

PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE BOLLARDS ON WEST END, KIRKBYMOORSIDE

Responses Supporting the Proposal (6)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | While this is a good start the main bottle neck – the top entrance into West End is not addressed. There are 4 businesses at this narrow entrance. Maybe they could come up with a collective solution – maybe no parking AT ALL from the Hotel/Gallery to number 3 with an unloading only outside #2. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | I live in West End with my Family and have so for 12 years, it is appalling that it has taken so long to address this issue, I have been unable to get out of my house due to vans stopping outside my front door and delivery vans constantly parked on the pavement to the dentists, cars think they rule the pavement too by parking on the pavement and driving at exceptional speed down our road, twice I have had to run out and stop the traffic when two residents fell off the pavement , as a car pushed their horn at them, both were medically treated , but unfortunately have passed away, I support this campaign, children's and residents lifes are constantly at risk, and the council is responsible for making our road safe, I don't feel businesses should have a say as they take up our spaces every day, with staff parking , it is impossible to park, but my fear is their will be a casualty. If bollards are all you can do so be it, I also think slow down signs with picture of children and the speed limit should be placed in West End. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | I live at [REDACTED], West End. Broadly I am in favour of the proposed bollards, however, as one of them is to be sited exactly outside my house, I would appreciate being consulted on the exact location. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Thank you for the letter highlighting the proposal to install bollards along West End to stop cars mounting the pavement and to prevent danger to pedestrians. As the letter indicates this is the only option available to the council and so therefore I support the proposal. However I still have concerns that the main issues of speed and two way traffic is unable to be tackled and I worry that the installation of bollards will mean that cars will have to reverse as the only option of passing, which could become dangerous. The safety of pedestrians and children is essential so as I state above I support the proposal. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Thanks for your email below in reply to mine. I have just found out that the bollards will be spaced far enough apart from each other for a car to pull up on the footpath when necessary. Presumably this means that there will be enough space between the bollards for a car to pull up on to the footpath for another one to pass it, if there is no other space to pull in to? If this is the case, then I do not object to the bollards because my concern about having to reverse for long distances to get past other cars will not be relevant. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Thanks for the letter. As a resident of West End I agree with the bollards being put in place. |

Responses Opposing the Proposal (30)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <p>I think bollards are not a good idea.</p> <p>The speed at which these cars drive down and the reluctance to give way means parked cars will be damaged by vehicles trying to squeeze through.</p> <p>I am fed up of funding being an excuse for making West End safer along with the road not having had enough serious accidents. Only a few weeks ago about 6am bollards were placed from the pet shop down and the person responsible sat in his pick up at the bus stop. When I walked the dog he was still there and so asked what was happening. He said he was waiting for the workmen to arrive and if they could save enough empty spaces they</p> |
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| | <p>would erect temporary traffic lights to do a repair job outside 62 West End. At 11am they decided this wasn't going to happen, packed up and went. How much did this pointless exercise cost? Yet another example of Highways wasting money. Today the road is closed from 62 West End but not closed at the top end so cars and vans are still coming down and having to turn back they opened the road for the Dustbin lorry. Also I would just like to point out that I found the info about the bollards on the website. It started 'Dear residents' I or none of the immediate neighbours have had a letter which sounds similar to the bus stop episode on the A170.</p> <p>The plant tubs sounded a better idea but it still won't ease the problem. It's like shutting the stable door when the horse has bolted...nothing will be done until a serious accident happens and that day unfortunately is getting nearer.</p> |
| x | <p>21/07/18</p> <p>Thank you for the consultation with residents on bollard proposals for West End.</p> <p>We think that in order to make a reasoned judgement for all residents, it is essential that the evidence in relation to traffic movement is supplied, and that decisions should not be made on the basis of peoples perceptions of an issue.</p> <p>On that basis, please can you supply us with the details of traffic surveys. In particular we are keen to know the following pieces of information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many incidents of traffic mounting the kerb take place on an average day in West End 2. Are there specific times of day and days when this occurs - eg Is it during school run times during the week? <p>We understand from reading the supporting documents that there have been no recorded accidents or deaths as a result of cars mounting the pavement on West End. Please can you confirm if that is correct.</p> |
| | <p>28/07/18</p> <p>We oppose the proposals of the Town Council to install bollards on West End. It is likely that they would have the opposite effect of that intended and actually make West End a less safe street.</p> <p>It appears that the Town Council have jumped to a proposal without establishing the facts in relation to traffic movement and public safety on West End. It is essential that a road safety audit and risk assessment of the current situation and of proposed actions is taken, so that sensible decisions can be made on the basis of evidence and not perception. It does concern us that the Town Council are asking people to support or oppose a proposal without presenting any evidence or facts on which to make a decision.</p> <p>The establishment of bollards would almost certainly lead to more reversing of vehicles, which is inherently more dangerous than traffic moving forward, even when mounting the kerb.</p> <p>In addition, for sensible pragmatic reasons and on a very regular basis, people need to park temporarily onto the kerb to load and unload (shopping or tip runs), deliveries (Morrisons/Tescos etc) and for builders/ electricians etc to carry out works at houses. If bollards are installed people will park up on the road instead, blocking it for periods of</p> |

time, causing temporary chaos and fractious behaviour. Additionally this could result in the emergency services not being able to easily reach incidents.

