

Objection 1

From: [REDACTED]

Subject: Ref: HS-25-65869-01 Proposed Casualty Reduction Scheme, Saville Arms Cross Roads, Mirfield

Date: 9 June 2022 at 21:49:54 BST

To: dean.barker@kirkless.gov.uk

Dear Mr Barker and respected Councillors,

I write in response to your correspondence dated 01 June 2022 in respect of the aforementioned matter. I have also copied my local councillors, my local MP and the local MP for the respected area for reasons I shall set out in the following paragraph.

I have been furnished with a monochrome plan where it is difficult to establish exactly what is being proposed. For this reasons I apologise if I have got the wrong end of the stick.

BACKGROUND & PREVIOUS DEALINGS:

I have been trading from the premises Paradise Takeaway at 36A Water Royd Lane since 1996 and have good relationship with the local community. Around 20 years ago there was another consultation when the bus stop was moved from across the road from my premises and swapped with the pedestrian crossing. As you can appreciate this was a great impediment to my business operations, particularly with lack of access to stop a vehicle and unload and there are no parking facilities for the premises. On that occasion when I attempted to engage with your predecessor's colleague I was met with none engaging, condescending and a belligerent attitude. He even brought his colleague to act as an interpreter who constantly misinterpreted what was being said even though I could understand the English and I was responding in English. It is certainly not acceptable from any council employee and is for this reason that I have included everyone above into this email to ensure my voice is heard. You may be of the view that those events were from two decades away however recently, whilst loading my vehicle with surplus stock to take to the food bank I was approached by someone in your department who made the unrealistic suggestion that the vehicle should be parked 50 metres away to unload and to return each and every time, locking and unlocking the vehicle and premises on each occasion. It is clear that from that persons disposition that they were reluctant to hear anything that I had to say. Therefore, whilst you may refer to your scheme as a "consultation" my experience has been "this is the way it will be done".

Fortunately on the previous occasion your predecessor eventually reached out and a compromise was reached whereby it was **agreed that a lay-by with double yellow lines would be created in return for our objection being withdrawn**. As you can appreciate it with your current proposal we feel that we are back in the same scenario as before and it will be disingenuous for the Council to proceed to have the lay-by on Water Royd Lane removed as well as the provision of stopping for the purposes of unloading. I feel that the council are in a way wanting their cake and eating it and being double crossed.

Just to be clear, we do not park outside our premises. The lay-by is only used for unloading, often single handed ones where one person drives and unloads the vehicle, and collection of waste, including by Kirklees Council with who we have contracted for a number of years. Furthermore we have consolidated the number of deliveries from our suppliers to minimise the total period when vehicles are stopped for the purpose of unloading. I wish to point out that vans and 7.5 ton trucks used to deliver, but this stopped after we engaged with our suppliers.

ROAD SAFETY AND US:

Our view is that Road Traffic collisions, particularly those involving injury to individuals is a scourge on our streets that is primarily facilitated with road users not paying attention. We believe that traffic calming measures are important, however they should meet their purpose whilst not being at a disproportionate cost to affected premises.

We have witnessed many accidents from our premises and on each occasion, where they have happened during times of our operation, we have attended and assisted all those involved. This has included contacting the emergency services if required, pushing the vehicles to safe locations, assisting drivers and passengers with contacting loved ones and to arrange recovery of their vehicles and transport home as well assisting emergency services with their enquiries. This included the fatal collision that you state that there is no suggestion that the road environment was contributory where the road was closed in front of our premises on two separate occasions and CCTV was provided to assist the police in determining the driver's speed.

From our own experience, and in particularly having ***spoken to the drivers involved in the road traffic collisions immediately after the collisions***, time and again we are hearing that ***they did not realise there was a junction where they had to stop***. This is particularly so for traffic travelling up Lee Green towards the Saville Arms junction as premises are built next to a narrow footpath and therefore driver's do not see the road until they at the junction.

At no time in our 26 years has a collision occurred whilst we have been unloading our stock. Our own delivery drivers have express instructions to not park in the lay-by with disciplinary action is instigated for failing to follow these instructions. This inevitably results in delay to the service offered by us.

CONCLUSION & FURTHER SUGGESTIONS:

We agree that more has to be done to address issues at this junction. However, we believe, from our own experience trading from this location in excess of 26 years, your proposals are disproportionate to local premises yet do not go far enough. I say this because you are proposing taking away loading / unloading area that is essential to several premises that do not have parking. We are unaware of any RTC taking place as a direct result of a vehicle stopped in the lay-by.

You are proposing speed bumps, which we agree will assist in slowing down traffic. However this is for traffic travelling along Water Royd Lane / Old Bank Road. We note that your proposals are suggesting a disproportionate level of measures on the Water Royd Lane side when a lot of the accidents that we have attended to relate to traffic approaching the junction from Old Bank Road side. It should be noted that the double yellow lines are shorter and it bends such that vehicles travelling Old Bank Road approaching the junction appear to be coming out of no where for drivers approaching the junction from Lee Green.

From our experience the main contributory reason for collisions is that traffic travelling along Lee Green and Kitson Hill Road towards the Saville Arms Junction are failing to note that they are required to stop and give-away. In essence, the "Stop" signs are not working. Perhaps road narrowing points, giving priority to traffic exiting the junction, are set up prior to the junction on Kitson Hill Road and Lee Green will be more effective at slowing down drivers prior to reaching the

junction. This would enable drivers approaching the junction more time to process that they are approaching a "Stop" sign. Therefore your proposal of creating greater visibility does not address the underlying cause of the RTCs.

