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25-65869 Saville Arms Crossroads

APPENDIX H

Email from Cllr Lees-Hamilton (05/09/2022) confirming that she will not support retention of a layby, also including other comments, as below: -

"The safety audit states it would be a safer scheme without the layby and reading what the objectors are saying it would appear that the current layby is in frequent use, thereby continually restricting the view for traffic exiting Lee Green.

The owner of the takeaway has previously stated that most collisions are caused by traffic exiting lee green.

If the disabled gentleman needs to be dropped off, you can pick up and drop off with a five-minute waiting period on double yellow lines.

As a driving instructor of 28 years, I have never encountered a problem with the location of the zebra crossing and to move the crossing would be placing it lower down the hill with much more limited visibility and further parking restrictions to properties further down the road, and it would be far too close to the entrance for Mirfield community centre car park. You cannot move it closer to the junction as that would be extreme folly.

There was a death on the zebra crossing recently but the coroner did not rule that the location of the crossing was the cause of the fatality. In my experience the zebra is fine where it is for the above reasons.

There is a car park for the sandwich shop and takeaway, customers should be able to use it.

The Saville arms crossroads is definitely the most dangerous junction in Mirfield, partly because a lot of reckless drivers break the law and do not observe the stop order, and partly because it has appalling visibility and space. In short it is a very small but very busy area of Mirfield.

It is illegal to park across a driveway and the offer of keep clear markings should give this objector peace of mind.

As to the statements that no collision has ever occurred when a vehicle is using the layby, someone forgot to add the word YET!

If we are to deliver a road safety scheme, it should be just that and improve the safety of that junction once and for all. No half measures. Why bother running the safety audit if we are just going to ignore the advice?

Several years ago when dealing with a road safety issue at Wate Royd Lane the residents and I would have preferred chicanes to slow the traffic but the safety audit ruled this out and left us with only alternative of speed humps. In short, the safety audit won."