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Tuesday 15 October 2024

## 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 23 October 2024**.

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

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**Samantha Lawton**

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## **Cabinet Committee - Local Issues:-**

### **Member**

Councillor Munir Ahmed

Councillor Moses Crook

Councillor Graham Turner (Chair)

# Agenda

## Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

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**Pages**

**1: Membership of the Committee**

To receive any notifications of any apologies for absence or substitute members. In accordance with Part 3.4 of the Constitution, all Members of the Cabinet constitute a Panel of Substitute Members to replace any Member of a Cabinet Committee at any meeting, as required.

Apologies for absence have been received on behalf of Councillor Crook.

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**2: Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Committee – Local Issues held on 22 March 2024.

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**3: Declaration of Interests**

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Cabinet Members will be asked to advise if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, or any other interests, which may prevent them from participating in the discussion or vote on any of the items.

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**4: Admission of the Public**

Most agenda items will be considered in public session, however, it shall be advised whether the Committee will consider any matters in private, by virtue of the reports containing information which falls within a category of exempt information as contained at Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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## **5: Deputations/Petitions**

The Committee will receive any petitions and/or 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 submit a petition at the meeting relating to a matter on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, Members of the Public must submit a deputation in writing, at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting and shall subsequently be notified if the deputation shall be heard. A maximum of four deputations shall be heard at any one meeting.

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## **6: Public Question Time**

To receive any public questions.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, the period for the asking and answering of public questions shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Any questions must be submitted in writing at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting.

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## **7: Member Question Time (Oral Questions)**

The Committee will receive any questions from Elected Members.

In accordance with Executive Procedure Rule 2.3 (2.3.1.6) a period of up to 30 minutes will be allocated.

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## **8: To consider an Objection received to Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) - 'Amendment Order No 10 of 2024' - Kitson Hill Road, Mirfield**

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To consider an objection in relation to the proposed reduction in the length of existing school keep clear markings on Kitson Hill Road.

Contact: Karen North, Highways and Streetscene

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Contact Officer: Jodie Harris

## KIRKLEES COUNCIL

### CABINET COMMITTEE - LOCAL ISSUES

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

Present: Councillor Graham Turner (Chair)  
Councillor Moses Crook  
Councillor Cathy Scott

In attendance: Will Acornley  
Sarah Durdin

Apologies: Councillor Paul Davies

1. **Membership of the Committee**  
Councillor Cathy Scott was in attendance as a substitute for Councillor Paul Davies in accordance with Part 3.4 of the constitution.
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
The Committee considered the Minutes of the meetings held on 31 January 2024.  
**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 January 2024 be approved as a correct record.
- 4 **Interests**  
No interests were declared.
- 5 **Admission of the Public**  
All agenda items were considered in public session.
- 6 **Deputations/Petitions**  
No Deputations or Petitions were received.
- 7 **Public Question Time**  
No public questions were submitted.
- 8 **Member Question Time**  
No Member questions were asked.

**Kirklees Council Car Parking Charges / Tariff Uplift for On-Street Parking Bays and Off-Street Parking across Kirklees.**

The Committee considered the report Kirklees Council Car Parking Charges / Tariff Uplift for On-Street Parking Bays and Off-Street Parking across Kirklees.

The report was presented by Will Acornley, Head of Operational Services who explained that Car parking charges / tariffs had remained unchanged in Kirklees since 2009 and benchmarking of parking charges across the region indicated that parking charges / tariffs in Kirklees were significantly lower than those in other Yorkshire districts.

Kirklees Council had the authority to impose charges for parking in Council operated car parks and designating parking places on the highway. The retrospective increase in parking charges was by the rate of inflation and would provide short and long stay parking spaces to meet the needs of shoppers, commuters and visitors.

Under the Council's Financial Procedure Rules, fees and charges must be reviewed at least once per annum, therefore car parking charges / tariffs will be reviewed annually in future, under delegation authority to the relevant Service Director.

After considering all the information presented to it verbally, and in writing, it was agreed that:

**RESOLVED:** The objections be overruled and that the uplifted tariffs / charges as set out in Appendix 1 be implemented with effect from 1 April 2024.



