

Address: 675, WYKE LANE, OAKENSHAW, BRADFORD, BD12 7HL

### About the application

Application number: 2025/48/93235/E	
What is the application for?:	Removal of the Cross and reinstatement within the grass verge on Cross Street/Wy
Address of the site or building:	The Cross, Wyke Lane/Cross Street, Oakenshaw
Postcode:	HD1 2NF

### User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No

The plan to move the monument which is a Grade II listed building which was erected in 1703 is not only disrespectful to its original meaning but to the current community. It has proudly stood the test of time for hundreds of years until its damage from vehicles which should not even have been using Wyke Lane resulted in its removal by Kirklees Council. The Cambridge Dictionary defines the word 'lane' as a narrow road in the countryside or in a town. This is exactly what Wyke Lane is. My property which overlaps the border between Bradford and Kirklees Councils has no footpath due to the narrowness of the road. I have witnessed many confrontations between vehicles trying to pass each other at this point, often aggressive and threatening often forcing one of the vehicles to mount the kerb on the opposite side to me which is the egress for my elderly neighbour who lives opposite. This in itself is an accident waiting to happen. Cars travel up and down Wyke Lane at unsafe speeds and the memorial does act as a traffic calming feature which is much needed. The complete removal of the memorial from its original siting will open Wyke Lane up to becoming an extremely busy and dangerous rat run. Farm traffic that uses the lane daily has no issues with navigation as the drivers are competent, slow and respectful of their community. The monument is protected under national heritage law and this should be respected and replaced to its original site. The majority of the community want the monument putting back into its rightful place and the actual problem addressed. My family and I have been subject to many near misses over the last few years in either our vehicles, on foot or on horseback. I have even felt unsafe working in my own garden for the fear of a speeding car crashing through my wall. Kirklees Council have a legal duty and would do better spending the money of hard working tax payers on listening to their residents for once and protecting our heritage and our safety and putting the monument back in its rightful place and addressing the traffic problems which caused the damage in the first place. Removal of the monument to the proposed site will not protect it from further damage as it could still be hit by speeding cars which we have seen over the last few years when properties, walls etc have been damaged. Also, the proposed space on Wyke Lane/ Cross Street is still used by vehicles due to the lack of space on Cross Street, especially when vehicles are parked on it. The people of Oakenshaw take pride in their village, their heritage and their community and want to maintain its character and ambience which is slowly being eroded. We only need to look at the disgraceful violation of our beautiful habitat on Bradford Road to know the community is not being listened to. Kirklees Council, do the right thing on this subject and listen to the residents of Oakenshaw