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**From:**  
**Sent:** 22 January 2026 14:06  
**To:** DC Admin  
**Cc:** Cllr Andrew Pinnock; Cllr Kath Pinnock; Cllr John Lawson;  
**Subject:** Fw: notes regards Oakenshaw Cross & the dangerous, unchecked traffic on Wyke Lane.

**Importance:** High

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**Attention Kirklees Council.**  
**In relation to 2025/93235.**

**Good afternoon,**

**Below I am submitting a factual report with concerns/objections from a local resident**

**wrote to me in my role as a member of OMPG.**

**Not knowing how else to complain I respect her insights and concerns and I therefore put them forward for reading by Kirklees Council.**

**Faithfully,**

**4 Dye House Fold, Oakenshaw. BD12 7BU**

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Hi

I won't be able to join the meeting on 29th Jan due to work commitments. Would it be possible for you to share this on my behalf?

Many thanks

We have lived on Wyke Lane since 2018. We chose to move here with our small children and our pets because it was a quiet lane, which felt like a safe place for our children to grow up. We liked the

village feel of Oakenshaw (whilst still being within reach of transport connections for work and school) and the history of the stone monument which stood on our Lane.

Our house is one of the properties that abuts the road - there is around 3ft (91cm) between the wall of the end of our house and the road. That 3 foot is designated 'pavement' with a very low kerb stone.

It is fair to say, in recent years, the volume and speed of traffic on our Lane has increased monumentally - and this has become more prevalent since the removal of the Oakenshaw Cross.

We worry now about the safety of Wyke Lane, for our Children, our pets, and ourselves both as pedestrians and when driving in and out of our property.

To lie in bed at night and hear speeding cars roaring past your head is frankly terrifying. The devastation of a vehicle colliding at speed with the end of our house would be unimaginable however these are the thoughts that pervade when we hear the continuous stream of roaring traffic, often at frightening speeds.

Oakenshaw has changed considerably since we moved here, particularly so with the building of the industrial units on the site of the old waterworks.

The result of this is that HGV's are now a regular feature in the village, traffic to and from chain bar roundabout is often a problem, and Wyke Lane has become a rat run for vehicles looking to avoid the increased traffic on the Cleckheaton Road, at the end of Wyke Lane.

We have a 7.5 tonne HGV restriction on the Lane, which is often ignored and was it was highly likely one of these vehicles was the cause of the cross monument being hit and removed.

We would really welcome the return on the cross to its originally site, both for historical purposes and for traffic calming.

Our village is being lost to industrial units springing up, left, right and centre.

As residents we feel very strongly about retaining our village history, for ourselves and for future generations.

Additional traffic calming measures must be factored in here when deciding whether to return the cross in its original position - which is absolutely preferred, or to move it.

To not factor in traffic calming would be a huge failure on the part of Kirklees Council.

Indeed by considering moving the cross monument to an alternative location in the first place, it is an admittance that the road in its current state is not safe.

(N.B. We have no issue with the farm vehicles which use the Lane - they have done so for years and managed not to crash into the cross monument).