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Tuesday 9 August 2022

Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

Cabinet Committee - Local Issues

The **Cabinet Committee - Local Issues** will meet in the **Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield** at **10.00 am** on **Wednesday 17 August 2022**.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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Julie Muscroft

Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning

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The Cabinet Committee - Local Issues members are:-

Member

Councillor Graham Turner

Councillor Naheed Mather

Councillor Paul Davies

Agenda

Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

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1: Membership of the Committee

This is where councillors who are attending as substitutes will say for who they are attending.

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The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

4: Admission of the Public

Most debates take place in public. These only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private

5: Deputations/Petitions

The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (2), Members of the

Public should provide at least 24 hours' notice of presenting a deputation.

6: Public Question Time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

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To receive questions from Councillors.

8: Objection to Traffic Regulation Order No 4 2022

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To consider one objection received in relation to Traffic Regulation Order No 4 2022, Proposed Permit Parking, Oddfellows Street, Beech Street, Shaw Street, Beech Grove, The Embankment, Mirfield and No Waiting At Any Time, Doctor Lane, Mirfield

Contact:

Karen North, Principal Technical Officer – Highway Safety

9: Objections to the Proposed Zebra Crossing, Knowl Road, Mirfield

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To consider objections received to the Proposed Zebra Crossing, Knowl Road, Mirfield

Contact:

Robert Hardcastle, Senior Engineer – Highway Safety

Contact Officer: Jodie Harris

**KIRKLEES COUNCIL
CABINET COMMITTEE - LOCAL ISSUES
WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH 2022**

Present:

Councillor Peter McBride
Councillor Paul Davies
Councillor Naheed Mather

In Attendance:

Corinne Wilson, Disposals and Acquisitions Officer

Apologies: N/a

1. Membership of the Committee

No apologies were received.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 24 November 2021 and the 24 February 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 24 November 2021 and the 24 February 2022 be approved as a correct record.

3. Interests

Cllr Paul Davies declared an interest in relation to Item '7 Disposal of Open Space adjacent to 39 Carrside Crescent, Batley, 'and advised that he had previously been briefed on the item, and as Cabinet Member for Corporate had agreed with the officer's recommendation.

4. Admission of the Public

All agenda items were considered in public session

5. Deputations/Petitions

No Petitions or deputations were received.

6. Member Question Time

No member questions were asked.

7. Disposal of Open Space adjacent to 39 Carrside Crescent, Batley

The Committee considered a report presented by Corinne Wilson, Disposals and Acquisitions Officer, in respect of the objections received as a result of advertising the Council's intention to dispose of an area of Open Space adjoining 39 Carrside Crescent, Batley, and to determine whether to proceed with the intended disposal of the Open Space.

The Committee were informed that there was an area of open space land adjoining the side of 39 Carrside Crescent which was currently a part of the councils housing estate.

Approval to dispose of the land was granted by Housing Services following consultation with local ward members, local residents and the local school, during which time 3 residents raised concerns. Notices advertising the intention to dispose of the Open Space were placed in the newspapers circulating in the area the Reporter Series" on 21 October and 28 October 2021, with a deadline for objections to be received by no later than 11 November 2021, during which time 2 objections were received.

Corinne Wilson advised the Committee that the intention was to dispose of the land subject to a covenant for additional garden use only.

The Committee recognised that the environment would be enhanced by the land having an owner, and that it was heartening to hear that the land would remain as open space and welcomed the covenant for additional garden use only. Cllr Paul Davies added that as Cabinet Member for Corporate he agreed with the officer's recommendation that the land be sold and choose to abstain from voting.

Having considered the information presented both verbally and in writing, the Committee agreed that:

RESOLVED: That the objection be overruled, and that the proposals for the disposal of this area of Open Space, adjacent to 39 Carrside Crescent, Batley be approved.

Contact Officer: Jodie Harris

**KIRKLEES COUNCIL
CABINET COMMITTEE - LOCAL ISSUES
TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2022**

Present:

Councillor Graham Turner
Councillor Eric Firth
Councillor Naheed Mather

In Attendance:

Phillip Waddington, Group Engineer

Apologies: Councillor Paul Davies

1. Appointment of the Chair

The Committee were invited to nominate a Chair for the 2022/23 municipal year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Graham Turner be appointed as Chair for the 2022/23 municipal year.

2. Membership of the Committee

Councillor Eric Firth attended as a substitute for Councillor Paul Davies.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 23rd March 2022.

The Committee noted the Minutes but were advised that these could not be approved as there were insufficient members of the previous meeting present.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be noted and submitted to the next meeting of the Committee for approval.

4. Interests

There were no interests declared.

