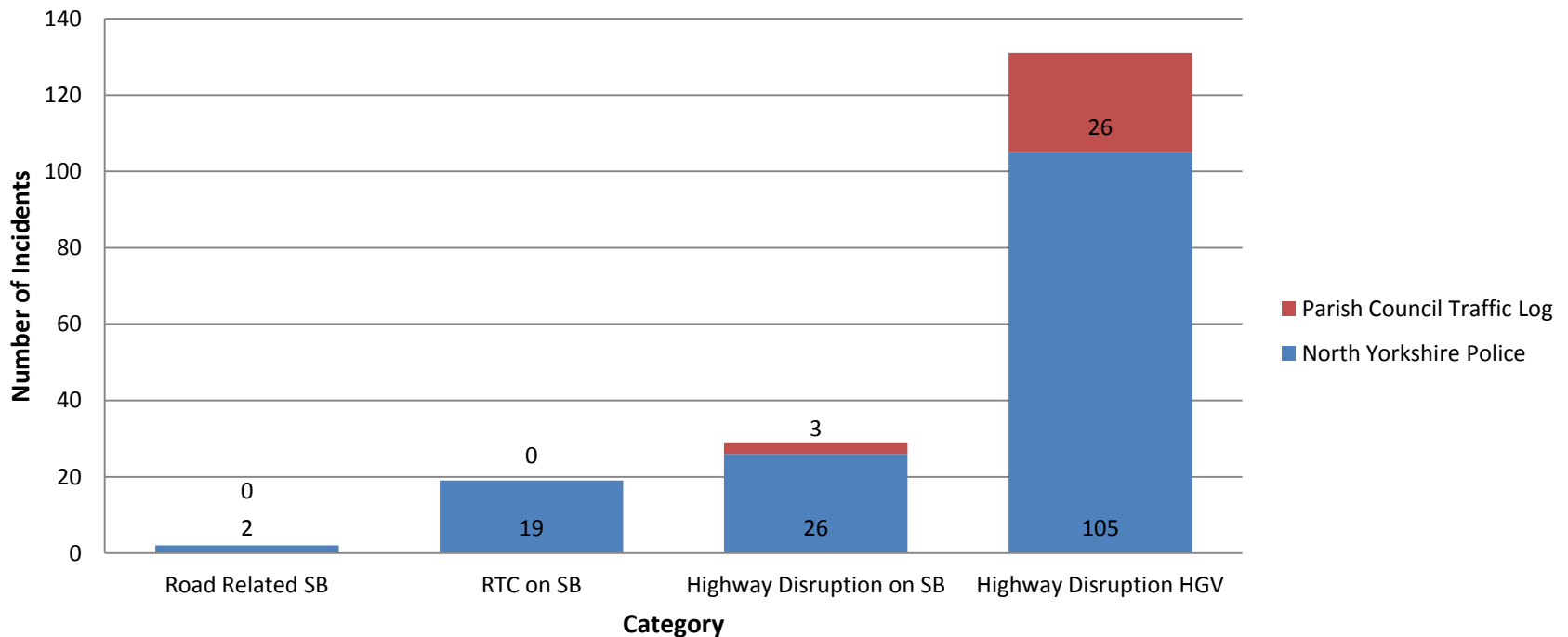
- January – Meeting with Andrew Jones MP, Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Transport
- March – Meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner Julia Mulligan and County Councillor Gareth Dadd
- December – Meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner Julia Mulligan and County Councillor Gareth Dadd





Data for Police & Crime Commissioner

North Yorkshire Police and Sutton Under Whitestonecliffe Parish Council Total Sutton Bank Incidents September 2015-September 2016