<b>KIRKLEES COUNCIL</b>			
<b>COUNCIL/CABINET/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ETC</b>			
<b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b>			
<b>Name of Councillor</b>			
<b>Item in which you have an interest</b>	<b>Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")</b>	<b>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]</b>	<b>Brief description of your interest</b>

Signed: ..... Dated: .....

## NOTES

### Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your disclosable pecuniary interests under the new national rules. Any reference to spouse or civil partner includes any person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or as if they were your civil partner.

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.



To consider an objection received to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – ‘Amendment Order No 10 of 2024’ - Kitson Hill Road, Mirfield.

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Committee – Local issues</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>23 October 2024</b>
<b>Cabinet Member (if applicable)</b>	<b>Councillor Munir Ahmed</b>
<b>Key Decision Eligible for Call In</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> To consider an objection received to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – ‘Amendment Order No 10 of 2024’ - Kitson Hill Road, Mirfield.	
<p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To overrule an objection received from Councillor Bolt in response to a proposed reduction in the length of the existing school keep clear markings on Kitson Hill Road needed to allow the accommodation of a zebra crossing and the associated zigzags.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reasons for Recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillor Bolt supports the proposed changes to the school keep clear but believes these do not go far enough and has requested additional parking restrictions in the vicinity.</li> <li>The proposed changes to the school Keep Clear markings SKC are needed to accommodate the proposed zebra crossing zigzag markings.</li> <li>If the objection is not overruled, then there will be two sets of overlapping restrictions here, neither of which will be enforceable losing potential income and the proposed safety benefits.</li> <li>Whilst it is appreciated that Councillor Bolt has requested more restrictions, this request has been assessed separately and cannot be justified at this time.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Resource Implications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To add additional restrictions as requested would require restarting the processing of a new Traffic Regulation Order at an additional cost to the Council.</li> <li>If the changes are not made to the existing legal order and the zebra crossing is installed, then the zigzags would overlap the existing school keep clear markings and they would no longer be enforceable losing any subsequent income.</li> </ul>	
<b>Date signed off by <u>Executive Director:</u> <u>David Shepherd</u></b>	<b>17/09/2024</b>
<b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance: <u>Kevin Mulvaney</u></b>	<b>16/09/2024</b>
<b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer): <u>Samantha Lawton</u></b>	<b>18/09/2024</b>

**Electoral wards affected: Mirfield**

**Ward councillors consulted: Cllr Martyn Bolt, Cllr Vivien Lees-Hamilton, Cllr Itrat Ali**

**Public or private: Public**

**Has GDPR been considered: Yes**

## **1. Executive Summary**

- Highways Safety identified a location, which met the approved criteria for the introduction of a pedestrian crossing facility on Kitson Hill Road, between the school and the artificial pitches on the opposite side of the road, Funding was identified from the Council Capital pot identified for highways community projects and notices were posted in the press and on street informing the public of these proposals, as shown on appendix 1, between 1 August 2024 to 29 August 2024. During that time no formal comments were received to the crossing.
- There are existing school Keep Clear markings at the desired location for the proposed zebra crossing as shown on the plan detailed in appendix 2. To accommodate the installation of the zebra and its associated zigzags, it is necessary to reduce the length of the existing School Keep Clear markings  
The Traffic Regulation Order to revoke these restrictions was advertised between 15 August 2024 to 5 September 2024. During that time, one formal objection was received from Councillor Bolt, Mirfield Ward Councillor.
- Councillor Bolt objected to these proposals on the grounds that “whilst fully supportive of road safety measures, as discussed and requested with officers I would like to see a more holistic project resolving the term time issues of parking on Slipper Lane near to the junction with Kitson Hill Road, and also the frequent out-of-school issues of vehicles being left on Kitson Hill Rd, obstructing the access to the bus stop and creating other obstructions/safety issues as they create a chicane and deviate traffic just before the existing build-out on the highway”