5. Admission of the Public

All agenda items were considered in public session

6. Deputations/Petitions

No Petitions or deputations were received.

7. Public Question Time

No public questions were received.

8. Member Question Time

No member questions were asked.

9. Objection to Traffic Regulation Order No 34 Order 2021, Proposed “School Keep Clear” markings, Oxford Road, Dewsbury.

The Committee considered a report in respect of an objection received in response to the advertisement of Traffic Regulation Order No 34 Order 2021, Proposed “School Keep Clear” markings, Oxford Road, Dewsbury. The report was presented by Phillip Waddington, Group Engineer who summarised the details of the proposals, the grounds for the objection and the response to the objection.

The Committee were informed that St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy was located on the middle of Oxford Road. Parking, speeding, visibility, and safety was a concern and a problem in this area especially at school peak times where vehicles usually parked on both sides of the road, up to and past the school. As a result of vehicles parking on both sides of Oxford Road a child was involved in an accident last year whilst crossing Oxford Road from school.

To try to improve visibility and access for both pedestrians and drivers, a section of informal “Keep Clear” markings had previously been installed; however, these have had little impact. As a result, more, formal “School Keep Clear” markings had now been proposed, as close to the desired pedestrian crossing line as possible for pedestrians approaching and leaving the school using the school footpath links. These School Keep Clear markings would be operational for the same time periods as the existing restrictions (between the hours of 8 – 9.30 am, and 2.30 – 4pm, Monday – Friday) and would form part of a larger traffic calming scheme along Oxford Road. The proposed markings had been kept to a minimum, to maximise safety, but to reduce the potential for traffic to need to migrate onto the surrounding roads. To support safety adjacent to the school traffic calming features had also been proposed, in the form of road humps, which were advertised separately.

The Traffic Regulation Order for the installation of the School Keep Clears was advertised between 6 January 2022 to 03 February 2022 and during that time one objection was received from a resident of Oxford Road. In addition, the Traffic Regulation Order for the installation of the road humps was advertised between 7th April to the 5th of May 2022 and during that time no objections were received.

The Committee requested to know if the proposed traffic calming measures were 'humps' or 'plateaus' highlighting that they had very different impacts on vehicles. Phillip Waddington responded to reassure the Committee that the proposals referred to plateaus that would be approximately 9 metres in length spanning from kerb to kerb. A smaller ramp would be provided for cars to travel over which would also act as an informal crossing point for pedestrians.

After considering the information presented verbally and in writing, the Committee expressed that they were satisfied that the officers report had responded to the objection and that they agreed with recommendations highlighting that the safety of children was paramount.

RESOLVED: That the objection be overruled, and that the proposals for the Traffic Regulation Order No 34 Order 2021, Proposed "School Keep Clear" markings, Oxford Road, Dewsbury be implemented as advertised.

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KIRKLEES COUNCIL			
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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS			
Name of Councillor			
Item in which you have an interest	Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")	Does the nature of the interest require you to withdraw from the meeting while the item in which you have an interest is under consideration? [Y/N]	Brief description of your interest

Signed: Dated:

NOTES

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Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -

- under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- which has not been fully discharged.

Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.

Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) - the landlord is your council or authority; and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.

Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -

- (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
- (b) either -

the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.



Name of meeting: Cabinet Committee - Local Issues

Date: 17 August 2022

Title of report: Traffic Regulation Order No 4 2022, Proposed Permit Parking, Oddfellows Street, Beech Street, Shaw Street, Beech Grove, The Embankment, Mirfield and No Waiting At Any Time, Doctor Lane, Mirfield

Purpose of report: To consider objections received the above proposals

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by Strategic Director & name	Colin Parr – 14/07/2022
Is it also signed off by the Service Director Finance?	Eamonn Croston – 14/07/2022
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Julie Muscroft – 15/07/2022
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Naheed Mather – 27/07/2022

