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Dear Resident,

Please be advised that the matter of pedestrian safety on West End has again been considered by the Town Council in response to further requests by residents. The area of concern is focused at the length of pavement from 36 to 40 West End.

The Town Council has made additional enquires of North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) to ascertain the options available to prevent motorists driving on the pavement. There are two options available that would be supported by the Highway Authority. The first option is the installation of bollards, which the Town Council has previously explored, and the second option is the installation of planters.

At the November meeting the Town Council received information about the procedure and cost implications of installing bollards together with reports from local utilities providers. It was noted that there are utilities apparatus in the footway at the proposed location between 36 and 40 West End and trial holes would be required to ascertain service location and depth prior to excavation to install bollards.

Consideration was also given to the option of installing 3 planters on the roadside of the pavement between 36 and 40 West End, to act as an obstruction to vehicles, so preventing them from driving on the pavement. It was agreed that this option offers a more immediate and cost effective course of action.

The Town Council believe that it must take action in this regard. The application for a street furniture licence has been approved by NYCC Highway Authority. The planters will provide an obstruction to vehicles preventing them from driving for any length along the pavement. If it is absolutely necessary for a vehicle to mount the kerb at this location the spacing between the planters will allow sufficient room to do so by slow and safe manoeuvre. Additionally, in compliance with the NYCC Highway Authority criteria for pedestrian access the planters will be of adequate dimension to allow sufficient passage on the pavement between the planter and the associated properties. The residents of 36, 38 and 40 West End have agreed to take responsibility for the planting.

Construction works requiring scaffolding are scheduled at 38 West End so the planters will be installed in the new year once these works are completed.

Should you require more information please refer to the agenda and supporting documents of the meeting dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and Minute 19113 of the same, available on the Town Council website.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Bolland', written over a horizontal line.

Lisa Bolland

Town Clerk to Kirkbymoorside Town Council