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Dear Lee.

Lincoln Eastern Bypass (LEB) and Hawthorn Road, Lincoln

Further to our meeting yesterday, I am writing to confirm that I have been contacted by the Hawthorn Road Action Group and as a result commissioned some work internally to look at what impact, if any, there would be on response times for emergency vehicles with the LEB in place and the 'stop' on Hawthorn Road. As part of this work some modelling was undertaken using the Fire Service Emergency Cover (FSEC) toolkit which allows us to predictively model risk, perform quantitative assessment of changes to emergency response, fire appliance numbers and locations, crewing changes, specialist vehicles and other related issues.

In this instance the LEB routing and the stopping up of Hawthorn Road was replicated within FSEC in order to model response times from our two fire station locations within the city namely Lincoln South station on South Park Avenue and Lincoln North station on Nettleham Road. The models were based on travel times between the fire station locations and school locations within the villages of Reepham, Fiskerton and Cherry Willingham. Two models were run for each route to show 1. Travel times using the existing road network, and 2. Travel times with the LEB in place and Hawthorn Road 'stopped'. The results of the models, which are attached to this letter, demonstrated that travel times improved with the exception of Reepham, which remained the same. The models for Reepham used the A158 on both occasions so the times remained the same.





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Fire and Rescue worked closely with colleagues from East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) due to both services responding from similar locations. The Ambulance and Fire station are adjacent to each other on South Park Avenue, and Ambulances regularly stand by in Waitrose carpark opposite the Nettleham Road fire station to cover the north of the city and surrounding villages.

If I can be of any further assistance then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Hawthorne Road Action Group (HRAG) work – LFR travel times before and after Eastern Bypass:

Using the FSEC toolkit, LFR have modelled the 1st stage of the proposed Eastern Bypass to perform comparisons at four strategic locations.

The four locations chosen for this pre-emptive consultation work were:

- Reepham primary school Road junction number = 16337
- Fiskerton primary school Road junction number = 19196
- Cherry Willingham primary school (Top half of village) Road junction number = 40064
- Cherry Willingham primary school (Bottom half of village) Road junction number = 16284

The following table gives a breakdown of the comparisons for both the FSEC Basecase (Prior to the Bypass) and the HRAG Model (taking into consideration the Bypass). The same locations were chosen from each model and then the travel times from Lincoln North (C19) and Lincoln South (C20) Fire Stations were used.

	HRAG C19	Basecase C19	HRAG C20	Basecase C20	+/-time
Reepham 16337	5m 49s	5m 49s	7m 52s	7m 52s	None
Fiskerton 19196	8m 25s	9m 37s	9m 13s	10m 37s	C19 = 1m 12s - C20 = 1m 24s -
Cherry Willingham (Top) 40064	5m 37s	6m 23s	7m	7m 30s	C19 = 46s - C20 = 30s -
Cherry Willingham (Bottom) 16284	6m 11s	6m 49s	6m 19s	7m 43s	C19 = 38s - C20 = 1m 24s -

The Reepham example used the A158 in both FSEC models; hence the same results being output.

Results were also obtained from FSEC with regards the Dwellings Model, again a comparison was performed prior to the road network being modified to reflect the new Eastern Bypass and after the new road had been modelled.

The County of Lincolnshire has since the 2011 Census had an increase of statistical boundaries called Output Areas (OA's). Prior to the 2011 Census there was 2264 OA's, but with the development of numerous new housing estates and an increase in population there has also had to been an increase in the amount of OA's from the 2264 to 2348.

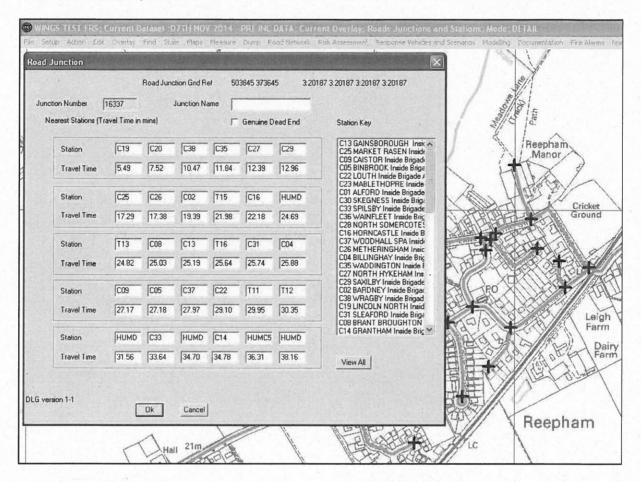
FSEC uses a multitude of data elements to ascertain risk for the 4 distinct models, but the main model used as a comparison for this work is the Dwellings Model.

