

Kirkbymoorside Town Council

Information for the meeting on Monday 20 November 2023

13. Designated Safe Crossing on Market Place

- a) **To receive the responses to the consultation for installation of a raised crossing on Market Place**

FOR - Responses in support of the proposal for installation of a raised crossing on Market Place:

I think the above is a good idea. It will aid in slowing traffic and make it safer for pedestrians to cross. Also it will make it easier for people with mobility scooter/issues to cross the road. At the moment because of the drainage channels down either side of the main road it's a tortuous crossing in a mobility scooter.

My husband and I would like to express our support for the plan to provide a safe crossing over Market Place featured in the latest cop of The Moorsider. We are elderly and would appreciate a "raised table crossing" to slow the traffic and make it easier for us to cross the road.

We would support this initiative and feel it important to have at least one designated crossing in Kirby.

I am wholly in support of a 'Crossing' in the town. I am presently struggling with mobility and now am slower at crossing the road. The plan would help my slow progress enormously.

I would like to register my agreement for a raised table crossing to be built in the place described in the Moorsider article.

I absolutely agree that the £1500 would be money well spent in order to promote this improvement for pedestrians in the town centre.

We would be very much in favour of this idea : one of us has sight impairment and it would definitely be a help in giving confidence when crossing that road.

I wanted to emailed and say that I support the need of a crossing. .. We regularly take our children out for walks and want them to engage with our town and it's surroundings and cross with 9+ children at once can be a challenge.

My only concern is if it doesn't have a zebra element to it is that cars may slow but ignore it or that cars will park either side of it not allowing motorists to see if someone is starting to cross.

Could there be a marking on the road that stops motorists from parking too close to it allowing so other using the road to clearly see pedestrians who are waiting to cross.

I would support the new table crossing in market place.

AGAINST - Responses in opposition of the proposal for installation of a raised crossing on Market Place:

I would be against this proposal, I dont believe it would achieve anything as people will continue to cross everywhere.

Traffic calming in Kirkbymoorside isnt required, its often that congested that is nobody can drive quickly and therefore is self regulating.

As a retained firefighter raised platforms can often hinder response times getting to the station to attend calls and also when responding in the Fire appliance.

Placing this across the road is in effect building a dam, although touch wood we havent had a flash flood in a number of years, if this was in place at that time the water that flowed down the mainstreet would hit this creating a mini dam with water then likley to flood the pavements, premises rather than being contained in the road.

Lastly the cost to impmement this for far out weighs any benefit.

Pickering has raised crossings and you can see that people don't/won't use them, money would be better spent elsewhere.

Further to your proposal for a raised table crossing on the market place, I object to this proposal on the grounds chiefly that it is totally unwarranted, we now have a 20mph speed limit through the market place making a safe environment all along the market place to cross safely. I have not in the last 35 years heard of anyone being knocked down by a vehicle using the market place, to maintain this record I would recommend the council use any power they have to ensure vehicles are parked correctly in the street ie not sticking out into the road thus helping pedestrians to continue to be able to cross the road safely.

Absolutely no to anything which obstructs traffic and damages cars. This includes the proposed 'table' Market Place is slow enough and safe enough already!

To be honest, with the speed limit reduced to 20 in the high street, I'm not sure that a raised table crossing is required. There is already a lowered curb with the 'bobbled' stones. Could not a simple painted Zebra crossing be placed there?

And actually, I know I read that 'there' is the only feasible location for a crossing, but personally, a crossing further down the road outside butchers/lemon tree/methodists etc would be so much better. So many people (including myself and children) and A LOT of the Ryedale school children cross the road there, and it is incredibly hard to see round the bend/parked cars (and buses!)

So, I don't think I am in favour of the plan.

I am not against the a pedestrian crossing, though see no need for it and feel it may be positively harmful to pedestrians, i don't support the raised table element as its not required, expensive and damaging to vehicles.

The current situation seems to work well, there is relatively little traffic through market place and that there is is slowed by parked vehicles, vehicles manoeuvring and cars entering and leaving parking spots. Pedestrians cross without difficulty the length of market place, with the slow moving vehicles typically going way with good grace and pedestrians taking a reasonable amounts of responsibility for their own safety, Such approaches to traffic management where pedestrians and cars share the same space with an informal negotiation is a well established approach o traffic management, is widely practiced elsewhere in Europe and has strong advocacy as a road safety approach. It is being actively introduced in other parts for the UK. Moving away from it seems odd. As far as I am aware there have been no injuries or collisions in the past 5 years in the market place area of Kirkbymoorside.

Putting in a pedestrian crossing is likely a retrograde step, moving away form emerging best practice for pedestrian and traffic management in such situations. it cannot to lower accident levels as there are none and by removing the need for negotiation between driver and pedestrian which is a key part of the current situation may lead to accidents on Market Place away from the pedestrian crossing.

I think the idea of a pedestrian crossing on Market Place is a good one, but I question the necessity of it being raised. I walk around the town a lot, as well as driving through it. The vast majority of cars travel slowly and carefully through the town centre because of the parked cars, so a raised table seems to be a lot of expense to slow cars down. Why not just have a standard pedestrian crossing? t will be better value for our money and far less polluting. With a raised table in that position, cars will be accelerating up the hill probably past the Tinley Garth junction, making it harder to stop if a car comes out and increasing the air pollution by the seating outside of the Save the Children.