Stainless steel bollards are quite clearly inappropriate in a Conservation Area, especially where the emphasis is meant to be on less street clutter. They also are a hindrance to the visually impaired.

We would like to assist the Council by proposing a way forward in dealing with this issue, with the following recommendations.

1. Halt any further actions until a full Road Safety audit has been carried out, with Risk assessments of both the current situation and of any further proposals. As stated before - this is essential for facts not perceptions to inform decision making. People need to be well informed about the issue not responding on the basis of hearsay.
2. Make sensible and practical proposals off the back of these audits that fully address the knock on consequences of any actions.
3. Consider wider options, looking at traffic flows in places like Snainton and Hovingham.

There are also some sensible actions that can be made immediately, as it appears from your last email that much of the concern relates to traffic during the school run period. Our proposals in relation to this are

1. Those parents who are concerned are advised to walk on the southern pavement of West End, where there is a barrier of parked vehicles. This is an extremely simple and practical way of reducing risk.
2. Kirkbymoorside C.P. School recommends to parents to avoid driving on West End to drop off and pick up children (unless they live on West End and are parked there) The school should also work hard with the community to get parents and children walking and cycling to school. This has huge added benefits for physical and mental health.

In context we have lived in two houses in West End on the northern non parking side for the last 26 years raising two children in that time. We have always been mindful of road safety and have seen nothing to suggest there are major problems. It appears to us that 99% of the time traffic flows nicely and calmly in West End and to a large extent is self regulating. In fact it manages traffic remarkably well, even if it is not perfect. However we do support measures to establish a 20mph zone. There are clearly more dangerous places for adults and children, such as the bend to the play park on Howe End and especially the random movement of traffic outside the Co-op.

We would like to draw the Town Council's attention to two helpful documents which should assist in ensuring a sensible and appropriate managed approach to traffic management and public safety in Kirkbymoorside.

The first is the Manual For Streets 2 published by the Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation www.ciht.org.uk/download.cfm/docid/055693F6-8DB0-4BBE-AA9FF1B5BC5E9412

and the Department for Transport's Advisory leaflet - Traffic Management in Historic Areas

www.ukroads.org/webfiles/tal01-96.pdf

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| × | <p>I oppose this proposal.</p> <p>It is not the answer.</p> <p>One way traffic is the only answer. Tinley Garth has it.</p> |
| × | <p>After reading your findings on traffic problems and pedestrian issues on west end I find that the council are not looking after local residents issues and this is not acceptable. Firstly the local council can apply for a TRO i.e. apply for a trial period of a one way system and because we all have a duty of care we need to protect our pedestrians from speeding traffic especially at school time before a Child or Adult is seriously injured, as I live at the bottom of the hill at 78 west end I see many drivers mounting the kerb and in my opinion driving too fast for conditions around them so something does needed to be done.</p> <p>By the way you're proposed traffic bollards would be plastic and therefore useless and would need replacing on a regular basis.</p> |
| × | <p>I oppose the proposed installation of bollards on West End and I'm sorry that you have not consulted all residents in the West End area of kirkby as we are as regular users of West End as the people living there. I live in Westfield Mews so always walk into town that way and drive if I'm going that way.</p> <p>I respectfully suggest you use the time before the 18th August to circulate information more widely in order to seek the views of more of the users of the road, I don't believe the views of 164 people is conclusive evidence without wide consultation.</p> <p>I became aware of this by the few houses who are displaying a newspaper article about the bollard proposal and was surprised as some of these people would no longer be able to load or unload their cars as they do now should the bollards be installed. Instead they would block the road completely. As would all kinds of deliveries. For example post, parcel and food deliveries as well as the householders on West End who park slightly off the road to collect or drop off elderly and infirm residents or are simply unloading or loading their cars for holidays or shopping. All of these activities would happen where there are gaps between bollards. I don't believe they would reduce or stop these activities but the road would be blocked more and become more dangerous.</p> <p>Currently the road traffic speed is kept to a minimum as there is always the potential of meeting a car or a bus coming in the opposite direction so low speed is essential.</p> <p>If the council is looking for the most likely area to improve pedestrian safety in kirkby I would suggest the road in front of the coop as children often cross there between parked cars. Another area of danger to children is by the skate park where there is an absence of pavement in places.</p> |