Electoral wards affected: Mirfield

Ward councillors consulted: Yes

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered: Yes

1. Summary

- 1.1 An application for the introduction of permit parking was received from the residents of Oddfellows Street, Mirfield. At that time site visits to the area showed that drivers, associated with the Health Centre and staff from the care home on Doctor Lane parked on Oddfellows Street as well as Beech Street and Shaw Street for most of the day preventing residents from parking near their homes. It was also noted that drivers also parked on the single yellow line at the junction of Oddfellows Street preventing access into and out of the junction onto Doctor Lane.
- 1.2 As more than 60 % of residents applied for permit parking here and in line with the Council's permit parking policy, proposals were developed to introduce permit parking on all three streets along with the introduction of a section of 'No Waiting At Any Time' parking restrictions on the narrowest part of Oddfellow Street to maintain access into and out of the road.
- 1.3 At that time, the Mirfield Ward Councillors raised concerns that these proposals would simply displace parking into the two remaining cul-de-sacs here, Beech Grove and The Embankment and asked for these to be also added to the proposals. This request was agreed following further consultation with these residents.
- 1.4 Site visits also showed that most of the parking takes place on the south-east of Doctor Lane where there are no parking restrictions and / or in the two on-street disabled bays outside the Health Centre (excepting the parking outside residential properties at the top of the road). In order to prevent the displaced parking moving to Beech Grove and The Embankment, a decision was also taken to change the current 'No Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm' parking restrictions to 'No Waiting At Any Time' to help maintain access up and down Doctor Lane and help improve visibility for drivers exiting from the side roads.

2. Information Required to Take a Decision

- 2.1 All applications for permit parking must meet set criteria approved by Cabinet on 21 June 2011.
- 2.2 The general principles for the introduction of a permit parking scheme are that permit parking will only be considered in residential areas where it can be shown that a nearby 3rd party influence, i.e., business, doctors, care homes, shopping areas, impacts on the ability of residents to park in reasonable proximity to their homes for most of the time, as is the case here.
- 2.3 The permit parking policy states that any objections to the formal advertising of any permit parking scheme will be considered, and a ruling made, under the existing Council protocol for determining objections to Traffic Regulation Orders.
- 2.4 These proposals were advertised from 07/04/2022 to 05/05/2022 and during that period one objection was received.

Objection 1

The objector states that "Whilst the proposals will make using Doctor Lane more accessible, we as residents, living on Knowl Road at the junction of Doctor Lane

strongly recommend that you consider where the vehicles will park on Doctor Lane following the suggested proposals and restrictions”

In response:

Unfortunately, it is not possible to accurately predict exactly where the displaced parking will be moved to but as both the Health Centre and care home car parks have some parking available throughout the day, it is hoped these proposals will encourage the displaced parking to move to these designated off-street parking areas instead. In addition, Huddersfield Road is nearer to the doctor’s surgery and care home than Knowl Road suggesting it is more likely that parking will be relocated to the unrestricted areas on Huddersfield Road in the first instance.

All new schemes which are introduced are also monitored after a scheme’s implementation to look at the effect of the proposals on the surrounding area and to determine if any further changes are necessary. Knowl Road would be included in this assessment and any further changes undertaken if found to be necessary at that time.

3. Implications for the Council

- 3.1 **Working with people** - The scheme has been approved to provide local residents with an opportunity to park near their homes.
- 3.2 **Working with Partners** – Not applicable
- 3.3 **Place based Working** – The changes to the current parking restrictions are designed to help maintain access up and down Doctor Lane and improve road safety here.
- 3.4 **Climate Change and Air Quality** – These proposals may encourage more sustainable travel and will not have a detrimental impact on Air Quality or Climate Change.
- 3.5 **Improving outcomes for children** – These proposals are aimed at controlling parking on one side of the main road which will make the road a safer place to cycle and walk for all users including children.
- 3.6 **Other implications** – None

4. Consultees and their opinions

Statutory consultees were consulted, and no concerns were raised.

The three Mirfield Ward Councillors all supported these proposals.

All affected residents were consulted and more than 60 % supported the introduction of permit parking on the affected roads.

5. Next steps and timelines

Cabinet Committee Local Issues to consider the objection raised during the formal advertising period and reach a decision on whether the scheme is to be implemented as advertised.

If Cabinet Committee Local Issues chooses to overrule the objections, the scheme will be implemented on site as per the plans provided.

If Cabinet Committee Local Issues choose to uphold the objection, the scheme will not be implemented, and the proposed benefits would not be realised.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

The proposed scheme aims to provide residents on the relevant roads with an opportunity to park near their homes and the changes to the parking restrictions are designed to improve access up and down Doctor Lane and help improve visibility and access from the residential cul-de-sacs off the main road.

For these reasons, the Officer recommendation is that the objection is overruled, and the proposals are implemented as advertised, to allow the above benefits to be realised.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations

That the objection to the advertised proposals is overruled and that the proposed scheme is implemented as advertised.