A count is performed to see what the risk level of each Output Area is currently (Basecase) and then when any alterations are made to the Basecase, the HRAG bypass work for example another count is performed to see if any changes have occurred and if so further granulation into where and why?

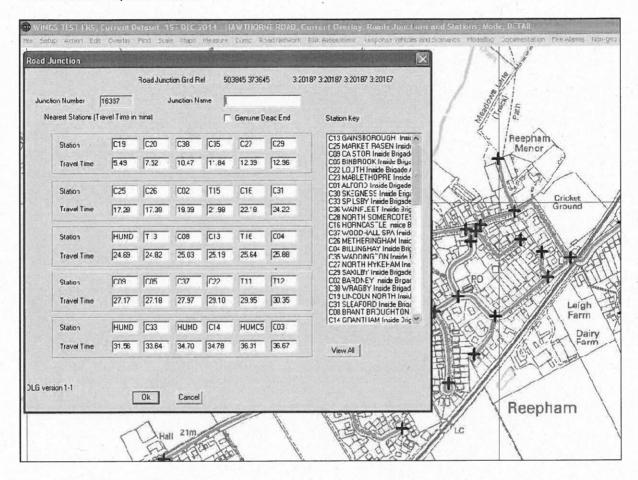
FSEC OA Risk Level	Basecase	HRAG Model	Difference + / -
Very High	1971	1971	None
High	185	185	None
Medium	109	109	None
Low	35	35	None
Very Low	48	48	None

Supporting screenshots for appliance travel time comparisons:

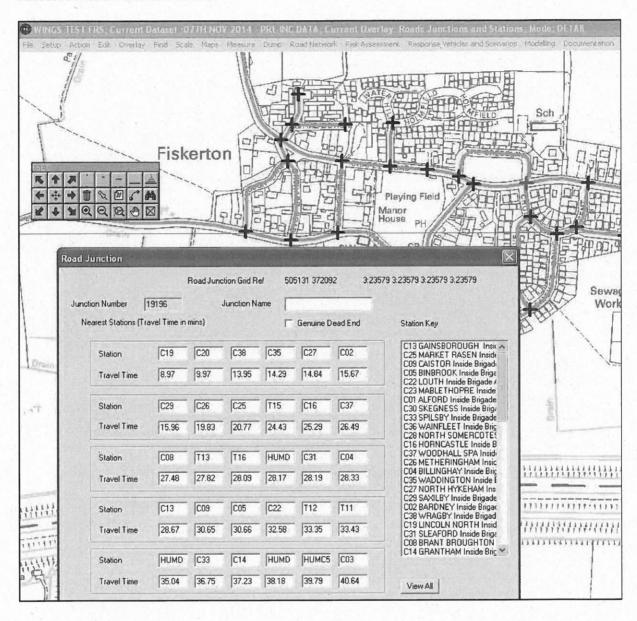
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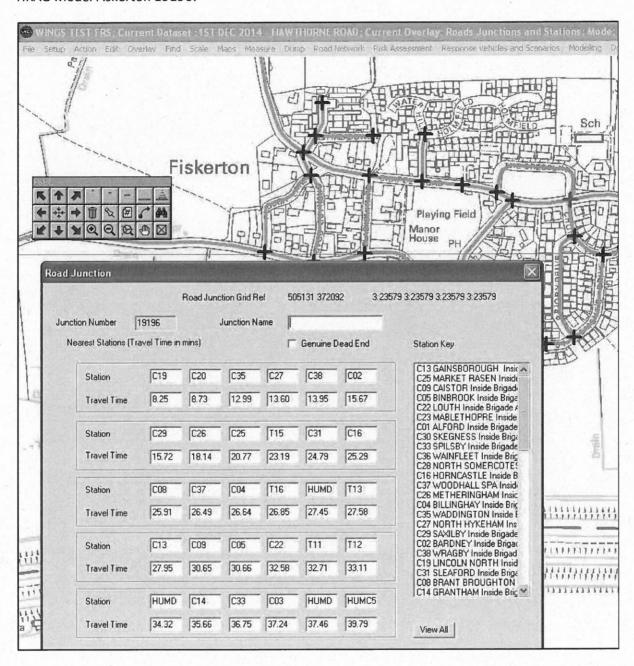
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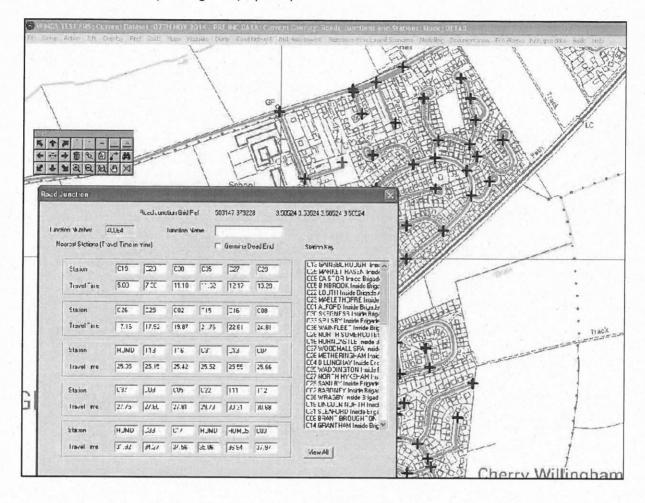
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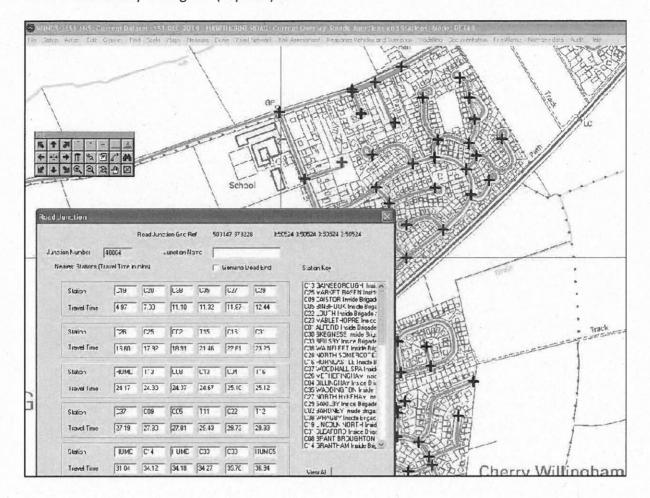
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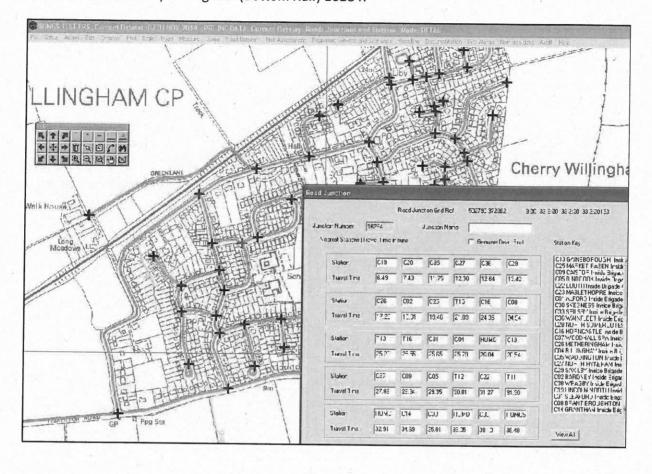
Basecase Model Cherry Willingham (Top Half) 40064:



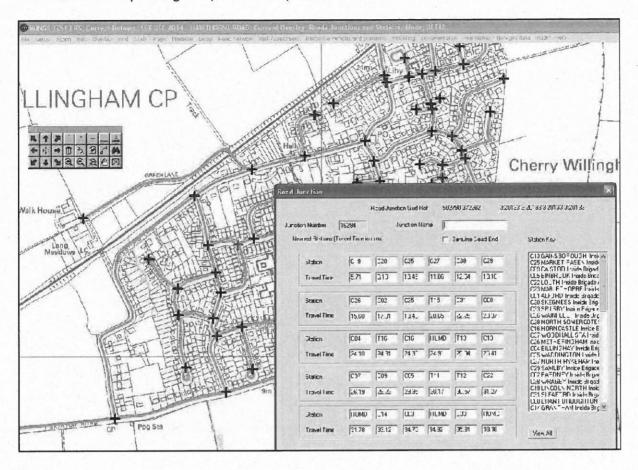
HRAG Model Cherry Willingham (Top Half) 40064:



Basecase Model Cherry Willingham (Bottom Half) 16284:



HRAG Model Cherry Willingham (Bottom Half) 16284:





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20th February 2015

Dear Mr Rowley

Re: Lincoln Eastern bypass - Closure of Hawthorn Road

In July 2011 EMAS responded to the stakeholder consultation regarding the above. My predecessor advised that EMAS fully supported the plans to extend the bypass and his response is enclosed for your information.

In November 2014 EMAS was contacted by the Hawthorn Road Action Group which expressed concerns regarding the proposal to close access from Hawthorn Road to the bypass. EMAS has liaised closely with Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue (LFR) to identify the issues specifically around the closure of the Hawthorn Road access and evaluate any associated consequences. EMAS deploys resources from very similar locations as LFR; consequently the data in relation to travel time/distance applies to both organisations.