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| | <p>The idea that cars mounting the pavement is a risk to children is both unproven and unlikely, it's not done at any speed it is done to facilitate the necessary. People have the choice of walking on the pavement that is protected by a solid row of parked cars should they feel the need. Interestingly, I don't recall seeing people choose this option which is a shame as this would not involve funds being drawn from the limited NYCC Highways budget which could then be spent where the need is identified and risk a reality.</p> <p>I would support more areas of Kirkby having a speed limit of 20 as there is good evidence that this improves safety.</p> <p>I have lived in Westfield Mews since it was built and have walked up and down West End with my children and allowed them to go alone as they became independent and I have never once been concerned that traffic on West End poses a threat to them. I do know that bollards are extremely attractive to those who want to play leap frog which is not to be encouraged on any roads. Railings are used by schools to improve safety not bollards.</p> <p>It is my opinion that the bollards would not achieve the stated aim and would increase the incidence of vehicles reversing which introduces greater risk. Cars would still use part of the pavement where there won't be a bollard because it makes sense not to block the road. Nobody wants anyone injured to prove the need but I consider the Coop area to be of greater risk to pedestrians.</p> <p>In the absence of wider consultation and thorough risk assessment by traffic experts this project is proposing to spend public money and would potentially increase the risk of accidents with no evidence of any benefit and to which there is a much simpler solution and should therefore not go ahead. Instead I would encourage those concerned to simply swap the side of the road they walk on.</p> |
| x | <p>Firstly I would like to thank you for the letter with regards to traffic on West End.</p> <p>I would however state that as a resident on West End I would have a very strong objection to the proposal for bollards on the pavements.</p> <p>Firstly this will have absolutely no impact on the speed of traffic, it will just minimise the locations that people can pull onto the kerb. I fail to see the benefit this would have. Most importantly, this is a conservation area. The placement of these bollards would have a significant and adverse impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area. I am clear in my mind that this would cause significant harm to the significance of the conservation area. The town council I am sure will be aware of the importance of preserving and where possible enhancing the town's heritage assets, and national policy and law in relation to their protection and enhancement. The stainless steel bollards will be unnecessary street clutter, completely unsympathetic to the surroundings nor indeed what would be expected in a rural market town. I would hasten to add that even painting or using a mock or pastiche style would not help. I would consider this an exceptional waste of public money, not only for their erection but maintenance, damaging to the conservation area, and no benefit to the traffic on West End.</p> <p>These bollards could have the impact of impending access to properties by emergency services. And as a resident with health conditions this is alarming.</p> <p>I can understand the county's views on a one way system, again as a resident I would not be supportive of this. It certainly would not help reduce speeds, most drivers adapt their driving when a road narrows, natural traffic calming provided by the on street parking is probably one of the better options.</p> <p>Whilst I am aware there are some hoops to go through to get a 20mph zone, I am not clear</p> |

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| | <p>what specific regulation would mean this cannot be implemented. I would be happy to be corrected. There are busier roads in more urbanised areas which have 20mph zones. They also operate on smaller residential estates. I can think of a number of examples of their use with the county. This would perhaps make most sense given the location of the school.</p> <p>A better use of the money would be introducing a traffic free day, enable children to play in the street, foster some community spirit and allow people to openly discuss opportunities for improving traffic, reducing car use etc. Rather than imposing needless restrictions which offer no benefit.</p> <p>Suggestions to reduce traffic at school pick up times that have worked at other schools include: a one way pick up system, policed by staff and friends of school, a drop off system in the morning for those not walking (member off staff outside school opens the car doors to let pupils out) no parking allowed, staggered drop off.</p> <p>Finally the letter indicates that this matter has been raised over the last 18 months, we have had one letter other than this in the last 18months, this stated that there was a petition what was perceived to be the problem and seeking a one way system. This letter did not come with any contact details. If it had I would have made my views known then. I did search on line at the time to find records of meetings, or a petition to see if I could find a contact address. Nothing came up other than the introduction of the loading area near the fire shop. My husband often works from home and no one has actively canvassed opinion.</p> <p>The letter we have received dated July 18 (posted / hand delivered 1st August) does not make it clear whether this is just the town council seeking opinions, a formal consultation. If so this is less than satisfactory providing less than the minimum 4 week's advised for general consultation activities. It is over the summer when residents may be away.</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could provide me with the relevant officer details from NYCC, so that I can ensure they are aware of my views with regards to impact on the conservation area.</p> <p>To confirm I object to the proposals.</p> |
| × | <p>I would like to object to the proposal of erecting bollards on the north side of West End for the following reasons;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) I have not seen or heard any evidence that would indicate that they are needed. 2) I have lived on West End for 19 years and have never felt in danger when walking up the street. I also have brought up 3 children without incident and I was always confident that they would be able to walk up to the shops safely as they came of an age to do so. 3) I am concerned about the potential 'nose-to-nose' traffic jams, do we really want a line of traffic to reverse up the street to allow traffic to pass? I'm sure we will see an increase in road rage incidents! 4) I am also concerned about cars squeezing past each other and damaging parked cars. 5) it will be difficult for businesses to receive deliveries 6) it will be difficult for us as residents to unload/load our cars 7) Finally I'm sure this will cost a lot of money that could maybe be better spent. <p>Thank you for asking resident's opinion and I'm hopeful that people will take the time to respond.</p> |