8. Contact officer

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Ref: DEV/HG/D116-2204



Harry Garland
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26 April 2022

Dear Mr Garland

We are writing in objection to the proposed changes to the following roads around the Doctor Lane area in Mirfield:

- Doctor Lane, Mirfield
- Oddfellows Street, Mirfield
- Beech Grove, Mirfield
- Oddfellows Street, Mirfield
- Shaw Street, Mirfield
- The Embankment, Mirfield

Whilst the proposal will make using Doctor Lane more accessible, we as residents, living on Knowl Road at the junction of Doctor Lane strongly recommend that you consider where the vehicles will park on Doctor Lane following the suggested proposal and restrictions

We already, on a regular basis, have a number of taxi rank vehicles parked in front of the house at various times of the day and evening which then restricts locals in parking to use Knowl Park and gain access to local residents , including ourselves

With your intention to restrict the parking on Doctor Lane and surrounding roads we feel that this will leave vehicles with only one option, which will be to park at the top of Doctor lane in front of numbers houses no's 65 to no's 71 Knowl Road and have you taken the time to consider the provision of permits for these residents

All current businesses, including the recent expansion of Doctors surgery will only force other residents to move and park on either Nettleton Road or Knowl Road causing more congestion on these roads

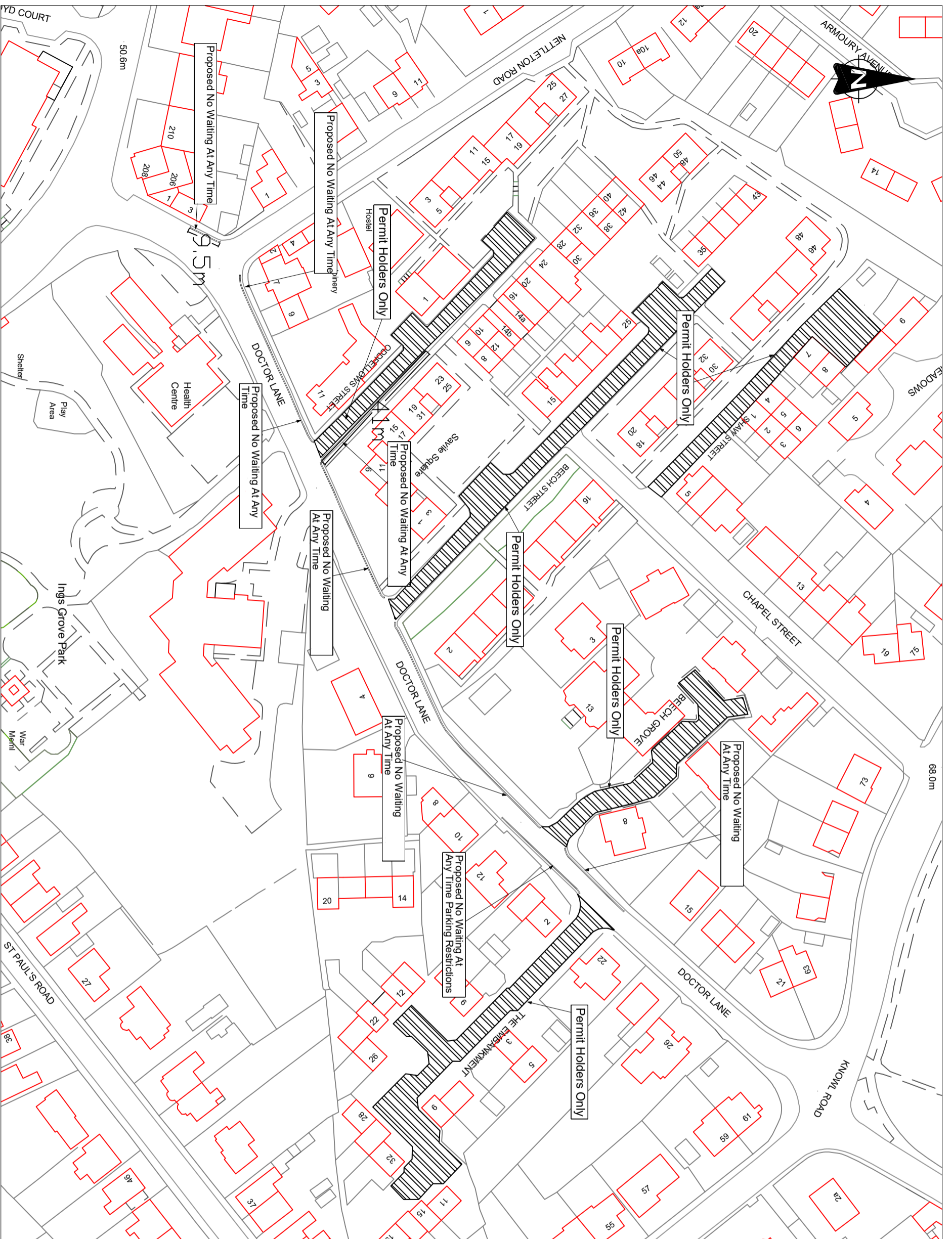
The proposed extension to the current 'No Waiting At any Time' is another reason why vehicles are likely to park on a 'no restricted' area of Knowl Road

