**KIRKLEES COUNCIL**

**(MANDATORY CYCLE LANE) (No.??) ORDER 2017**

**A616 WOODHEAD ROAD, BERRY BROW, HUDDERSFIELD**

**Statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order**

It is proposed to reduce the length of the existing northbound mandatory cycle lane on A616 Woodhead Road at Berry Brow, Huddersfield, by revoking the existing Order and introducing a new Order for the new length.

It is proposed to reduce the length of the existing cycle lane by 32m from the existing end point, to a point 12m north of the existing traffic island where the speed limit changes from 40mph to 30mph. In addition, it is proposed to reduce the width of the existing traffic island where the cycle lane currently terminates, remove the ‘shared use’ status from the existing footway between the end of the cycle lane and the junction with Holme Park Close, and provide new 30mph speed limit terminal signs displaying a road safety message in line with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

It is intended the proposal will encourage cyclists using the northbound cycle lane to adopt a more central position in the traffic lane, on the approach to the sweeping left-hand bend where forward visibility is reduced and available road space is reduced by the central islands. This will improve safety for all road users.