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <p>I am replying in response to the letter we have received regarding West ends traffic and road safety, as a resident of West End for many years I would like to propose my thoughts on this.</p> <p>Firstly I would like you to think about what you would do when coming up or down West End and are approached by a bus or a large lorry, simply you both cannot fit through when there are cars parked along the side (which you cannot change because most of us don't have a yard to park in) so do you think it is safe to reverse the whole way back up or down West End which is a curved street with many parked vehicles in order to make a simple drive to or from the market place because I do not! The safest thing to do is to pull up on the path after letting passers by get out of the way and knowing it's safe to do so but how are we supposed to do that when you are putting bollards in the way and 9 times out of 10 people are parked over the keep clear sections because there is simply nowhere to park outside of your house and they do not think about the consequences.</p> <p>The best thing that could have happened is for a one way street to be put in, I accept that the highways authority's will not except this.</p> <p>Also as people already speed on a motorway which happens numerous times a day where there are many traffic speed cameras people will not think twice about exceeding the speed limit of 20mph down West End where there is guaranteed to not be a police speed camera when you barely ever see one in Kirkbymoorisde anyway, especially on a weekend night when they are actually needed, so I'm not sure why a 20pmh speed limit was actually considered as it would be a massive waste of time.</p> <p>Finally I think it's clear to say that I do not agree with the bollards being enforced. If the one way system cannot be enforced I think you should leave the matter alone and focus on bigger issues such as the number of underage drinkers and drug use in the pubs and streets of Kirkbymoorisde.</p> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <p>I am writing to strongly object to the installation of stainless steel bollards at strategic locations on the northern pavement of West End.</p> <p>I appreciate that 164 residents have signed a petition to highlight their concerns around road safety in West End however at the time of the petition was for a one way system and made no mention of bollards. I would like to see the Town Council send simple voting slips to each house or business in West End requesting a simple Yes/No answer for the installation of stainless steel bollards. I am assuming that this vote would be restricted to households and businesses on West End (North & South side of the road). I have spoken to quite a few residents and a large majority do not want bollards however feel that they are not confident enough to write a letter stating their objection.</p> <p>I have read through the meeting minutes and they do not appear to backup the claim around road safety:</p> <p>On 13/03/2017 11:01, Philip Sharp, NYCC wrote:</p> <p>Which leads me onto perhaps the biggest obstacle: funding. We only have money available for improvements where there is a history of injury accidents. I've checked the accident records and there appears to be only two on the West End/Tinley Garth/Market Place route. One was on Market Place near the West End junction where a pedestrian crossing the road at night was hit by a slow moving vehicle emerging from Church Street. The second was on Tinley Garth where a passenger in a vehicle going over the road humps was "thrown about" and injured. Neither of these accidents can be related to your proposals so you will have a battle on your hands to attract funding for the proposals.</p> |

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| | <p>West End does not appear on the accident records from the NYCC, the two accidents highlighted above are not on West End and therefore do not form part of the discussions for traffic and road safety within West End.</p> <p>I appreciate that many solutions have been discussed at various Town Council meetings and I also appreciate that this is a very difficult and sometimes thankless job however, please could you confirm that these solutions have been through detailed design risk assessment for the possible impact each of the solutions would have on the traffic and pedestrian activities within West End. I am very concerned that the installation of stainless steel bollards will actually make the traffic situation in West End worse than its current operation. The double decker bus comes up/down West End frequently during Mon-Sat and if bollards were to be installed potential hazardous reversing manoeuvres would be undertaken which could lead to greater risks and driver frustration.</p> <p>I am also concerned around the pedestrian side of the bollards? Young children, teenagers and drunken adults will see the bollards as personal challenges and I feel they could lead to more injuries than the risk of traffic.</p> <p>Lastly installation of unsightly stainless steel bollards is something that I do not want outside my house, I feel that these will restrict access and egress into the house that these are erected in front of and will be a ugly eyesore on the lovely street of West End.</p> <p>I have lived on West End with my family for 19 years and I can state that I have never once considered the traffic to be an issue. When my children were old enough they often went up the street to the shops or to play with their friends and never once returned with tales of traffic issues down West End.</p> <p>In conclusion I do not believe that the installation of stainless steel bollards will improve the traffic and road safety in West End in fact I believe it will negatively effect the traffic and road safety in West End and lead to more frustrated drivers and an increase in personal accidents. I also believe it will effect the home owners were the bollards are installed.</p> <p>Please take this email as a definite NO to the installation of stainless steel bollards in West End.</p> |
| x | <p>We oppose the proposal.</p> <p>I have worked for the company for over 25 years and have lived locally all my life and I am pleased to say that I not aware of any accidents involving pedestrians on West End. It is a small market town with narrow streets and with on-street parking it can cause some congestion at times, especially when the bins need to be emptied, deliveries need to be made, public transport needs access and of course on hectic days such as market days but, most of the time everyone manages and most appear to have some patience during such times. There are already double yellow lines and no-one is parking on the footpath just merely using part of it occasionally by delivery drivers, tradesmen etc going about.</p> <p>We are very pleased to hear that NYCC Highways Authority do not see a one-way system benefitting the town and I do think it would give a greater opportunity for speeding which of course would bring with it much more risk of damage to parked cars and injury to pedestrians. We are horrified to hear that the Town Council are proposing that stainless steel bollards be installed in certain areas along West End, surely this would be of huge detriment to this beautiful town and we need to fight very hard to keep it as unspoilt as possible. The bollards, despite looking dreadful, will surely make traffic congestion worse as it will be impossible to pass where the proposed bollards would be causing cars to zoom into gaps between bollards and in addition, thought must be given to the emergency</p> |