Vehicle Activated Signs



Vehicle Activated Signs

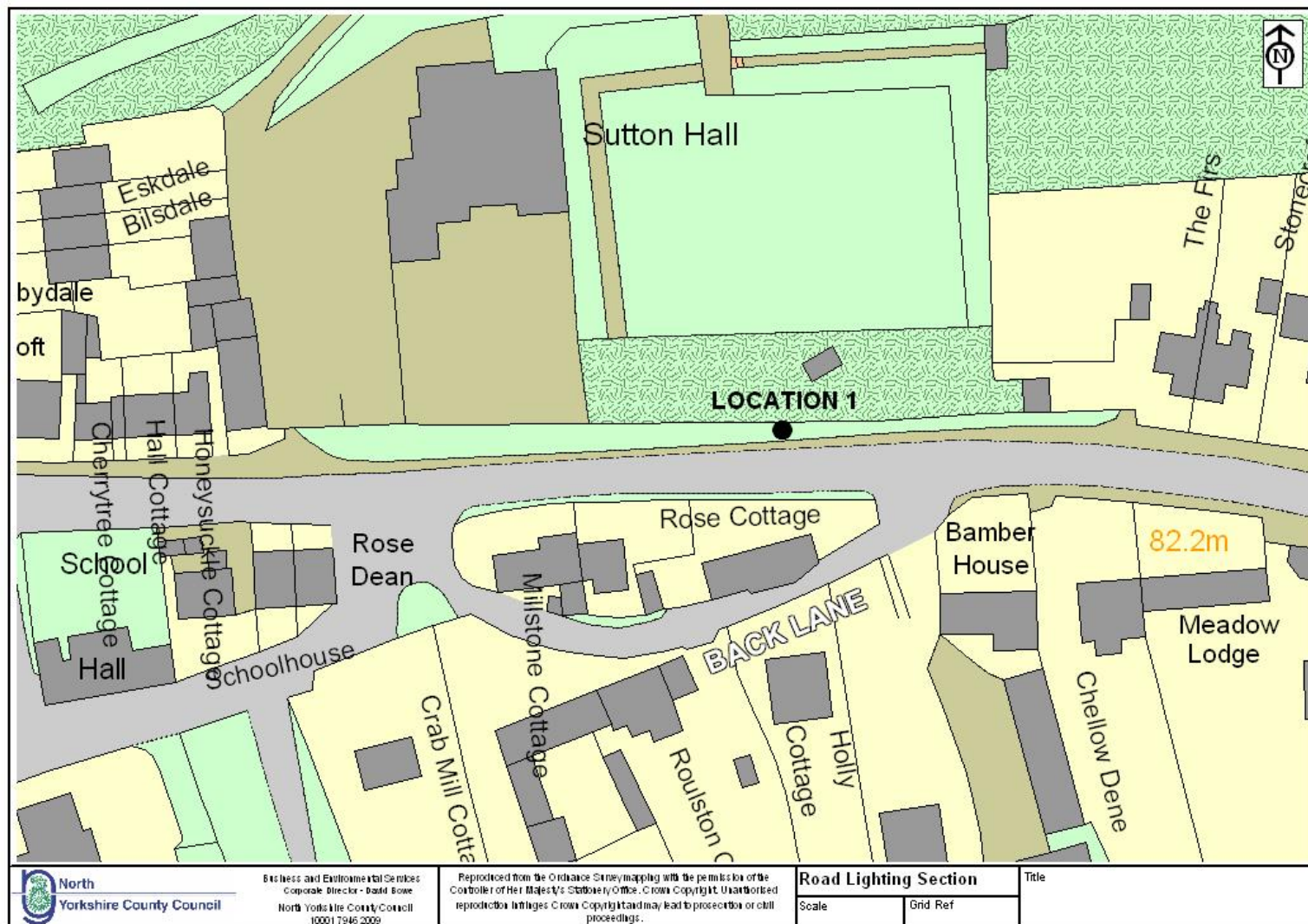
Why have them?