We appreciate that the intended proposals will facilitate the free flow of traffic on the roads concerned and improve road safety for all road users this proposal is just moving a number of restrictions from one area in Mirfield to another and it is unlikely that any consideration has been given local residents of the other effected areas

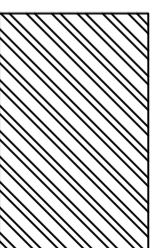
Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]



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Proposed Permit
Parking

Proposed No Waiting At
Any Time

REF. DATE REVISIONS



Streetscene & Housing
Flint Street, Fartown
Huddersfield, HD1 6LG

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SCALE 1:1000 PROJECT NO. DATE MAR 2022

PROJECT PROPOSED PERMIT PARKING
AND SECTIONS OF
NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

TITLE
DOCTOR LN, ODDFELLOWS ST
BEECH ST, THE EMBANKMENT
BEECH GR, SHAW ST MIRFIELD

DRAWING No. TF.22.200.202E

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Name of meeting: Cabinet Committee - Local Issues

Date: 17 August 2022

Title of report: Proposed Zebra Crossing, Knowl Road, Mirfield

Purpose of report: To consider objections received to the above proposals

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by Strategic Director & name	Colin Parr – 21/07/2022
Is it also signed off by the Service Director Finance?	Eamonn Croston – 19/07/2022
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Julie Muscroft – 21/07/2022
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Naheed Mather – 27/07/2022

Electoral wards affected: Mirfield

Ward councillors consulted: Yes

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered: Yes

1. Summary

- 1.1 Highways Safety was approached by the Mirfield Ward Councillors and asked to assess the feasibility of providing a pedestrian crossing facility on Knowl Road to help assist pedestrians wanting to cross the road here and improve road safety at this location.
- 1.2 This request was assessed using the Council's approved matrix and the relevant funds identified within the Community Projects budget.
- 1.3 During the scheme's development, it was determined that a safe zebra crossing could be accommodated on Knowl Road as shown on the proposed layout on drawing number: TF.22.200.255.007.

2. Information Required to Take a Decision

- 2.1 Prior to the development of these proposals, a feasibility study was undertaken to determine a suitable location. Various legislation requirements were taken into consideration before a decision was taken on the only safe and suitable location available on the desired crossing line. The proposed location is sufficiently far enough away from the blind bend at 13a Knowl Road to ensure adequate forward visibility between the pedestrians waiting and using the crossing and of oncoming vehicles. Its proposed location does not impact on the many private driveways or access to off-street parking areas there are in this vicinity.
- 2.2 To provide a crossing facility where it is fit for purpose, it must be installed as close to the pedestrian desire lines as possible. Many school children use this area to cross Knowl Road as they approach from Huddersfield Road. Providing a facility too far north on Knowl Road would mean pedestrians would be less likely to use the crossing.
- 2.3 To ensure the legally required 50 metres of clear visibility is achieved on the approach to the crossing and its associated zigzag markings, it is necessary to remove the existing 26 metres of Limited Waiting '1 hr No return 1hr' Mon-Sat 8am – 6pm / Permit Holders Only' parking bay on the west side of the road outside No 3 - No 7 Knowl Road and relocate the bus stop after the end of the bay.
- 2.4 The proposed scheme was advertised from 27 January 2022 to 24 February 2022 and during that time two objections were received.
- 2.5 The accompanying proposals for the necessary changes to the lining to accommodate the zebra crossing were advertised from 16 June 2022 to 14 July 2022 and during that time no objections were received.

Objection 1

Several objections were raised by a local business owner on the proposed location for a zebra crossing here on the following grounds:

- The funds should be used for drainage improvements
- If the crossing is placed on a raised surface, it will cause flooding to local businesses
- The proposed crossing is too close to the junction of Town Hall Street,

- Businesses own a large proportion of the footway in front of their premises making the footpath too narrow for tactile paving
- The removal of the very limited parking in the area will have an adverse effect on their businesses
- Vehicles parked at this location slows traffic
- Removal of the parking bays after the crossing travelling up Knowl Road is unnecessary, and the crossing should be shortened here to continue to allow parking to take place at this location.
- Moving the bus stop closer to the blind bend would mean cars overtaking the bus parked here would be on the wrong side of the road
- They are not aware of any traffic collisions here 20 years.

In response:

Drainage was assessed as part of the scheme's design and these proposals do not affect the current surface levels here other than the installation of 2.4 metres of dropped kerbs to allow access to the crossing. The zebra crossing will not be installed on any raised surface so levels and surface run off will remain unchanged from the existing arrangements.