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| | <p>services, if they need access and the room to park their vehicles.</p> <p>Some of the proposed bollards outside The Georgian House would certainly cause us great problems so we would need assurance from the Town Council, if this measure was implemented and in order for us to continue to operate effectively as a business, that we would still have access to our drive, that deliveries could still be made without vans having to park on the road which would of course likely result in a full obstruction to the free flow of traffic on West End. We would also need to know that there will still be free parking for our staff.</p> <p>Is the traffic and road safety the real concern here or is it the fact that some residents are angry that they have bought houses without driveways/parking and think they should be the only ones allowed to park on West End. A number of our employees have been verbally abused by residents on a number of occasions which is totally unacceptable and it is this type of behaviour that suggests the issue is much more than road safety or surely we would be asked to work with the residents to find a sensible solution!! Are you able to provide statistics on the number of accidents/injuries on West End? Perhaps preventing anyone from parking on West End would be a better option, that would allow a much better flow of traffic as cars would be able to pass each other without struggling because of the parked cars. Deliveries, bus, refuse truck etc would all be able to manoeuvre much more easily. Would an alternative be to give residents of West End who do not have any parking of their own, parking permits for the car park at the top of the town, at a reduced rate?</p> <p>I would reiterate that businesses are essential to the economy of small market towns such as Kirkbymoorside. Many of our employees live in or around Kirkbymoorside and so have a keen interest in what goes on so I do hope that the Town Council make a sensible decision on what is really the issue here and what action needs to be taken, if any! Of course we understand serious thought must be given to the safety of all pedestrians but we also hope the Town Council have the best interests of Kirkbymoorside at heart so that it continues to attract visitors bringing much needed business to the town.</p> |
| ✗ | <p>In response to the letter detailing the proposal of installing bollards on West End we would like to strongly oppose this idea.</p> |
| ✗ | <p>We recently received a letter explaining the council's intention to place stainless steel bollards at various points on West End. We do *not* support this proposal for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cars only mount the pavement on West End when it is necessary to do so (e.g. when a car is unable to reverse due to traffic behind). Between us we have never seen this done recklessly or at speed - car drivers in general are courteous and tend to allow other traffic through whenever possible 2. If bollards have to be used then they cannot be modern looking in appearance. This is a conservation area. When we wanted to put Georgian style windows on our house we were told by the conservation officer that this would not be in keeping so had to have Victorian style windows instead (on our Georgian house). Is the same department supporting bollards that wouldn't look out of place in a shopping centre? If we have to have them then at least make them cast iron and of a suitable design 3. We believe that installing these bollards will make the problem worse, not better. There is a real risk of gridlock if there is nowhere for cars to go when facing oncoming traffic. We have seen cars use the pavement to allow an ambulance to pass for example. <p>We understand that you believe there is a problem to solve but also believe that this</p> |

