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I was pleased to be able to meet with you to discuss your aspirations for a dual carriageway from Hopgrove to Malton.

As you know, the A64 Hopgrove Junction scheme was announced in the Road Investment Strategy (RIS): Investment Plan as one that would be developed by Highways England during the first RIS Road Period (between 2015/16 – 2019/20) for delivery in Road Period 2 (between 2020/21 – 2025). The work envisaged was the upgrading of the Hopgrove roundabout, to the east of York, to a grade-separated (i.e. multi-level) junction.

I have been advised that Highways England is currently working on a feasibility study to clearly identify the problems, issues and potential solutions in the vicinity of the junction. Highways England will take into consideration future housing and growth developments in and around York, and between York and the coast when assessing the potential future traffic impacts.

The feasibility study will also consider the length of the A64 up to the existing dual carriageway at Barton-le-Willows, east of Malton Lane. The outcome of this study will help inform decisions on options for a dual carriageway on this length of the A64.

However, the study does not include the section of single carriageway between Crambeck and Malton, which would need to be converted to dual carriageway in order to complete a dual carriageway link to Malton. I understand that this section has significant alignment challenges and crosses a listed structure as well as runs through an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. These factors would most likely impact on the costs and the deliverability of any dual carriageway proposal.

Highways England has worked closely with local authority partners to capture evidence for a proposal to make the A64 from Hopgrove to Malton a dual carriageway. This evidence has been collated as part of Highways England's Route Strategies process and will be considered for future RIS periods. The outcome of the feasibility study will help inform decisions on the options for a dual carriageway on this length on the A64.

Highways England aims to complete the study in early 2017 and expects to move into options development on the Hopgrove Junction scheme in the spring.

You should have received a letter from Jacqui Allen, Highways England Divisional Director with responsibility for delivering the A64 Hopgrove scheme, offering to meet with you to discuss progress. If you have not received Ms Allen's letter then please contact: Ken Moody, the project manager for the scheme – tel: 0300 470 4414 or via email: [ken.moody@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:ken.moody@highwaysengland.co.uk). Mr Moody will also be happy to discuss these matters with you in more detail if you wish.

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