Design standards state that the minimum distance allowed for a zebra to a junction is 5 metres. This Zebra crossing will be approximately 12 metres from Town Hall Street, so more than the minimum distance allowed.

Highways Registry Team have confirmed that Kirklees Highways have responsibility over the carriageway from the back of the footway which is the building frontage. The Council assumes that these records are correct but would reconsider if the building owners could provide evidence showing that this is not the case. These proposals will not however disturb any property during the construction of the Zebra and any construction at the back of the footway would only be to install tactile blister paving at a total width of approximately 900mm.

Whilst the Objector's concerns around customer parking needs are understood as the crossing's extents will prevent parking in this vicinity, there is however a limited waiting parking bay on Town Hall Street and on Huddersfield Road nearby which their customers could use on a first come, first served basis as well as several other unrestricted parking areas on Huddersfield Road. Their customers will also have an opportunity to park after the permit parking bay on Knowl Road and at the top of St Paul's Road. It is however accepted that customers will be prevented from loading and unloading heavy goods to and from vehicles to the properties immediately behind the zebra crossing, but they will still be able to do so from the double yellow lines both above and below the zebra crossing.

The Council accepts that parking bays can be installed after crossings but only if the site is appropriate and safe to do so. The crossing facility suggested as an example of this layout on Huddersfield Road is a pelican crossing and therefore has a red-light phase forcing all vehicles under normal circumstances to stop and allow pedestrians to cross in relative safety. Zebra crossings however require clear visibility in both directions for both pedestrians and drivers. Any parking after the crossing would potentially block visibility of pedestrians waiting to cross for drivers travelling south down Knowl Road including smaller school children who will be encouraged to actively travel to school.

During the public consultation, West Yorkshire Combined Authority were contacted over the relocation of the bus stop and no issues were raised by them at that time.

These proposals have also undergone a Stage 1-2 combined Road Safety Audit and no safety concerns were raised at that time.

- 1.4 Although there have been traffic collisions recorded in this vicinity in previous years, there are no traffic collisions recorded on the Police Accident Database in the last 5 years in this area of Knowl Road up to October 2021. The scheme is however proposed as a community project to assist safe pedestrian movements to and from Crowlees school and to assist the safe passage of their walking bus as well for pedestrians using this route to access Mirfield Town centre.

Objection No 2

A second objection was received from another business owner on Knowl Road who is concerned that the installation of a zebra crossing here will remove the possibility of collections and deliveries to and from their premises including their weekly refuse collection affecting their livelihood and could ultimately result in them having to find alternate premises. They believe that they should be entitled to compensation if the proposals go ahead and the need for a crossing should be located higher up nearer No 7 Knowl Road. They are also not aware of any traffic accidents taking place in this vicinity here in the last 21 years to justify the installation of a zebra crossing.

In response:

It is accepted that within the controlled area of the proposed Zebra Crossing, loading and unloading is prohibited. However, the surrounding area directly adjacent to the terminal lines of the controlled area are covered by Double Yellow Lines. Loading and unloading on double yellow lines is still permitted including refuse collections and as stated previously another limited waiting / permit parking bay exists on Town Hall Street which could also be used if space was available.

It is accepted that removing the parking bay here may impact on the availability of parking for ('1 hour No return 1 hour Mon-Sat 8am-6pm) at this location, but unfortunately it is not possible to accommodate parking higher up the road. Local businesses who do not have access to off-street parking do not have a legal right to the availability of on-street parking in an area which would have an adverse impact on the safe use of a pedestrian crossing proposed for the benefit of the community.

Kirklees Council do not offer compensation for loss of business under these circumstances.

On this occasion, it is not suitable to relocate the zebra crossing higher up taking into considerations the legally required 50 metre visibility needed for both drivers and pedestrians and to avoid impacting on the location of private accesses/driveways.

The Council accepts that no traffic injury accidents are recorded on the Police injury accident database in the last 5 years at this location, however, as stated previously the zebra crossing here is a community projects scheme and is proposed for the safety and benefit of all pedestrians using this route.