Not sure what a raised pedestrian crossing is exactly. If it is like the ones in Thirsk, they are a danger as no one really knows if they are a crossing or not & who has priority!

Safety of road users & pedestrians is obviously very important. But so is preserving our lovely market town.

I believe a 20 mile speed limit is coming into force which will help with everyone's safety.

Has anyone actually been injured crossing this road ?

Will people really only use this one spot to cross the road ? I doubt it !

We must realise individuals, be they pedestrians or drivers, are responsible for their own safety and those around them.

Why not make free parking in the car park, that would encourage residents & visitors to park there rather than in the main road & do away with parking on the road outside the Hall down to the Methodist Church which would make the road safer to use & cross. Don't spoil our lovely historic town with unnecessary, unsightly & probably unused paraphernalia.

I do not object to the idea of a crossing in the market place, but I very strongly do object if it is a raised crossing. My husband and father in law frequently have to take tractors and farm machinery up and down the high street to get up to Hagg lane. The market place/piercy end is a nightmare already as cars park on both sides and leave little room, making it difficult and sometimes almost impossible for large machinery or wagons to pass. Many motorists don't obey the give way rules of the Highway Code and don't understand that a 7/8tonne vehicle can not stop instantly.

A few more yellow lines on the Piercy end section +/- high market place, would benefit it all, still allowing people to park on the cobbles for free. A cheaper car park would be another good idea that would encourage people to park in it and not on the roadside.

I don't think we need a crossing in Kirkbymoorside as there is enough obstacles to slow cars down, cars parked all over with there back ends sticking into the road, if you want to spend some money, please repair all the pot holes up the Main Street

I wish to register that I do not support a raised crossing for pedestrians on Kirkbymoorside marketplace. I would support a crossing with traffic lights in the town and also in the vicinity of the Coop.

I just wanted to add my point of the proposed crossing. I do think a crossing would be needed, but for those of us that live north of the town [REDACTED] and regularly commute on the school run (mine are at [REDACTED] I would be crossing the raised crossing 4 times a day. That unfortunately would over time cause damage to vehicles no matter how slow you go over them. I do think a crossing is needed but does it have to be raised? Why not a zebra crossing?? I used to work right outside the crossing in Pickering - which isn't actually a crossing!- but people thought it was and still there were near misses.

I think it's an excellent idea for pedestrians. However, why does it need to be raised- creating noise pollution when farm vehicles and bigger vehicles pass over. Can it not be a flat zebra crossing with belisha beacons which seem to be making a comeback

As requested in the recent newsletter, I write with a few observations about a crossing in high market place.

My 1st concern is the safety of these types of crossing, are they a recognised pedestrian crossing?

My experience as both a driver and a pedestrian is that no one knows whether drivers are supposed to stop for people waiting to cross. This causes very dangerous uncertainty.

My 2nd concern is the parking . This would have to be removed from both sides of the road, for quite a distance, to give a clear line of sight for both drivers and pedestrians.

I would strongly support a safe place to cross the road in the town centre but am not sure whether the proposed scheme would be safe with the current road layout.

Additional comments:

We would like to make a proposal instead of the raised table crossing, which might be the solution to the speeding and bus problems in Kirkbymoorside.

Move Chisholms Monument to the centre of the road at the junction of West End and Market Place (White Horse Corner) and make it a proper roundabout. This would help reduce speeding up and down the main street.

It would also stop people abandoning their cars round Chisholms Monument as currently is the case.

If this was done the buses from both Scarborough and Helmsley would then be able to come up and round the roundabout and back down Piercy End thus avoiding the congestion in West End altogether.

A new bus stop could be made on the A170 near West Lund Lane.

The bus stop outside Kitching Walker could then be done away with, easing the traffic problems and just use the one near the Lemon Tree for both East and West bound bus journeys.

Whilst this would be a more expensive option it would be beneficial to the town in the long run.

I'm not against the proposed raised crossing, but wonder if it is necessary, as the speed limit is now 20mph. However, since my husband lost his mobility, I've realised how difficult it is to find a crossing place for mobility scooters. For example when travelling down the east side of Market Place towards the Chemist from the ramped access towards the Moorside Room, you have to then travel ON THE ROAD, past the chemist to Towlers Arch, before you can find a lowered kerb back onto the path. This OFTEN entails passing DOUBLE PARKED vehicles and often travelling between some parked on the island, which evidently don't expect mobility scooters to pass them on the road!

Where I lived before, we had a similar situation about the development of a crossing on a very busy road. Instead of being sited opposite the local shop it was sited to one side, so for half the residents it did not really work!

If the speed limit is going to be lowered to 20mph, before any investment is made, it would be sensible to see if a crossing is still needed. I am sure some people go at 40mph, so halving the limit has to be safer!

This would appear to be a very low key pedestrian safety zone. The photos show empty roads. In our town the roadside is littered with cars and the crossing may not be visible to drivers.

I certainly agree that pedestrians need a safe place to cross.

Yes it would be a safe place to cross but would people use it. If you are a few yards away would people walk back to it !!!!!!!

In my views a crossing at the bottom of the high st at the garage would get used constantly at the moment it is pretty impossible to cross there. Everyday that would be used by shoppers.chikdren at school etc.

Surley this is more beneficial.

- b) To note the result of the public consultation does not demonstrate unanimous support of the proposal**
- c) To consider referral to the Highway Authority, North Yorkshire Council, to determine any appropriate action**