

CONDITION OF A47 ROAD **BASCULE BRIDGE TO CORTON LONG LANE**

With reference to item 148 on the agenda for Full Council meeting on Tuesday 24th January 2023, it is suggested that consideration be given to a formal complaint by Lowestoft Town Council to National Highways regarding the deplorable condition of the A47 road in North Lowestoft, not only in terms of its deteriorating surface, but also associated infrastructure.

Of major concern is the number of street lights that are out of order. Along Yarmouth Road from Weston Road to the lighthouse, there are about 20 lights unlit, with more northwards to Corton Long Lane, on Jubilee Way and Artillery Way, and around the St Peter's Street and Battery Green roundabouts. In particular, the junctions with Corton Road, Sussex Road and Station Road are dimly illuminated. In total there are approximately 30 lights not working.

There is a letter of complaint on this subject in the 20th January issue of the Lowestoft Journal, and the undersigned has received a similar objection from a lady who fears the darkness whilst walking along Yarmouth Road after a late shift at work, to catch a bus to home at Great Yarmouth. It is understood that the matter of these streetlight failures was also aired on Radio Suffolk.

The condition of the road surface is poor in several areas. Besides potholes, the tarmac is disintegrating, creating a hazard for cyclists.



Even where the surface has been re-laid in recent years, access covers have not been raised to the new level, again creating a jolt hazard for cyclists, particularly within unlit sections. Finally, progressing north beyond the Hollingsworth Road/Gunton Church Lane junctions, there are sections of severely uneven, degraded and/or overgrown pavements, creating difficulties for pedestrian and wheeled disabled people.



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