## **2. Information required to take a decision**

- The proposed changes to the revised length of school keep clear markings are needed to accommodate the proposed zebra crossing here.
- The Council is aware of the problems associated with schools at opening and closing times and are actively trying to find a solution to them. This is not easy in the sense that the problems arise from the presence of too many vehicles in too small an area and, to a degree, a lack of common-sense on the part of the drivers concerned. Unfortunately, the Council has limited powers to deal with these types of issues. Potential solutions include providing parking restrictions where appropriate and enforcement of the lines and signs on site, but this would merely transfer the problem, not solve it. Most of these vehicles are associated with the adjacent school and or adjacent sports pitches.
- It is likely that adding additional restrictions here to remove all parking adjacent to the artificial pitches, on the approach to the build out and at the junction of Slipper Lane would merely increase speeds of traffic using this route raising road safety concerns. It is also likely further parking restrictions would displace the parking taking place further along the road immediately outside residential properties and/or directly opposite the build out totally blocking access there.
- To provide a more sustainable solution, the Council’s Road Safety team offer training and support to all schools by encouraging them to sign up to **Modeshift Stars** and promoting and advising on a number of initiatives which the school can promote.

**Modeshift STARS** is the Centre of Excellence for the **delivery of Effective Travel Plans in Education**. The scheme recognises schools that show excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel. This is a national initiative designed to help schools encourage parents and pupils to use active travel modes travelling to and from school thereby reducing the amount of traffic on the road and easing congestion on the highway network. Once the crossing has been installed the Road Safety team will contact the school to continue to encourage them to sign up to Modeshift Stars and offer training to show pupils how to safely use the crossing.

- During the consultation period, officers contacted the school at the request of Councillor Bolt to raise his concerns around obstructive parking, associated with users of the artificial pitches, which they manage. At that time the school agreed to speak to all visitors that use these facilities in an evening/ weekend once the school holidays ended at the start of September 2024 to try to regulate the parking taking place and improve access and road safety in the vicinity.
- The police injury accident database has been checked and there are no traffic injury accidents recorded along Kitson Hill Road in the vicinity of the school/all-weather pitches and up to the junction of Stocks Bank Road in the last 5 years suggesting that drivers can manoeuvre along this route in relative safety albeit with caution.
- To propose additional restrictions as requested, the Council would need to restart the Traffic Regulation Process which would include further consultation and another formal advertisement at an additional cost to the council.
- Given the Council's current financial climate and that additional restrictions are outside of the remit of the current proposals and that removing the parking here is likely to increase traffic speeds and displace parking outside residential homes causing new problems, further restrictions cannot be justified at this time.

### **3. Implications for the Council**

- If additional restrictions are proposed, there will be an additional financial cost of £6775.00 to the Council for staff to draft and process a new Traffic Regulation Order, which cannot be justified from current budget provision. There is also the likelihood that residents will object to any further restrictions at this location if these then move the displaced parking outside their homes.
- Whilst the revision of the Keep Clear markings is needed to enable the crossing to be installed, if the objection is not over-ruled, then there will be two sets of overlapping restrictions here, neither of which will be enforceable and the anticipated road safety benefits will be lost.
- If the objection to the revised school Keep Clear is over-ruled, the revised lengths of school keep clear markings will be installed as part of the work to install the new zebra crossing and the revised markings would continue to be enforceable.

### **4. Council Plan**

An assessment of the request for additional restrictions has been made using the Council's usual processes which ensures it has been considered in a fair and balanced way.

### **5. Financial Implications**

Any further parking restrictions proposed in this area would need a new traffic regulation order processing at a cost of £6775.00 resulting in an additional cost to the council. If the objection is not overruled and the zebra crossing is then installed, then the existing school Keep Clear markings will be removed at an additional cost as they would no longer be enforceable and any future enforcement revenue for these lines would be lost.

## **6. Legal Implications**

If the objection is not over-ruled and the zebra crossing is installed, then the revised length of school Keep Clear markings will no longer be enforceable, and the ability to undertake enforcement of the revised lines and signs on site and road safety benefits will be lost.

## **7. Other (eg Risk, Integrated Impact Assessment or Human Resources)**

## **8. Consultation Engagement**

- The three local ward councillors were consulted on the proposed zebra crossing along with the proposed revision of the associated lining at the same time.
- Both Councillor Bolt and Councillor Lees-Hamilton raised concerns about obstructive parking and road safety concerns at this prior to the formal advertisement of the proposals.
- Councillor Itrat Ali stated that these were welcome changes to further enhance safety around the school crossing.
- The statutory bodies, school and local residents were also consulted, and no further objections were received.

