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My Grandma moved here as a young girl with her parents and siblings and worked in Oakenshaw Mill. So my Great-grandparents, my Grandma, my parents, myself and my daughter are all familiar with Oakenshaw Cross being a memorial to a woman. My schoolfriends (boys) played around it such as the Salthorn gang versus the Oakenshaw gang to come and fight around it. I used to go to the house that you apparently now want to move the Cross to (that was demolished and replaced with the grass and trees). That tree looks fabulous in Spring.

I live on Bradford Road so I cannot get up to Oakenshaw Cross if relocated but if I am at the church or helped to the Garden of Rest, I would be able to see it in it's familiar place. Like me, there must be others who cannot get up to Wyke Lane/Cross St to see it unless driven up. Where would my daughter park other than on Cross St for me to see it which further blocks up that road or on Wyke Lane outside someone's house? I should have a disabled badge permit, as I cannot walk far but it occurs to me that having cars driving up there to go to look at the Cross in it's new place will be a hindrance to other road users or residents in the vicinity.

So by moving it to Cross St, you may well be depriving everyone down on Bradford Road from seeing it unless they are able-bodied. Not only Kirklees residents but Bradford residents from Woodlands and Cleckheaton Road too. Pretty sure there are more Oakenshaw residents on the lower levels than there are up Wyke Lane, Cross St and Greenside with off roads.

You removed the trees that were on that green after the houses were taken down. You have not replaced so, I do not have confidence that you will make this right or the lovely tree avenue we had coming into our village.

If I am going to visit the Cross, courtesy of my daughter's car, then I would need to be able to get to the cross safely and sit down. I love reading history, so I would like an information board that gives me the timeline history of the Cross we all know and what there is underneath as I haven't been able to see that as it's not safe. I imagine most people would like to see the date it was returned on there as that will be part of its' history. After a recent funeral I was reminded of that person's link to when the Cross was repaired, cleaned and listed in the 80s. WOULD be nice to acknowledge those people and the dates the Cross was listed. Would also be nice to see pictures of "Then & Now" as I went to the school, chapel and Sunday school on Greenside for example.

I cannot understand why the Monument has to be relocated when the Oakenshaw bus pre 268 used to drive past there – maybe narrower than buses today? But that was a double decker.

My friends who live up there and aren't getting any younger like me - we're all in our mid to late 80s, would surely like a noticeboard board of things happening in the area like the church has?

Oakenshaw could have been part of the City of Culture if we had had the Cross back in time for it. Friends who wanted it back have since died or got Dementia. By hesitating/dawdling, you have caused distress to some. I'm thankful that I won't be around hopefully to see what more harm you intend to do to my village.

Kind Regards