3. Implications for the Council

- 3.1 **Working with people** - The scheme has been approved to help improve walking routes for pupils travelling to and from Crowlees School and all pedestrians travelling to and from the town centre using this route.
- 3.2 **Working with Partners** – The Kirklees Road Safety Team are already working with Crowlees School on the impact of home to school travel with the aim of reducing the reliance on travel by car, targeting related traffic congestion problems in the vicinity of the school. The pedestrian improvements being proposed under this scheme would support this work.
- 3.3 **Place based Working** – The changes to the current parking restrictions at this location are intended to prevent parking close to the proposed crossing point. Implementation of the orders would improve road safety, and they are considered essential to the safe operation of the proposed scheme.
- 3.4 **Climate Change and Air Quality** – The scheme would safely facilitate walking trips to the school encouraging increased sustainable travel, which would in turn, help improve Air Quality and reduce Climate Change
- 3.5 **Improving outcomes for children** - The measures would provide a safe crossing point and would reduce the future likelihood of children being injured in road traffic collisions when crossing the road here on the journeys to and from school. It would also benefit the very successful walking bus using this route which encourages active travel. The proposals could also increase the numbers of pupils walking to and from the school, yielding health benefits for children.
- 3.6 **Other implications** (HR/Legal/Financial etc) - The costs to the Council of the scheme are currently estimated to be £30,000 - £35,000 pending detailed design work and a commercial cost estimate. The costs would be covered by The Safer Roads (Community Traffic Schemes) Capital Budget 2022/23.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Statutory consultees were consulted, and no concerns were raised.

All affected residents were consulted and engaged with over a period of months during which time the original scheme was revised to try and alleviate concerns raised prior to the public advertisement of the proposals.

None of the Mirfield Ward Councillors have objected to the proposals.

5. Next steps and timelines

Cabinet Committee Local Issues to consider the objections raised during the formal advertising period and reach a decision on whether the scheme is to be implemented as advertised.

If Cabinet Committee Local Issues chooses to overrule the objections, the scheme will be implemented on site as per the plans provided, with works programmed to commence in November 2022.

If Cabinet Committee Local Issues choose to uphold the objections, the scheme will not be implemented, and the proposed benefits would not be realised.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

The proposed scheme aims to improve the health and safety of all road users by encouraging walking, and in particular school pupils attending Crowlees School. The Officer recommends that the objections are overruled to enable the zebra crossing to be implemented as advertised, allowing the benefits to be realised.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations

That the objections to the proposed zebra crossing are overruled and the scheme implemented as advertised.

8. Contact officer

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21/02/22

Your Ref: DEV\HG\D124-177

Regarding the proposals for a Zebra Crossing outside number 3 Knowl Road.

My objection to the proposals comes in several parts:

We feel the money involved in this enterprise could be used far better elsewhere. (For instance the road drainage on Knowl Rd is built with the drains on one side of the road, (the higher side) and none of the side of the road that is lower, thus where water (and mud) flows during heavy rains)

The proposed site of the crossing is too close to the junction of Town Hall St, in my (amongst others) opinion.

The publically owned part of the foot path is too narrow for tactile paving to be bypassed, as the businesses own a large proportion of pavement in front of their premises.

IF the crossing is placed on any sort of raised surface, it will undoubtedly cause flooding of the businesses 3 and 5.

The plans show that the very limited parking available to serve the rows of shops either side of Knowl Road, is scheduled to be removed entirely. Some of my customers are both Elderly, and need to park close to the business, and secondly, many customers need to bring PCs for repair, often these can be very heavy.

Cars parked in the spaces outside our business in fact have a calming effect of the speed of passing traffic, as is often proven by the fact that when vehicles are absent, the speed of passing cars is greatly increased.

The removal of car parking spaces seem unnecessary, as they are after the crossing in the direction of travel, and there is a clear precedent for this opposite the Co-op on Huddersfield Rd, where the rear of the adjacent bus stop is only around 4 feet after the crossing.

The moving of the bus stop outside 3 Knowl Rd up the road is in my opinion very dangerous, as it would mean large vehicles stopping immediately before a "blind bend", thus meaning causing cars overtaking any bus picking up / dropping off passengers, would be on the wrong side of the road.

Finally, I am not aware of any accidents, or near accidents in the 20+ years we have had our business on Knowl Rd.

Yours,

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11th February 2022

Dear Mr. Garland,

Reference: DEV\HG\D124-177 proposed zebra crossing Knowl Road, Mirfield

Having been notified of the above proposal in October 2021 we have noted the planning notices. I have been in previous correspondence with Kirklees Council about this matter which I enclose.

Our premises at [REDACTED] is a retail warehouse with daily collections by Royal Mail and Fedex. We also have regular deliveries by suppliers and a weekly paid for bin collection by Kirklees Council.

Your proposal to site a crossing directly outside our premises would seemingly remove the possibility of these collections and deliveries continuing. There seems to be no viable place for vehicles to stop based on your proposed plan. This would make it difficult for us to continue to trade from these premises and I have asked Robert Hardcastle twice for the Council policy for compensating businesses that are affected by council plans. On neither occasion have I received a response. I would like you to look into this on our behalf. It is my firm belief that we should be compensated for any disruption to the day to day running of our business or the cost of relocation should it be required.

