KIRKLEES COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – SECTION 90 A-F
TRAFFIC CALMING - SCAR LANE, GOLCAR

Statement of Reasons:

An accident analysis identified numerous road traffic collisions had taken place along Scar Lane resulting in serious injuries. Contributory factors suggested issues with inappropriate speeding and collision records show a pattern of rear end shunts.

To resolve these problems, it is proposed to introduce traffic calming features in the form of a combination of speed cushions and tapered flat-top plateaus at specified locations with an intention to improve road safety along the route, and to reduce the number and severity of injuries and collisions taking place.

It is also proposed to amend the kerb-line at the junction of Scar Lane with James Street to reduce road widths and slow vehicle speeds. The reduction in road width will also allow the give-way line to be brought forward, thereby improving the sight line for vehicles exiting this junction.

It is believed that these proposals will improve the safety of all road users in the area by reducing vehicle speeds, and the likelihood of reducing any future occurrence of speed-related personal injury collisions here.