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| | proposal will make the problem worse, not better. |
| × | <p>As a resident of West End it has been interesting to note the difference in traffic that the road closure has made. The street has felt so much safer and calmer. I definitely think that a one way system should be put in place. I have witnessed double decker busses having to reverse down great stretches of the road, a road never designed to cope with such large vehicles. Have you considered residents parking permits? Two for a household and a guest pass for visitors? Perhaps people who work in Kirkbymoorside and park on West End daily should be given a free pass to park in the car park near the library? I hardly ever see any cars in it and this would free up the town centre and nearby streets? Just a thought. I don't really like the idea of bollards. I appreciate that in principle they would be there to prevent people from mounting the pavement. In reality I think they would mean more people having to reverse for longer distances, not a skill that all drivers enjoy or are very good at. Just some thoughts! Many thanks [REDACTED]</p> |
| × | <p>Dear Sirs, I am writing to object to the proposed traffic bollards to the Northern side of West End. I have run my business from Kirkbymoorside Business Centre for the last 19 years and can categorically say that this is not a solution that can be implemented without consequence.</p> <p>As the road bends slightly it is impossible to see if the road is clear as you set off both eastward or westward along West End. As a result you can meet traffic head on at many points on the road. The road is simply not wide enough to accommodate 1 parked vehicle and 2 passing vehicles so the only way to pass is for one vehicle to put a wheel up onto the pavement. This is obviously done at a convenient time when pedestrians have passed by or are not around and at a very slow speed.</p> <p>If the bollards were in place what would happen should 2 buses or lorries meet outside number 23 West End? One of these would be expected to reverse around 80 - 100 meters! The driver might be capable of doing this but not after cars have backed up behind them as normally happens in a matter of minutes.</p> <p>I sympathise with any resident that has encountered vehicles driving towards them at speed and would urge them to contact the police with full details of the offender. This would be a far better idea than placing bollards outside their homes and causing traffic chaos.</p> |
| × | <p>I would like to register my opposition to the planned bollards on the pavement at West End, Kirkbymoorside.</p> <p>I live at no 30 and rarely manage to park near my own home. When I need to unpack heavy shopping and luggage when I go away, I have to temporarily park on the pavement to keep the road clear.</p> <p>If bollards are placed in front of my house I will have to block the road while I load or offload. I'm sure I am not the only resident having to do this due to the limited parking available.</p> <p>I think the idea of a one way system and/or a speed restriction in West End would help the speeding in the street and wonder what legislation restrictions apply and why this cannot be overcome.</p> <p>Thank you and in hope</p> |
| × | <p>I should like to register my objection to the installation of bollards in West End. I believe that the problem would be worse with traffic meeting each other at a bollard with nowhere to go. somebody would have to give way and try to back up especially if meeting</p> |

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| | <p>a bus the bollard planned to be installed opposite to the entrance to Mill View/Netherby will be a particular nuisance as vehicles parked in West End both sides of the entrance mean that all of the road is needed when entering or exiting these properties. I fully support the 1 way system with speed bumps as per the petition submitted.</p> |
| × | <p>As a resident of West End I do not approve of the installation of stainless steel bollards. I do not believe they provide a solution to the traffic problem in West End which is essentially a single track road due to the need for residents' cars to be parked along the entire length of the road on one side.</p> <p>Introducing bollards of any description will mean traffic will have to reverse back down the road including buses which seeing the capabilities of some drivers will inevitably lead to collisions with the parked cars or far worse pedestrians.</p> <p>Stainless steel bollards are not compatible with a conservation area and would look out of place.</p> <p>I note that there is comment that legislation does not "allow" the introduction of a one way system but with the current state of the road in West End and the already in place one way system in Tinley Garth it would be helpful to know exactly why this solution cannot be possible.</p> <p>I appreciate the frustration felt by councillors but stainless steel bollards are not the solution.</p> |
| × | <p>In response to your letter concerning the installation of bollards along the northern pavement of West End.</p> <p>It would seem as if we are between a rock and a hard place, you ask for a simple response of in favour or not. If we say we are not in favour of the bollards for whatever reason, then the council response will be 'we tried to help but you voted against it'. We do not think that this is the only course of action available to the town council. We would be interested to know what restrictions of legislation prevent the implementation of a one-way system.</p> <p>Some years ago, Tinley Garth was made one way with speed bumps when traffic was not the problem it is today.</p> <p>In our opinion the only long term safe and sensible solution for residents and traffic is a one-way system.</p> <p>West End has been shut due to roadworks for two weeks to date (previously it was shut for 4 weeks for gas works) and there is no noticeable increase of traffic on Tinley Garth. The general traffic around Kirkbymoorside seems to have coped well, thus surely allaying the fears of some residents to the implementation of a one-way system.</p> <p>As residents of West End, we are reluctantly in favour of the installation of bollards, with reservations. While we think that</p> <p>the installation of bollards will certainly help stop vehicles mounting and driving along the pavement making it safer to walk out of our front doors, this proposal only addresses part of the problem, there are no bollards proposed for the market place end of the road. Some proposed locations are where the road is wide enough to allow vehicles travelling in opposite directions to pass one another.</p> <p>It seems that this is a compromise that has not been thought through properly. The fact is that West End is not wide enough (with the existing parking regime) to accommodate two-way traffic. The bollards will not stop the necessity at times for vehicles having to mount</p> |

