

**KIRKLEES COUNCIL  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 23  
CONVERSION OF ZEBRA CROSSINGS TO PUFFIN CROSSINGS AND  
AMENDMENTS TO THEIR EXTENTS  
TOWNGATE, VICTORIA SQUARE AND VICTORIA STREET, HOLMFIRTH**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

The flow of traffic at roads intersecting Victoria Square, Holmfirth is disrupted by two existing zebra crossings near each other at the above locations and the traffic signals at the junction of Huddersfield Road/Victoria Street junction along with a high proportion of on-street parking along Victoria Street add to these problems.

The zebra crossings are well used, resulting in traffic being unable to proceed through the traffic signals due to being held by the high demand at the crossings. Abuse of the parking restrictions along this stretch of the network serves to compound the issue by preventing the passage of vehicles (particularly HGVs) which subsequently results in queuing back exacerbating the congestion in the area.

The proposed scheme is designed to ease congestion through the town centre by changing the Victoria Street and Towngate zebra crossings to signal-controlled crossings enabling them to be synchronised with the Victoria Street / Huddersfield Road traffic signals which, together with the removal of other conflicts on this section of the network, will serve to smooth the flow of traffic in this area.