## **9. Options considered**

- a). That the proposals should be implemented as advertised,
- b). That the proposals should be revisited, and additional restrictions added as requested.
- c). That the proposals should be abandoned, and the school Keep Clear markings should be removed as they would no longer be enforceable.

## **10. Reasons for recommended option**

The option recommended by Officers is 9(a) as detailed above.

- (i) The proposed changes to the revised length of school keep clear markings are needed to accommodate the proposed zebra crossing here and to allow the enforcement of the lines and signs on site.
- (ii) These proposals will not alter the footprint of the existing length of school keep clear markings at this location.
- (iii) Additional restrictions cannot be justified.
- (iv) The Council's Road Safety Team will contact the school to encourage them to take action to promote active travel and safe parking.
- (v) To realise the improved safety benefits for pedestrians using this route.

Councillor Munir (Portfolio Holder – Environment and Highways) fully supports officer recommendation.

## **11. Next steps and timelines**

If the objection is overruled, the changes to the lining will take place at the same time as the installation of the zebra crossing.

If the objection is upheld, the school Keep Clear markings will be removed as part of the work to install the zebra crossing.

## **12. Contact officer: Karen North Email: karen.north@kirklees.gov.uk**

## **13. Background Papers and History of Decisions**

**14. Appendices**

Appendix 1 and 2

**15. Director: Graham West**

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From: Cllr Martyn Bolt

Sent: Friday, August 16, 2024 2:38 PM

Subject: RE: D116-2410 (AO) TRO Amendment Order No 10 of 2024 - Kitson Hill Road, Mirfield

Thanks Harry

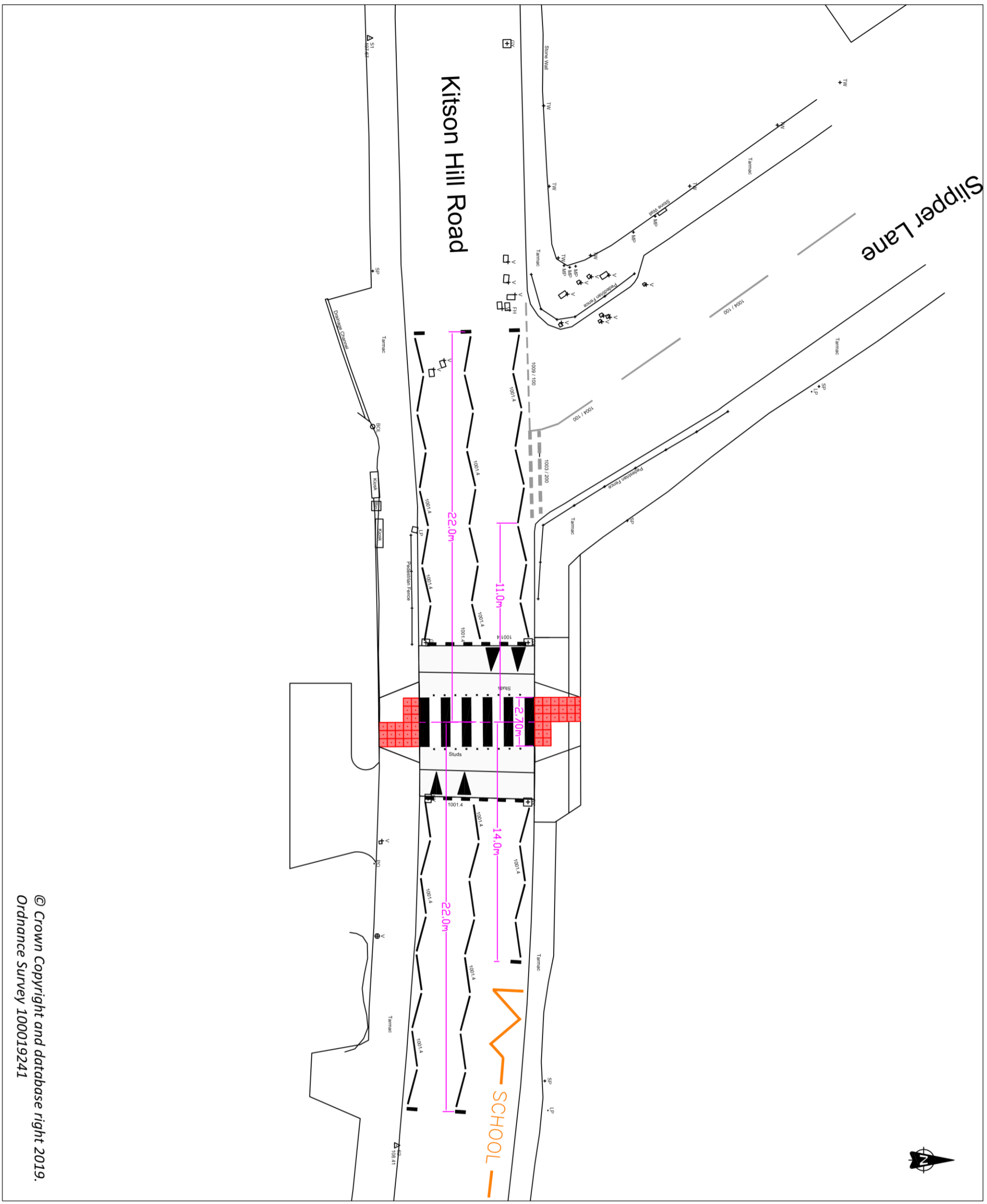
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Regards

