

Application 2025/93235 Objection

Oakenshaw Cross belongs on Wyke Lane at the central point of the village.

Removal was after damage from a HGV which ought not to be allowed on Wyke Lane (Nufarm HGVs are instructed not to go up but access via the top of Wyke Lane and not come down, past the Cross.) And farm traffic have never caused damage.

Had the repeatedly asked for Road Safety signs been instigated there would not be the same problem: - **Often** asked for Calming Methods, Speed Controls/ Humps. Including Weight & Height restrictions—**Yet no action materialised.**

There needs to be traffic calming methods on Wyke Lane especially if the Cross is removed otherwise it will become an area of speeding cars who endanger pedestrians & horses.

It is completely unacceptable to move a historically significant & listed structure in preference to introduction of road safety measures on Wyke Lane.

Regarding Historic England (HE), they refer to The Cross being a central point of the village, thereby confirming the LOCATION is of great importance and an enduring factor.

However, the Ecology Solutions report, to HE, states that the proposed plan to reinstate the Cross onto Cross Street grass verge is 15 metres from the original placement. Not so!

This a concern as other written reports state 20 and 30 metres. Therefore the Cross would be moved further away than HE may find acceptable?

IF the Cross were relocated onto the grass verge, it would no longer have a prominent position nor would be easily seen from Wyke Lane or Bradford Road. Moreover, HGVs have been known to drive down Cross St, into the grass verge, leaving deep tyre marks (photos can be supplied); therefore Cross Street would still require road safety measures otherwise another potential safety issue for the Cross.

Reading the HE response I agree that the area of the Cherry Tree area would be a viable option as this site would be on a more level ground and be a more prominent siting close to Wyke Lane. To me this is the only other option should it be ruled that the historical centre position of Wyke Lane is denied. Of course, the space left by removal of Oakenshaw Cross requires responsible traffic methods in place, as it has been a designated roundabout. In addition, what will happen to Oakenshaw glance stones?

Within various reports, of lengthy reading, there have been contradictory details- such as the 15 or 20 or 30 metres. In addition, reference to an Information Board, then two Information Boards---- Although Oakenshaw Matters Preservation Group have already commissioned and erected a very valid information board. All these anomalies leaves one uneasy as to whether most plans have just been a desktop exercise--- and I do know staff have visited the area but where are the accuracies?

To conclude, Oakenshaw Cross holds weighty historical value as a monument erected for a female-Sarah wife of Dr Richardson. Respect is due for such a rarity.

There are ongoing confusion of facts regarding this Planning Application.

Hence my strenuous OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS 2025/93234 and 2025/93235.

From

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(In addition, Cllr has advised there is a bit of leeway: - presume as this planning application was put forward over the Christmas period).