

KIRKLEES COUNCIL
FENAY LANE and ST HELEN'S GATE, ALMONDBURY

Statement of reasons for the proposals

Following a request from a Councillor on behalf of King James's School, and subsequent assessments, it is proposed to implement a signalled 'puffin' crossing on Fenay Lane. The existing speed plateau on Fenay Lane sited approximately 12 metres below the St Helen's Gate junction will also be resited to the site of the proposed puffin crossing (n.b. this is an addition to the scheme previously commented on by residents).

It is also proposed to provide a footway strip at the bottom of the steps running between Fenay Lane and St Helen's Gate, and site a raised plateau on St Helen's Gate, primarily to assist children walking between King James's School and Almondbury centre. Improvements to the steps are under consideration, but this will not require legal advert.

Pedestrians crossing St Helen's Gate towards the steps have their visibility of westbound traffic compromised by the bend in the road. It is therefore proposed to erect a mirror on the face of the retaining wall opposite no. 29 St Helen's Gate, to allow a pedestrians a better view of oncoming vehicles.

SCHEDULES

Plateaued Puffin Crossing

The centre point of the crossing area is to be 30 metres north-east of the junction with St Helen's Gate, with associated zig zag markings extending 23 metres south westwards and 27 metres north eastwards of the centre of the crossing area.

Plateaux

Fenay Lane

The centre point of the plateau is to be 30 metres north-east of the St Helen's Gate junction, and to be a total length of 9.5 metres (compromising of 1.5 metre ramps, and a 6.5 metre flat top). The height of the plateau is to be 75mm.

St Helen's Gate

The centre point of the plateau is to be 33 metres east of the Fenay Lane junction, and to be a total length of 6.5 metres (compromising of 1.125 metre ramps, and a 4 metre flat top). The height of the plateau is to be 75mm.