Martyn

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REF.	DATE	REVISIONS



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

SECTION Highway Safety		
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PROJECT  
 Kitson Hill Road  
 Mirfield

TITLE Community Project Scheme Proposed Zebra Crossing TRO PLAN	
DRAWING No. 25-66559-KHR-TRO	
CAD No.	REV-1

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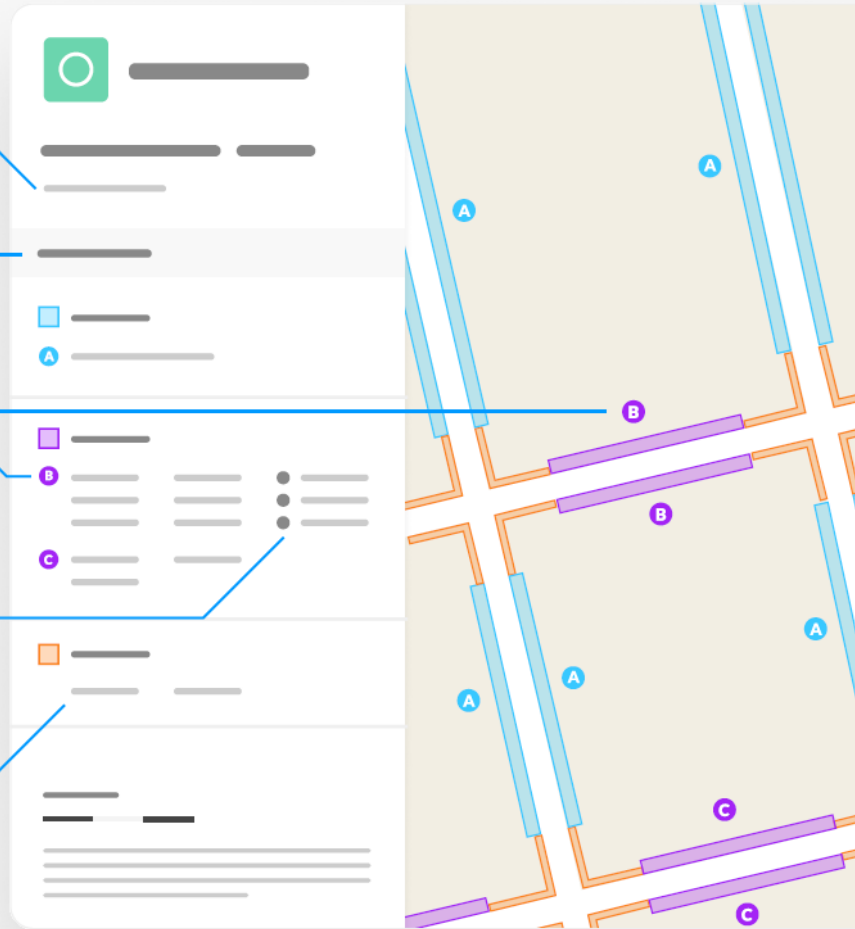
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### Amendment No 10 2024 - Kitson Hill Road Mirfield

