Address: 4, DYE HOUSE FOLD, OAKENSHAW, BRADFORD, BD12 7BU

About the application

Application number: 2025/93234	
What is the application for?:	Listed Building Consent for removal of the Cross and reinstatement within the gr
Address of the site or building:	The Cross, Wyke Lane/Cross Street, Oakenshaw
Postcode:	HD1 2NF

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The Oakenshaw Cross needs to be reinstated to its original location- on Wyke Lane. The Cross has a special quality as it is a rare memorial to a female- Sarah, deceased wife of Dr Richardson. With proper road control there would be no further damage from HGVs- large farm vehicles have never damaged the Cross, just unwanted HGVs and bad drivers speeding. The siting of The Cross would act as speed control for a safer road for immediate residents.
There has been a vast lack of archelogical investigation to the Cross site- there may be a 5th Cross step under the heavily tarmaced road plus either a previous crosd or a Roman Rd. These historical issues ought not yo be covered over without proper investigation. In fact of great importance was a report in 1997 by Historic Buildings, which muted that this Cross could well have been from a 13th century church column which Dr Richardson, in 1702, erected with the addition of a sundial plus his family markings. Historic Buildings stated this possible reusing of a medieval structure has never been known before! Much history surrounds Oakenshaw Cross.
To be removed to a grass verge on Cross Street would diminish the importance of the Cross. And also affect the whole appearance of the area. Insitu it acts as a dpeed reducer which could be complimented for the oft discussed & asked for speed control measures , all along Wyke Lane.
Many generations congregated around the Cross and its siting is as important now, as it was then.
This historical structure ought to be returned to its righful place... for the generations yet to come. We are just custodians of this important and meaningful Cross.