

About the application

Application number: 2025/93235	
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?	Yes
Reference Planning Applications 2025/20235 & 202593234	
<p>My personal view and preferences with these applications.</p> <p>I want Oakenshaw Cross to undergo refurbishment and returned back to its place of existence on Wyke Lane with the appropriate traffic calming measures where it stood for over 300 years.</p> <p>The Cross was dismantled on the 30th March 2022 due to an unfortunate road traffic collision and is now in a council storage yard.</p> <p>This site remains an integral part of Oakenshaw's rich history and heritage.</p> <p>However the proposed planning applications cover its relocation to the grass verge area on Cross Street Oakenshaw with the intention of covering the Cross site roadway with Tarmac. This would cover the ancient stonework found beneath the podium steps following dismantling and discovered during an archaeological survey on the 24th May 2022.</p> <p>I feel that covering the stonework with a tarmac covering will be absolutely unnecessary and the stonework should also be preserved completely. Also part of this are eight stone segmented sections which were removed during the archaeological survey and also put in storage.</p> <p>This stonework could be the first and second step of the original Oakenshaw Cross which predates the current Cross. This is also evidence of a void under the site which is at least 10 feet deep and also warrants further investigations.</p> <p>My views and suggestion are that the stone work could be removed from the road and placed on the grass verge site with its upper segment sections further enhancing the historic value and total preservation of the area, albeit having been removed from their original locations.</p> <p>Preservation should also cover moving the original roadway along stone from the</p>	

Preservation should also cover moving the original roadway giance stones from the original cross site. These and also installed with the relocated Cross on the grass verge.

Considerations for further preservations the refurbishment for the upper sundials and reverse engineer to replace the missing one. The top square stone section which depicts the Richardson's coat of arms all engravings should be refurbished and hopefully point in the direction where Bierley Hall once stood.

A protective barrier system should be installed around the area as currently vehicles park on foot path, cut across as a short cut and gouge up the turf.