The Fire Service has conducted some modeling using the Fire Service Emergency Cover Toolkit and the outcome based on the modeling is as follows:-

Travel times from EMAS deployment location sited at Waitrose (A46), Bishops Court, Outer Circle Road.

To Reepham - no change

To Fiskerton - travel time improved

To Cherry Willingham (Top) - travel time improved

To Cherry Willingham (Bottom) - travel time improved

The closure of the Hawthorn Road access does not affect return journeys from the above locations to Lincoln County Hospital.

I am, therefore, in a position to advise that EMAS fully supports the proposals as outlined in the letter sent in 2011 and the closure of the Hawthorn Road access will have no negative impact on EMAS response to patients requiring time critical assistance.

I understand that the Fire Service are forwarding the modeling work, consequently I have not included it in this correspondence.

I hope this information is helpful and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

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13 July 2011

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Dear David

Re: Lincoln Eastern Bypass, Stakeholder Consultation Process

I am responding on behalf of East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust regarding the above. In general EMAS welcomes any initiative which supports speedy access to patients within the community and onward transportation to places of definitive care. Specific comments are as follows:

What are the key problems and constraints on your business/organization resulting from the current transport situation?

Traffic congestion both north and south of the city at peak times impacting upon EMAS ability to respond to patients within required timescales. EMAS currently deploys resources to standby sites at various locations within Lincoln City boundary to mitigate against congestion related delays. Problems will occur, however, when resources at north or south of the City are fully utilized and EMAS is required to respond across town to emergencies. On such occasions problems are encountered on Broadgate due to traffic congestion and road width, which can result in delays of a few minutes pending lights changing to green.

EMAS is also required to transport patients between various hospital sites. Extended journey times can be experienced during transfers from Grantham Hospital to Lincoln County Hospital at peak times. This is due to the location of Lincoln County Hospital and the route taken. Whilst these are not necessarily time critical for all patients, the additional time taken by EMAS resources to complete the transfer and be available for further details does have a consequent effect on EMAS capacity at certain times of the day.

The eastern bypass would free up valuable EMAS resource time by eliminating the delays currently experienced on Cross o'Cliff Hill, Canwick Road, Broadgate and Lindum Road.

How will the Eastern Bypass address these problems and constraints?

EMAS covers a wide geographical area and is required to meet very strict response time targets. Anything which impacts on capability to respond within specific timeframes has a consequent impact on patient care. Whilst EMAS plans for congestion, EMAS is required to operate within the Highway Code, consequently the use of blue lights and sirens only applies to time critical events — travelling to 999 calls or blue light transportation. Where a patient has been attended and requires transportation to hospital, but does not meet blue light criteria, EMAS is required to operate within the Highway Code and has no exemptions. This can result in journey time being increased due to traffic congestion which has a knock on effect to future calls.

What will Lincoln Eastern Bypass do to help you achieve your goals and objectives?

Support speedy response to emergencies and reduce transportation time.

What direct benefits will the scheme have for your business/organization?

Support response time targets and free up EMAS resources by reducing time taken per patient episode.

• Are there any actions and plans you would expect to implement when the bypass is built that you would be unable to undertake without the scheme?

EMAS is constantly reviewing its service delivery model to ensure patients receive a timely response. Without this scheme EMAS will continue to deploy resources north and south of the City to offset congestion problems. There will, however, be occasions when EMAS resources will be required to respond across the City and this will impact on response times during periods of congestion. The issues related to transportation and inter hospital transfers will continue pending a bypass being in place.

 Are there any specific benefits, especially related to economic regeneration that you would expect to see as a result of the scheme?

Unable to comment at this time.

What will be the negative effects on your business/organisation if the scheme cannot be built?
 Delayed response and delays in transfer to places of definitive care due to traffic congestion.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or clarification.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Rowley

RE: PROPOSED EASTERN BYPASS OF LINCOLN

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed eastern bypass in Lincoln on behalf of Lincolnshire police. The position of Lincolnshire police remains the same as that articulated by Chief Superintendent Hardy in his letter of 7th of July 2011. Namely, that we whole heartedly support the principle of having the bypass and that it would improve police response times overall.

I am aware that the proposals include the closure of Hawthorn Road and introduction of a restricted move junction. This closure and introduction of a restricted move junction is a matter for the appropriate authorities and local democracy and not the police, so we take the position of neutrality in relation to this.

I have considered the Hawthorn Road closure, and proposed junction, in respect of police response times to villages such as Cherry Willingham. In my professional judgement these specific parts of the proposal would have little effect on police response times.

Yours sincerely

Inspector Simon Heads

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