



Reference: FOI0717

Request:

Please can you provide the following information under the Freedom of Information:

In relation to the road/roundabout improvements on Whitley Road, please can the information on what measures have been put in place during the closure of the Whitley Road footway, between Round the Twist and Pennine Windows, redirecting through North Tyne Industrial Estate?

As this is not a council project and is a scheme being carried out Rainton Construction we do not hold any of the above information.

This includes, who is liable for any injuries that occur to pedestrians that are redirected through North Tyne Industrial Estate, and the maintenance of the poor quality footpaths on this diversion, during the lifetime of the road works.

As the area within North Tyneside Industrial Estate is not council owned land, the land owner would be liable for any injuries to pedestrians and responsible for the maintenance.

ASDA Junction improvements work being carried out by Rainton Construction Ltd (RCL) Due to the nature of the works it was identified there would be times during the scheme footpath closures would be required. If and when a closure is in place an alternative route is always identified to protect the safety of both pedestrians and road users.

RCL carried out a full risk assessment of a route through North Tyne Industrial Estate. They requested permission to utilise the route from the land owner PROPRIETOR: ASHTENNE (AIF) LIMITED in which they agreed.

If any accident occurs and is identified it is due to poor condition of the footpaths then the person who had the accident would be required to take this to the attention of the land owner.