- Speeding raised as an issue to the Parish Council
- Part of trial by North Yorkshire County Council during 2013/2014
- Data showed an average 8% reduction in speed
- Commenced 4 year agreement in 2015 for 3 x 6 week deployment of VAS

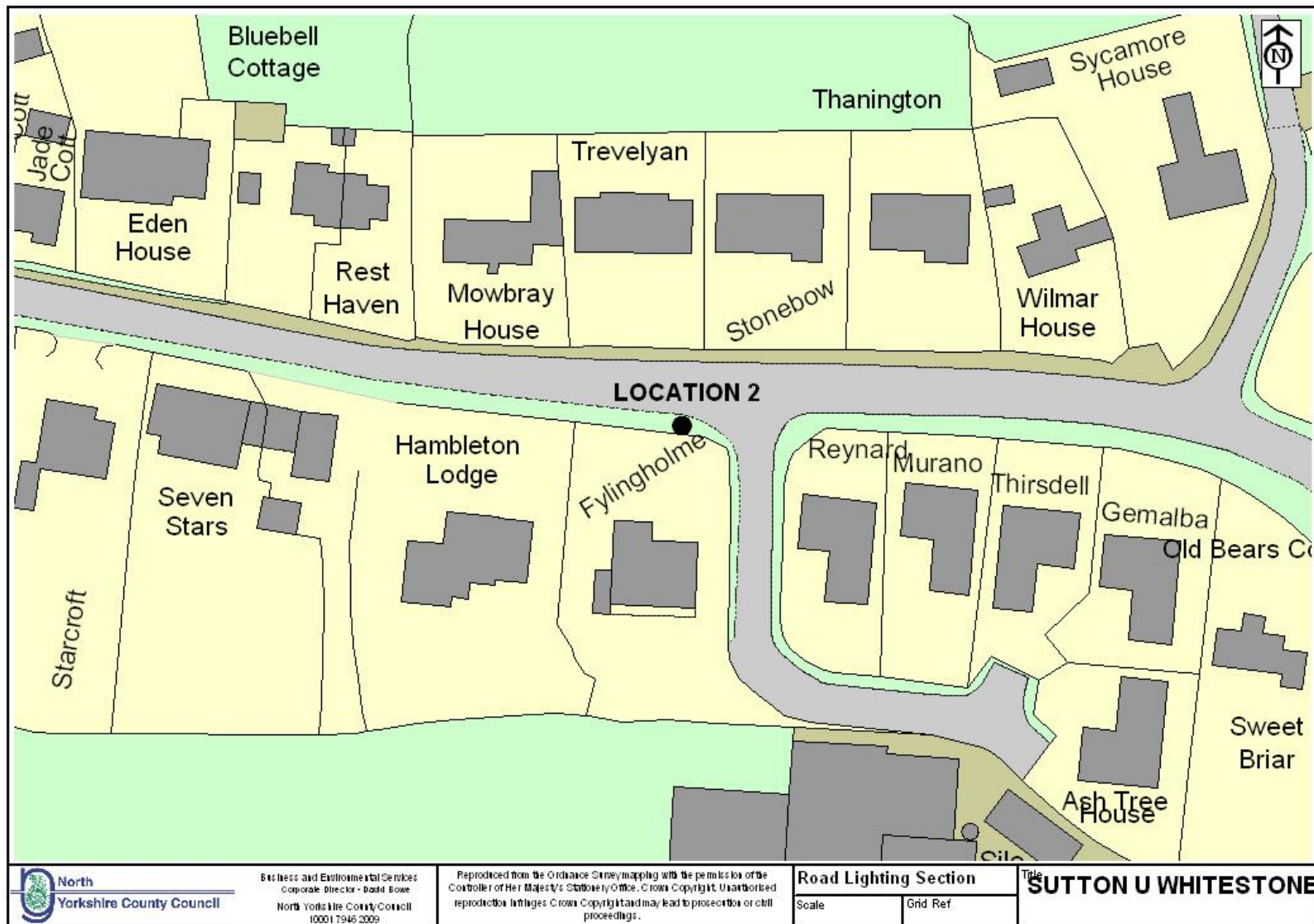
Vehicle Activated Signs

- The signs are rotated between two locations and can face East or West
- Technical difficulties identified by the Parish Council will result in an extra 3 weeks deployment

VAS Locations



VAS Locations



What are the HGV Issues for the A170?

