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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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