

**Consultation Response from KC,
Highways Development Management**

2025/93235 The Cross, Wyke Lane/Cross Street, Oakenshaw

**Removal of the Cross and reinstatement within the grass verge on Cross Street/Wyke Lane
(Listed Building)**

Date Responded: 11th January 2026

Responding Officer: C Dows

Responding Ref: K7-12NW/15

Recommendation – No Objection

Introduction/Context:

The Oakenshaw Cross is located within Oakenshaw Village, at the intersection of the Wyke Lane, Cross Street, and Sykes Lane junction. The application seeks permission to relocate the cross from its existing location and to reinstate on the grass verge at the intersection of Wyke Lane/Cross Street, approximately 20m north-northwest of its original location. The application is partially retrospective, following vehicle impacts in 2021/2022, which damaged and compromised the structural integrity of the cross, to ensure public safety and prevent further damage, the cross was removed and is currently in storage.

Assessment:

Since the erection of the cross in the eighteenth century the nature of the roads upon which the cross is located has changed significantly, the roads have been upgraded and surfaced to modern standards, their primary function being the movement of motor vehicles.

A review of vehicle strikes demonstrates that in its current location the cross is vulnerable to further damage and poses a risk to highway and pedestrian safety. Vehicle tracking demonstrates that there is insufficient space within the adopted highway to safely accommodate the cross, and any protective measures, and facilitate through and turning movements for all vehicles likely to be using the local highway network. Vehicle tracking shows that with the cross reinstated in its original location some vehicles negotiating the Wyke Lane / Cross Street / Sykes Lane junction, would either overrun the footway or strike the cross.

It is considered that reinstating the cross in its original location would result in conditions detrimental to highway and pedestrian safety, and lead to further collisions or vehicle strikes.

Conclusion:

HDM are of the view that the proposed relocation of the cross to the grass verge at the intersection of Wyke Lane/Cross Street would be beneficial to the safe operation and movement of vehicles and pedestrians using the Wyke Lane / Cross Street / Sykes Lane junction and offer no objection to the proposals.

If Planning are recommending approval, the following condition should be attached to the Decision Notice.

Off-site Highway Works – Condition

Prior to the completion of works associated with the relocation of Oakenhaw Cross to the grass verge at the intersection of Wyke Lane/Cross Street, the off-site highway works as shown on plan – Drawing No. HD/25/67355/GC-1A, at Wyke Lane / Cross Street / Sykes Lane junction shall be fully delivered.

Reason: - To ensure the free and safe use of the highway, in the interest of highway safety.