Map 1 of 1

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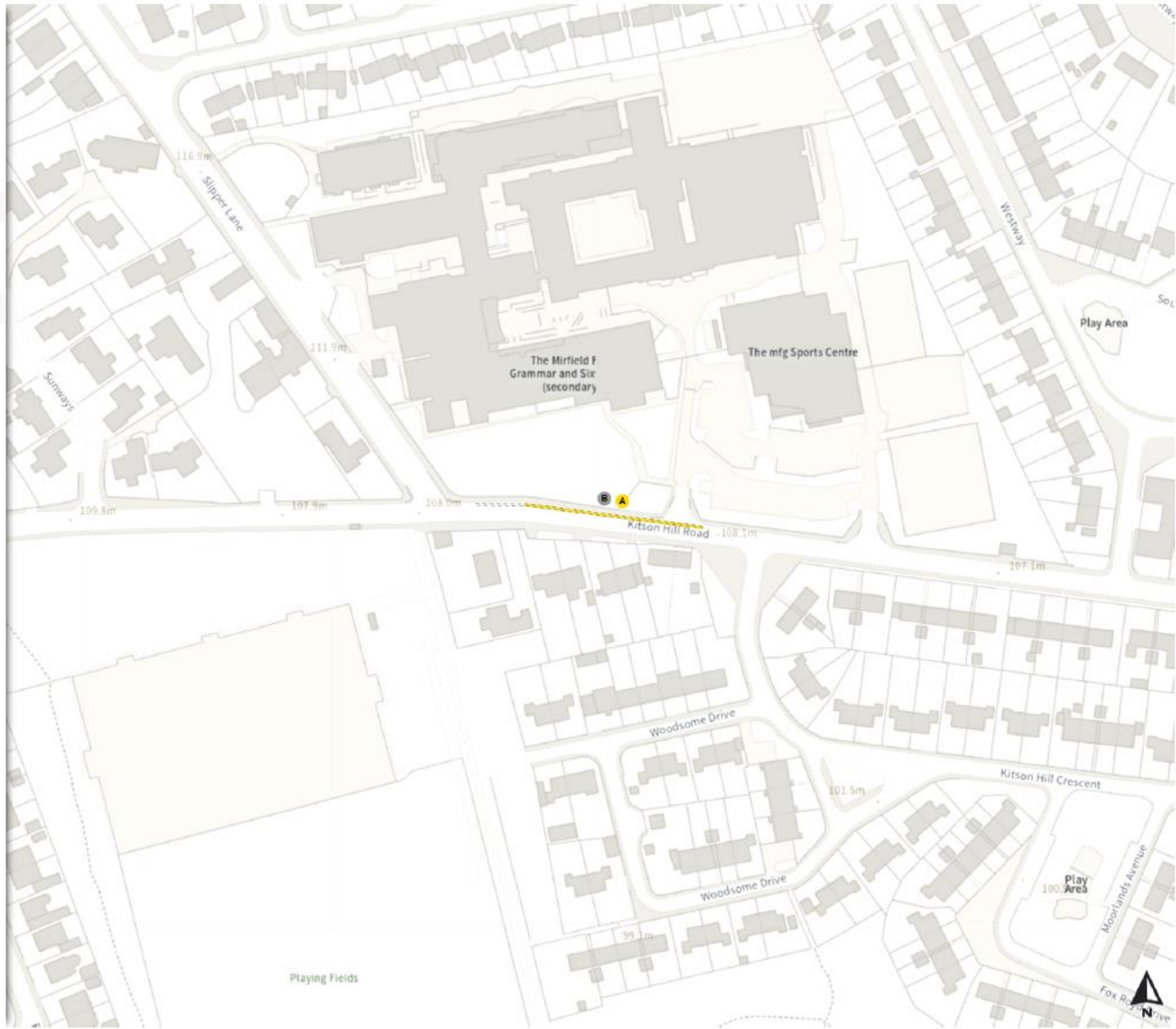
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Prohibition of stopping on school entrance markings

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