

## APPENDIX 2

### Comments from A59 Survey of Residents

Questionnaire no.	
1.	<p>It is difficult to “box” answer this problem, sometimes you can drive straight away and other times you have to wait several minutes, depending on luck and time of day.</p> <p>Other problems experienced are having to reverse back on to Church Lane to let large articulated lorries negotiate entry from the A59, and also having to e=wait behind lorries waiting for a gap to exit on to the A59. (This was a planning problem raised during the initial planning application by Oakland Farms, but was allowed.)</p> <p>There is also a problem on the blind bend at the junction of Church Lane and Redhouse Lane with traffic coming from the village at speed and cutting the corner, there is no speed restriction on Church Lane but surely 60 mph along this lane is wrong!2</p>
2.	<p>We frequently now go up Marston Lane and through Rufforth to access York and the ring road etc., as it is much safer.</p>
5.	<p>As I slow down on the A59 to exit into my property, the following vehicle is often far too close for safety and some overtake me using the centre filter lane.</p> <p>Turning right out of my property (towards Harrogate) is very hazardous because of the density of high speed traffic and often takes quite a few minutes to find safe gaps in the fast moving traffic.</p> <p>There needs to be a mandatory speed limit of 40 mph and either a roundabout or traffic lights at the crossroads to better regulate traffic and improve safety.</p> <p>There have been 5 accidents at the crossroads in the last 12 months – fortunately none resulting in a fatality, but I fear it is only a matter of time.</p>
6.	<p>Living in a property on the A59, apart from the incessant noise and emissions pollution, is very hazardous because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessing my drive from the A1 (West) direction, it is necessary to signal and reduce speed to approx 15mph to safely make a left turn, causing some following vehicles to become impatient, sound their horns and overtake in the central lane in an erratic manner.</li> <li>• From York (East) it is necessary to signal right upon reaching the Marston Lane/Church Lane crossroads, slow down and stop and wait for a safe space to turn right into my drive. On one occasion while stationary, signaling and waiting for a safe space in the opposite flow of traffic in order to turn right, I was overtaken by the following car!</li> <li>• The worst scenario because of the traffic travelling so fast on the A59 is joining the A59 from either Marston Lane or Church Lane and turning (West) towards Harrogate and then almost immediately right turn into my drive.</li> <li>• Leaving my drive to join the A59 in traffic travelling at legally up to 60mph is hazardous.</li> </ul>
7.	<p>All my journeys were at off peak times and not representative of delays experienced previously during peak hours ie. 07.00 – 09.00 and 17.00 – 18.30</p>
9.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If high sided vehicle going to York, it is hard to see (from Church Lane end) if the S bend is clear of oncoming traffic.</li> <li>• If waiting at Church Lane end to turn left towards York and waiting behind</li> </ul>

9. Cont/d.	<p>other cars and lorries that are waiting to turn right or cross over A59 – long delays encountered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coming from Harrogate and turning left in to Church Lane, cars get very close behind and are not expecting you to almost stop to turn left, despite indicating early and turning into Church Lane is very tight especially if there is a vehicle or worse a lorry waiting at the junction to turn on to the A59.</li> </ul>
12.	A quieter week on the road on off peak times but an accident on Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September at 8.30pm occurred requiring an Ambulance First Responder, Ambulance and 2 Police Cars to be in attendance. Debris all on the corner of Marston Lane.
13.	Much longer wait when turning right out of Church Lane or right out of Marston Lane.
14.	Nervous of turning left on to A59 when a vehicle is turning left on to Church Lane with other vehicles travelling fast behind it.
18.	HGV vehicles either entering or leaving Moor Monkton is a problem. You need to reverse your own car to allow the HGV to enter Church Lane at the junction of the A59 as HGVs find it difficult to swing round into Church Lane.
24.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blind Bend at Junction of Church Lane and Red House Lane – traffic comes much too fast along Church Lane from Moor Monkton village and cuts the corner. There is no speed restriction so 60mph is excessive and dangerous for walkers and traffic in both directions on what is a blind bend.</li> <li>We have to reverse back up Church Lane to let articulated lorries turn in from the A59.</li> </ul>
28.	Vehicles not indicating and driving too close at speed. Now there is no 40mph sign on approach from Harrogate – drivers aren't slowing down.
29.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HGVs from Harrogate direction create a blind spot when approaching the S bend, of traffic coming round the bend from York direction.</li> <li>When approaching the A59 from Marston Lane, often have to stop before reaching the junction as cars from Harrogate direction cut the corner on the wrong side of the road – the hedge/fence on Harrogate side of the A59 needs moving back to allow the A59 traffic to see on coming cars on Marston Lane.</li> <li>Turning in to Church Lane from the Harrogate direction is too tight especially if an HGV or farm vehicle is waiting to exit. You have to come to a virtual stop which is dangerous when you have cars practically touching your back bumper.</li> <li>Left hand filter lane for York bound traffic would be useful.</li> </ul>
31.	No 40mph sign like there used to be means traffic is travelling too fast for getting in and out of the village and there have been numerous accidents at the junction.
32.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporary road signs on the verges eg. Yorkshire Water Road Works, can obscure vision and was thought to be a cause of the accident on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30pm.</li> <li>Houses on the A59 need to keep shrubs/plants low. There is one property where the plants are obscuring vehicles from Harrogate for a split second.</li> <li>Hedges from York direction on Moor Monkton side need to be cut frequently, again as obscuring vehicles.</li> </ul>
34.	On Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September there was a 2 vehicle accident on the crossroads. Despite 4 cars all having their hazard lights on and A59 being partially blocked, some vehicles were still travelling at excessive speeds past the junction. Something needs to be done to reduce the speed at the crossroads.

38.	Travelling from York to Harrogate and trying to turn right on to our property is extremely dangerous due to the excessive speed of on-coming traffic and the fact that the site line is very short due to the grass verges not being cut behind behind the big crossroad sign. We have had complaints from foreign visitors trying to turn right as their site line is even shorter. I have in the past complained to North Yorkshire Highways about the grass being too long and the sign being too low. Also, Harrogate County Council will not let the bif refuse wagon stop at our property as it is too dangerous to comply with their health & safety rules.
39.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The traffic is generally too dense to make the exit/entrance to Moor Monkton Lane end or Marston Lane end safe. The speed of vehicles is too great – a 40mph mandatory sign might help.</li> <li>• Difficulty has been experienced when crossing from Moor Monkton Lane end to joining traffic on A59 in Harrogate direction – the speed and density of traffic makes the crossing difficult and dangerous.</li> <li>• Frequently, holdups at the junction are caused by large HGVs which find it difficult to turn off the A59 onto Church Lane or go in the reverse direction.</li> </ul>
44.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vehicles parked on Church Lane close to the A59 junction make the junction more hazardous.</li> <li>• When travelling East bound on the A59 and turning into Church Lane, following traffic under estimates the reduction in speed required to safely complete the turn.</li> </ul>
45.	It is particularly difficult in a morning when joining the A59 and cars are also coming from the opposite road and this is exacerbated if there are many cars as is the case when cars have been waiting at the train level crossing .
46.	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September, I waited 5 minutes to join the A59 and had to turn left instead of crossing straight over and then turn left at Hessay to cross the A59.
47.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Often drivers, using the filter lane to turn into Moor Monkton or Marston Lane, hold back to let you out, but they don't consider there is still traffic coming from behind them.</li> <li>• Large road signs often block visibility.</li> <li>• In the lead up to Christmas, large HGV lorries turning into Church Lane make it difficult to exit Church Lane</li> </ul>