- A170 is part of the Primary Route Network between Thirsk and Scarborough
- The aim of a primary route is to ensure that traffic has a clear path between two primary destinations
- Single carriageway, tight bends, poor sight lines and open to vehicles up to 44 tonnes



What are the HGV Issues for Sutton Bank?

- Sutton Bank, a gradient of 1:4 (25%) and two hairpin bends. Longer/heavier vehicles regularly struggle to make the climb or have difficulty controlling the descent through the bends
- Road is frequently closed while the police supervise the rescue of HGVs
- HGVs reverse 1.8 miles and often unaided. Regular long delays and disruption



May Bank Holiday Monday 2014
Jack Knifed Lorry closes Sutton Bank at the hairpin bend



HGV Issues

North Yorkshire County Council has responsibility for the A170. They have acknowledged the issues by

- Introducing a caravan ban via a TRO in 1984
- Instigating a consultant-led HGV trial in 2004
Faber Maunsell
- Producing a HGV Driver Information leaflet on how to ascend Sutton Bank in 2008, revision 2015



HGV Data Collection - Traffic Log

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT TYPE	WHERE	VEHICLE DETAILS	REPORTED BY	DETAILS
16.06.16	09.00	Blockage 47	Sutton Bank	HGV Ramage Distribution	Nick Dodds	Email from Caroline Artingstoll Phoned in by Nick Dodds 16 June 0900hrs Ramage Distribution stuff stuck on bank, not even reached the emergency layby. This is the second time Nick has seen this company stuck on the bank and they are from Newcastle. Nick has photos and will send them to us. Nick was coming down the bank and stopped and chatted to the driver, advised him to report back to his bosses that this road is unsuitable for their type of vehicle and he now had a 1.5 mile reverse before he could turn around.
23.08.16	09.42	caravan turning, blockage	A170 by Rose Cottage	Car with caravan	Audrey Dickinson Saye	Message timed at 9.42 Long tail back police blue lightingcaravan decided to turn around having passed all restriction signs. lorry driver trying to help, approximately High Cleaves entrance. Let's hope he gets a fine!!!!
15.09.16	Before 08.00 - 08.20	Blockage 60	Sutton Bank	HGV	Mike Smith	Email Sep 15 at 7:21 PM Bank blocked in both directions this morning at 08.00. Low Loader HGV was the cause with the blockage occurring some time earlier. Police in attendance. Road opened by 08.20. No other info.

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12.10.16	ditto see 63	Blockage 64	Sutton Bank below NYCC layby	HGV signed A W Lumb Builders Merchants	Ingrid Farndale	A Builders Merchant lorry was stopped with its flashers going, on the steep section just below the NYCC layby. This looked to have been more recent. About a dozen cars were queuing behind. It looked as if there could have been a period where the traffic was held up in two places at once. No police in attendance but the Farndales passed a police van by the Hotel on the left coming out from Thirsk, going towards the Bank, although in no hurry - could have been attending.
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18.10.16	17.32	Blockage 65	Sutton Bank	HGV	Jonathan Smedley	Email from phone timed at 17.32 HGV currently broken down at foot of the bank. Cool solutions on front only part of reg visible (driver obstructing) YB64 ???
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19.10.16	17.29	Blockage 67	Sutton Bank	HGV	Jonathan Smedley	Phone email timed at 19 Oct at 5:29 PM Must be a week for it JK Otterburn livestock blocking foot of the bank tonight.
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HGV Data Collection -E-Petition

- TRO E-Petition

www.petitions24.com/signatures/tro_hgv_sutton_bank

- Jan 20, 2016, 23:26

3 blockages in 2 weeks waiting for 45 minutes each time and late for patients at my practice

HGV Data Collection - E-Petition

- Jun 02, 2016, 11:57

It is utterly ridiculous that caravans are banned but HGV vehicles struggle to get up this road and often do not manage it. Where are the reins in Highways dept? Why do they get so much wrong?

