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Date: 20th March 2024

Dear Resident/Occupier,

OATLANDS DRIVE & WETHERBY ROAD – PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING POINTS

Following feedback from Road Safety Groups, local schools & stakeholder groups, North Yorkshire Council have developed proposals for Highway Safety Improvements at the junctions of Slingsby Walk/Oatlands Drive and Slingsby Walk/Wetherby Road. This letter sets out North Yorkshire Council's proposals and asks you to review the designs and respond by means of writing or email if you have any comments or objections to the schemes. Plans are included within this letter.

Slingsby Walk/Oatlands Drive (Plan Ref NY2419-APP-DD-OD-DR-D-XX-005 Rev P03)

The crossing proposed here is a Tiger Crossing, with segregated zones for cyclists and pedestrians. The crossing is proposed to be sited on a raised table, which will serve a dual purpose of making the crossing more visible whilst acting as traffic calming. Oatlands Drive will also be reduced to a 20mph speed limit in the future, with the remaining traffic calming measures subject to a future public consultation. Approximately 42m² of Stray land is required to deliver this proposal.

Slingsby Walk/Wetherby Road (Plan Ref NY2419-APP-DD-OD-DR-D-XX-002 Rev P03)

NYC propose to install a signalised Toucan crossing for pedestrians and cyclists. This will ensure a safe crossing over Wetherby Road. When the push button is utilised by non-motorised users (NMU's) it will call an "all red" phase for vehicles, ensuring safe passage across Wetherby Road. The crossing will also feature an amended alignment removing the conflicts between pedestrian and cyclists whilst better following the desire lines of these users. The priority will then be given to NMU's and will help ensure active travel modes are safer compared to the current situation. Approximately 123m² of Stray land is required to deliver this proposal.

Stray Land/NYC Land Dedication

Since the proposals require construction of new footway/cycleway over land which is currently designated as stray land, NYC must dedicate land in exchange to the Duchy. The dedication land:

- (1) ...has to be no less in area than that to be "inclosed"
- (2) ...has to be equally advantageous to the inhabitants of the borough as public open space;
- (3) ...has to be no more than 100m away from the Stray.

NYC have identified land within its ownership which meets the above stipulations. We would also seek your views on what your preferred option for the land dedication would be. The plans showing the potential areas for dedication are also enclosed within this letter.

Option 1 (NYC preferred Option)

The land is immediately adjacent to the Stray and also to the proposed crossing on Wetherby Road. It is of good quality, grassed and a number of mature trees are present.

Option 2

The land is remote from the crossing proposals and is comprised of 6 small portions of highway verge off Hookstone Chase. This land is grassed and is immediately adjacent to residential and commercial properties.

Option 3

The land is remote from the crossing proposals, and comprises one parcel of highway verge off Hookstone Road. It is grassed and a number of mature trees are present.

It is important to note that the land exchange is a standalone legal process and the delivery of the new crossing points is contingent upon this being completed. NYC is committed to delivering the crossing points and has funding allocated to do so upon completion of the land exchange.

Subject to a successful consultation, land exchange and detailed design exercise, works will then commence as soon as reasonably practicable.

Please send your comments through to Area6.Boroughbridge@northyorks.gov.uk using 'Oatlands Drive/Wetherby Road Crossings Consultation' in the title of your email or letter. Postal comments are to be sent to:

NYC
Highways & Transportation
Area 6 Boroughbridge Office
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This 21 day consultation will run from 25th March-14th April 2024.

This is the first phase of a number of potential improvements in the Oatlands Drive area, to include the reduction of the speed limit to 20mph (subject to TRO consultation) and further potential active travel improvements (subject to future funding/consultation exercises).

Yours Faithfully,

Area 6 Highways Office