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| | <p>the pavement (an illegal manoeuvre) to enable vehicles to pass one another.</p> <p>We have numbered the proposed bollard locations on your map 1 to 14 (number 1 being at the western end of West End and 14 at the market end). It is our opinion that numbers 1 & 2 are not needed due to road width. A bollard would be advantageous between numbers 5 & 6 (opposite the Hairdressers). We have concerns of the pavement width at proposed position 14. There are no proposed bollards beyond position 14 but it is still an area where vehicles frequently mount the pavement. We appreciate that the pavement is too narrow for bollards, thus in our opinion showing that this is an ill-conceived compromise.</p> <p>We would hope that if the bollards are to be installed they are in keeping aesthetically with the conservation area.</p> <p>We have numerous photographs available showing the problem of vehicles driving along the pavement</p> |
| × | <p>I am writing in response to the consultation regarding bollards on the footpath on West End. I am in agreement that something needs to be done about the traffic, and applaud the Council's efforts in trying to find a solution. However, I am concerned that bollards on the footpath may actually make the safety issue worse. As you have identified, there is considerable traffic on West End and great difficulty in vehicles passing each other because the road is usually completely full of parked cars on one side, meaning that there are no places to pull in. If the road is to remain two way to traffic, the volume of traffic will not decrease and the problems with vehicles having nowhere to pass each other will remain unchanged. When vehicles meet head on half way down West End, if bollards are on the footpath, the only solution will be for one of the cars to reverse until they can pull in. This could mean reversing 100m or even more, in order to find a space. On some days, there is no space at all and a car would have to reverse all the way up or down West End. My personal opinion is that having cars reverse for long distances (sometime at speed, because I have seen this myself) is more dangerous for pedestrians than driving slowly forwards on the footpath (although I accept that not everyone drives slowly). It is a lot more difficult to see pedestrians (especially children) when you are reversing than when you are going forwards, particularly if pedestrians are trying to cross the road from the parked car side. A child could be stood between the parked cars waiting to cross, he waits for a car to pass him and starts to cross, and then that car which has passed him could then meet another car in the other direction and start to reverse back up past the child. The child would not expect the car to be coming up backwards, and it would be difficult for the driver to see him.</p> <p>If I am in the situation where I am stuck on West End and cannot pass, I would always prefer to drive slowly on the footpath than reverse for a long way because it feels safer and I can see better. Obviously I know that driving on the footpath is far from ideal, but with no solutions to the volume of traffic problem, it sometimes is the better choice.</p> <p>As I mentioned, I am pleased that the Council is involved in this issue and thank you for your efforts so far, but unfortunately I do not believe that the suggestion of bollards will address the safety concerns.</p> |
| × | <p>I am writing to object to the proposed traffic bollards in West End KMS. I have lived here 47 years and run a business since 1982. I don't think this is the answer to bad driving terrible parking frustrated drivers mounting the pavement. By the way a bollard as being proposed opposite my driveway.</p> |
| × | <p>I'm resident at 32 West End and I am *opposed* to the installation of bollards on West</p> |

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| | <p>end.</p> <p>While I understand the concerns raised and am actually enjoying the street being blocked off at the moment, I think that bollard installation would cause more issues for residents than it would solve.</p> <p>The issues have been noted in the letter recently posted through my letter box</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loading/Unloading shopping/Logs/deliveries 2. Pushchair access and mobility scooters 3. Detracting from the appearance of West End <p>In addition I feel that it would be more likely for parked cars to be damaged as cars try to squeeze by other cars/ vans.</p> <p>I understand that a one way system has been discounted as impractical (though I'm not sure why, it has not been made clear).</p> <p>I'm sorry but I cannot support the installation of bollards on the pavement.</p> |
| × | <p>I am concerned that the bollards are not near the narrowest part of West End along by Bridgets cafe. Surely that is where pedestrians are nearest to the traffic but no bollards are planned. I live at no █ where there is plenty of pavement space and delivery drivers pull on to the pavement to deliver parcels etc. without causing a problem to the flow of traffic. If the bollards are being placed for this to continue, why are they going in in the first place. Having the entrance to the business center there is plenty of room for passing. I really don't see the need for 3 outside my house. I have been here for 6 years and I have never seen vehicles mounting the pavement unless for deliveries.</p> |
| × | <p>I would like to advise that we definitely do not support the installation of bollards in West End. We feel this course of action will only exacerbate the problems with vehicles trying to pass in the street. If vehicles have to reverse to find somewhere to pass, this will be more dangerous and potentially cause more problems.</p> <p>Making the road one way is definitely the answer but if this is not possible, bollards are not an alternative.</p> <p>Unfortunately we are away on 17th September as we would like to know the reasoning behind the bollards and how exactly people think this would be an improvement on the current situation.</p> |
| × | <p>Whilst we fully support the need to improve safety and traffic problems on West End there is some concern about the placing of bollards. The map shows a bollard opposite the alleyway next to number 35. This alleyway provides vehicular access to 5 properties and because of the width of the entrance and presence of parked vehicles it is often necessary for larger vehicles to 'shuffle' back and forth to line up with the entrance. This often means that either the front or rear bumper area needs to slightly overhang the pavement on the north side of the street but if a bollard were placed in that area then it could effectively make it impossible for some vehicles to gain access to the properties.</p> <p>If bollards are to be placed on the north side of West End then they should be placed more than 7 metres from a point opposite the centre of the alleyway. This would allow all normal size vehicles (including small delivery vans) to access the properties.</p> <p>Obviously if vehicles are not able to access the properties then it would just increase the number parking on West End and increase the traffic congestion.</p> |