I drive up here regularly and am amazed at the mess caused by these vehicles

- Oct 14, 2016, 21:22

I have a holiday caravan in Wrelton and use this road frequently, having been held up many times and a few close misses with HGV s I think that it is time this was sorted out.

Facebook

Sutton Bank HGV Information

created by Nick Dodds of Dodds Transport

Screenshot of the Facebook page for Sutton Bank HGV Information.

Page Header: Sutton Bank HGV Information

Navigation: Home, Find Friends, Caroline

Profile Picture: Sutton Bank HGV Information

Cover Photo: A road winding through a green landscape with a 25% speed limit sign and a blue sign indicating a 1:32 blockage by HGVs last year.

Interactions: Liked, Save, Share, More

Post: Sutton Bank HGV Information shared your post. 5 September · 🌐

Comment: Caroline Artingstoll ▶ Sutton Bank HGV Information 5 September · 🌐

Visitor Posts:

- Caroline Artingstoll 5 September at 19:47 🌐
Don't forget Sutton Bank is closed for it's annual maintenance. Avo... See more
3 Shares
Like · Comment

Friends List:

Name	Distance
Heather Baker-Heriot	
Veronica Fegan	1m
Rachel Kersey	1m
Pauline Bradley	7m
Sue Smith	56m
Lisa Cunningham	21m
Jane Clark	46m
Mark Walshaw	2m
Nicola Coulman	2m
Chloe Watt	6m
Neil Hindle	1h
Tracey Turner	1m
Paul Milestone	2m

URL: https://www.facebook.com/853025394757698/photos/853317318061839/

HGV Data Collection

Contact Details

- Incidents

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- HGV TRO E-Petition

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- Facebook

Sutton Bank HGV Information

Ideas the Traffic Management Group developed and actioned

- Restrict vehicle size to ensure the free flowing of the PRN, perhaps vehicles over 7.5 tonnes excluding local traffic (Traffic Regulation Order March 2015)
- Create a roundabout on the A170 at the current T-junction to Bagby to help unsuitable traffic to re-route (Highways advised it is too expensive)
- Improve road signage around Thirsk and leading major routes to advise of Sutton Bank hazards and restrictions (Highways advised they are too expensive)

Ideas the Traffic Management Group developed and are ongoing

- Create a turning facility on the A170 close to Sutton Bank
- HGV Information Board
- Ordnance Survey - National digital map for HGV's

Information



A170 Sutton Bank 5 miles east of Thirsk

**Severe gradient unsuitable
for heavy goods vehicles
and caravans**

**Alternative routes
to the east coast via:**

South - A19 & A64

North - A19, A172 & A171

COLOURS:

Border BLUE
Legend WHITE

Panel WHITE
Legend BLACK

Road Numbers GREEN/YELLOW

30mm x-ht

1440mm

2000mm

Information board designed in accordance with DfT Drawing No. P857 - TSRGD 2016 Diagram 857B at 50mm x-height



North Yorkshire County Council
Business & Environmental Services
Corporate Director: David Bowe

PROJECT:

A170 Sutton Bank - Alternative Routes

DRAWING TITLE:

Information Board Details

HINY AREA: 2

DATE: 30/09/16

SCALE: N.T.S.

DRAWING NO.: 2876/S3

ORIGINAL DRAWING SIZE A4

Achievements

- ‘SLOW’ markings on the road at the Battlements have been re-positioned to before the pinch point
- ‘Oncoming vehicles in the middle of the road’ signs have been added to the bottom of the ‘Road Narrow’ signs
- Revised HGV Sutton Bank information leaflet

Emerging Issues

- Fracking
- Brexit

What Next?

- Keep lobbying to get the turning facility built
- Continue our work with Highways to create the HGV Information board
- Digital mapping by Ordnance Survey
- Monitor the emerging issues

The time will come when....

Traffic Management Group
will cease to exist

Thank You