Many locals have been crying out for traffic lights for decades, but this has not materialised. I ask for this to also be considered.

Another proposal could be to change priorities, allowing traffic travelling along Kitson Hill Road / Lee Green priority over traffic travelling along Old Bank Road. This may work for two reasons. Firstly visibility travelling along Old Bank Road and Water Royd Lane approaching the junction is better, thereby allowing drivers to process the traffic situation better before proceeding. Secondly is that, particularly in Spring / Summer, low sun affects traffic travelling up Lee Green. So when vehicles are approaching the junction, the point where you want drivers to be giving their full concentration, you have drivers distracted trying to find shade and who are not paying attention to the junction ahead.

In essence your proposals do not address the cause.

I am happy to meet yourself or any councillor to discuss the proposed scheme.

Finally, kindly note that the yellow globes that form part of the zebra crossing have been discoloured and white for some years. Perhaps better maintenance is required.

I apologise for the lengthy email however I believe the above needs to be said.

Kind Regards



Objection 2

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 August 2022 23:00
To: TRO Objections <TRO.Objections@kirklees.gov.uk>
Subject: TRO NO:12 Order 2022

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19/08/2022

I write to put forward my objection to the proposed traffic calming measures for Water Royd Lane in Mirfield.

I have lived here for almost 4 years [REDACTED] Paradise takeaway at 36 Water Royd Lane. I have a very narrow drive which is just wide enough to fit a small car. This space is generally used by my daughter as her car is slightly smaller. My only entrance to the road is my drive and my front door both opening onto the street.

Due to my work I often have deliveries of project materials often in heavy boxes. Delivery drivers generally need to stop outside in what at present is a layby.

As I am not permitted to park my car in the car park which is provided for the air conditioning office the sandwich shop and the hairdressers my only option is to park down the road on Lee Green where ever I can find space for on street parking. On occasions this can be quite a distance. Therefore, if I have heavy shopping, I may drop it off at the doorstep before parking my car. I have never parked my car outside for any length of time and it is very rare that anyone else has been parked there for more than a couple of minutes.

Its also getting harder to manage with my declining health and strength!

The proposal gives the impression that the road would be narrowed and stopping at any time would be prohibited. This would cause a lot of inconvenience and stress to myself and to my neighbours. I also think it would devalue my house which I have put a lot of time and money into refurbishing.

Since moving to my house in Mirfield I have witnessed several accidents on the junction generally involving vehicles crossing from Lee Green or from Kitson Hill and colliding with vehicles coming along Old Bank Road. This junction at times can be very busy people get frustrated with waiting and others not paying attention dont always realise they should stop. On no occasion when an accident occurred was there anything parked between the junction and the zebra crossing outside my house. It is my opinion that the only effective solution to the accidents would be to install traffic lights on the crossroads. This would make negotiating the junction better and easier for all who use it.

I therefore appeal to you to reconsider and implement a scheme that would be effective and helpful rather than this which is upsetting to all concerned.

Yours Faithfully

Objection 3

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 25 August 2022 23:52

To: TRO Objections <TRO.Objections@kirklees.gov.uk>

Subject: Traffic Regulation (No 12) Order 2022 - Kitson Hill Road, Lee Green & Old Bank Road, Mirfield DEV/HG/D116-2212

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- reference: DEV/HG/D116-2212
- Harry Garland, Kirklees Council Legal Services,
- Objection to the above order TRO (No 12) 2022

I wish to object as this change will prevent me from being dropped off outside my sisters house when visiting her at her home

Unfortunately following falls while in my former job as a postman, I am now disabled my mobility is severely impaired, this means I can only mobilise with crutches for short distances.

The removal of the bay, currently with double yellow lines, will prevent or at least make it hard for me to access my sisters home to visit.

Please consider alternative solutions for this junction such as the installation of traffic lights.

Kind regards

- by email: TRO.Objections@kirklees.gov.uk

Objection 4

-----Original Message-----

From: TRO Objections <TRO.Objections@kirklees.gov.uk>

Sent: 22 August 2022 10:37

To: Highways TRO <Highways.TRO@kirklees.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: quoting reference: DEV/HG/D116-2212) no la

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 09 August 2022 22:34

To: TRO Objections <TRO.Objections@kirklees.gov.uk>

Subject: quoting reference: DEV/HG/D116-2212) no la

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there was a fatal accident outside our address and by changing the road layout you are simply moving the problems to outside our address and causing a obstruction outside our driveway and the driveway for the takeaway and sand which shop.

None of the proposed plans are going to solve the issue that causes most accidents at this junction..... surely traffic lights would be the best answer which all the local residents have asked for for over 30years....

Kind regards

Objection 5

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 August 2022 17:52
To: Cllr Martyn Bolt <Martyn.Bolt@kirklees.gov.uk>
Subject: Proposed safety road works at the junction of water royd lane

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Hi Martyn hope you are well.

I live at number [REDACTED] which is the last house before the junction.

My wife and I have lived there for over 20 years and as you can imagine have witnessed many accidents over the years.

More so when the zebra crossing was swapped with the bus stop.

I'm a keen cyclist but also a driver and at peak times I feel the zebra crossing gets missed by drivers as their main concentration is on the junction.

In my opinion the zebra crossing is too close to the junction creating a dangerous hazard as there are too many things to look at at the same time.

Putting Chevrons down and such as proposed will only ask people to adhere to the new road rules. Some will, the majority will not.

Traffic lights will not ask drivers to adhere they will tell them to adhere.

Would traffic lights be a possibility?

This would probably be a bigger expense but would reduce accidents substantially.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]