We believe the crossing should be close to the passageway from Crowlees school opposite No. 7. This is where the only significant footfall in Knowl Road occurs. In the 21 years that we have traded from this site we are unaware of any road traffic incident on the stretch of road involving either pupils or parents of Crowlees School. Robert Hardcastle confirms that this is his belief also.

We also have had no information on whether our weekly bin collection will continue.

I look forward to your response in your course.

Yours sincerely,

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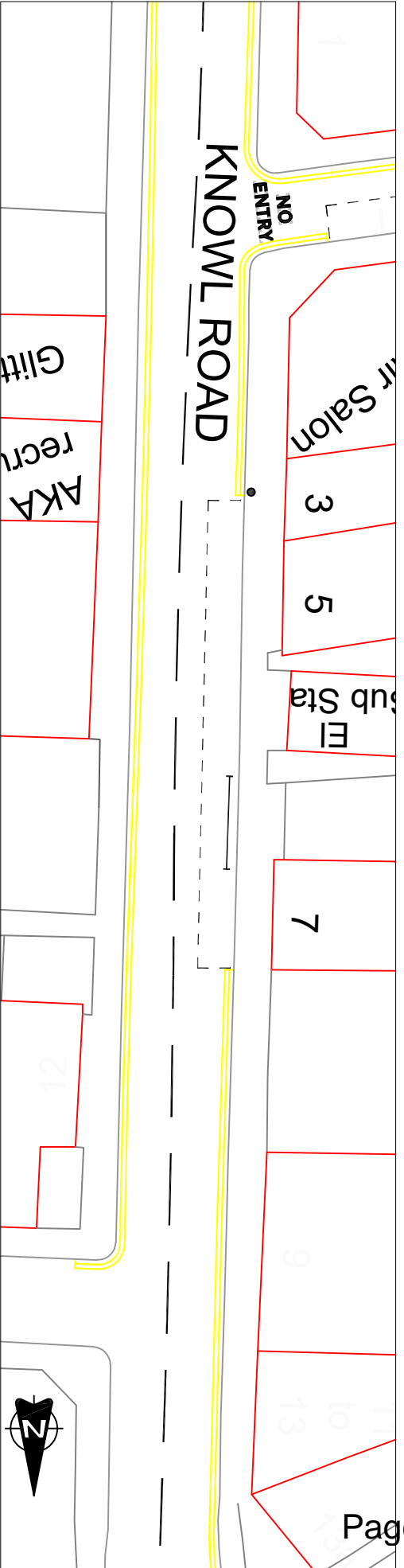
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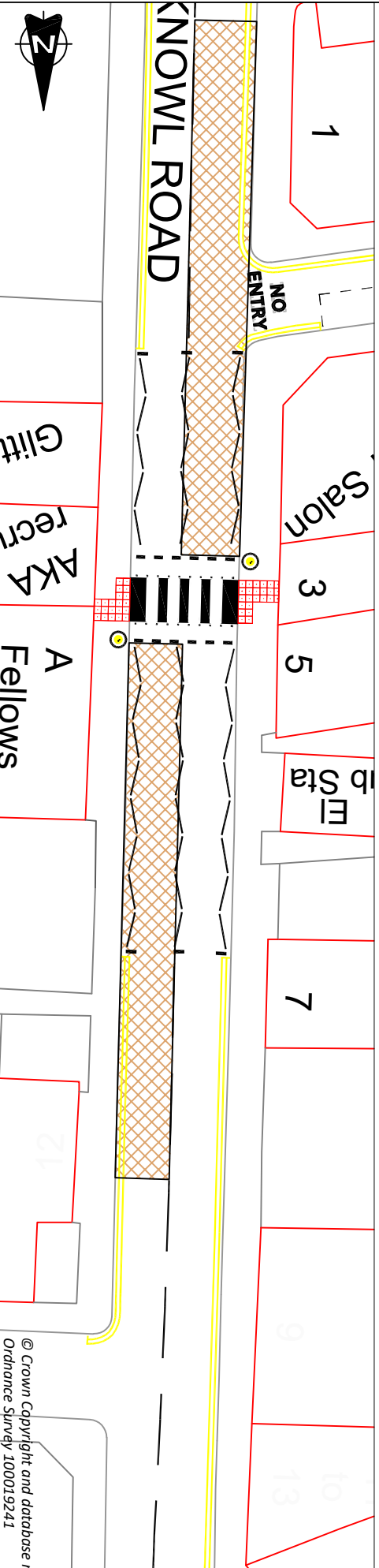


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