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| x | In response to your letter dated July 2018, after serious consideration we have decided we oppose the proposal to install bollards in West End our main concern is that gas pipes, sewage and tap water etc. all enter / leave our properties in pipes underneath the footpath this quite a small area and we worry that these services might be compromised by the installation of the bollards we would prefer NOT to have any installed outside our property. |
| x | Having looked on the map I see that one bollard is placed directly opposite the entrance to both of our properties. This will make it impossible for us to drive a vehicle any bigger than a standard car into our driveway. This is not very helpful when the two properties I own are let out and tenants move in and out. Maybe putting a removable bollard would be better than a permanent one? |
| x | I am not in favour of bollards in West End. Ineffective and intrusive. |
| x | <p>Thank you for your communication of July 2018 re the concerns about the traffic and road safety on West End. This is a very great problem for the people pf Kirkbymoorside and most especially for the residents at the top of West End, 1 – 87 Westfield House was originally a farm some 200 years plus old built and 100 + years before the arrival of the internal combustion engine. It is also the only house/farm to have not one but two garages fronting onto the West End road as it is today.</p> <p>With ever increasing car ownership the problem of on street parking will continue to increase, especially if the proposed ‘traffic calming’ measures are introduced. Who needs bollards? And why? The real problem here is not perceived possible danger to pedestrians. It is rather the volume of ever increasing traffic and the more or less permanent line of parked vehicles on the south side of West End No 1 – 87. If this road section were one way (clockwise to join up with 1 way Tinley Garth) the real problem would disappear. I take it that the Town Council perceives the problem to be the occasional vehicle having to mount the north side/uphill pavement. Possibly figures are available for incidents over the years for both sides of West End and Tinley Garth to give a clear picture? I am pleased to say that I have to date NOT seen any accident, or incident of road rage on my many visits/overnight stays at two houses in West End, but as an ‘outsider’ with experience of city traffic/London and several European capitals I applaud the manner in which the people of Kirkbymoorside handle this traffic problem.</p> <p>As I write a Bernard Criblene type hole has languished open and unfilled on the north side about number 70 and people have got by. “Needs must.....!”</p> <p>Last week a large lorry arrived to deliver goods at No 51. I discussed the problem with the driver and taking things in his stride he backed up all the way to Market Place! Wow!</p> <p>As visitors, we quickly learned not to use uphill northside West End with the possibility of meeting any traffic on the one way down, who would force us to mount the pavement, putting both tyres and alloy rims at considerable financial risk, especially on a low profile car.</p> <p>In our late seventies we need to drop off our suitcases close to our destination and we are prepared to do several clockwise circuits and even then often have to park elsewhere and collect the luggage in the evening. Incidentally the provision of parking spaces should be carefully examined. At present residents and day visitors are put off by parking charges and the possibilities of parking fines. This simply adds to the general problem. With casual visitors cars taking up space in West End and every extra car in future years will make the</p> |

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| | <p>problem worse.</p> <p>There is however a plus side to the bumper to bumper parking down southside of West End in that the parked cars themselves offer the pedestrian a metal buffer, which shields them from the dangers of the one or two way traffic. The parked cars are a safety barrier.</p> <p>A 20mph zone to limit “open road boy racers” should be introduced to control traffic speeds in case of dogs or cars and more importantly small children or older people stepping out suddenly between the traffic. The 20mph limit could stretch right down to the school, which would cut down the use of a ‘rat run’ from developing.</p> <p>And now to the bollards:</p> <p>What a waste of time and money! Who purchases? Who provides? Who pays? Who replaces? Who repairs? All of the above waste of time/money. West End does <u>not</u> need bollards in any shape or form. The street must be kept open to all traffic preferably one way circular 20mph. Unable to mount the pavement there will be accidents, incidents, confrontations etc. Large vehicles, buses, lorries and weekly refuse collection plus ambulances, fire engines, police cars, hearses and funeral corteges will all need space plus builders and decorators etc attending to house fronts and roofs. Each and every bollard is an unnecessary problem in itself. Superfluous street furniture is not necessary in this case. Please, I beg that the committee reconsider.</p> |
| x | <p>My wife and I purchase [REDACTED] West End twenty years ago. We appreciate the traffic problems on West End. Indeed we had our front door step damaged by a truck trying to get by a parked van and a bus. You ask our views? We do not like the idea of bollards. Parking beside bollards requires more allowance for space. This could reduce the number of times in the length of the road that a parked SUV, a Truck and a double decker bus can safely pass. As result would be more manoeuvring and reversing and danger to pedestrians. If you do go ahead with the proposal we would ask that a bollard shown on the drawing outside No [REDACTED] not interfere with the use of the parking space to the west, belonging to no [REDACTED]</p> |
| x | <p>I have lived in West End all my life as has now 4 generations of my family. I do agree that cars are driven too fast by their drivers and people use the footpath as their personal car park but I don't think bollards would be the answer, it is extremely dark at the bottom of West End after midnight unless the bollards were well lit it might be an accident waiting to happen.</p> |