

8th March 2017

The Owner/Occupier  
Properties in Northcroft Lane  
Newbury  
Berkshire

By Hand

**Highways and Transport**  
West Berkshire District Council  
Council Offices  
Market Street, Newbury  
Berkshire RG14 5LD

**Our Ref:** Northcroft lane footway widening  
**Please ask for:** Ryan Taylor  
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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Northcroft Lane, Newbury – Consultation on Pedestrian Improvements**

As a result of concerns expressed by local residents, we have investigated ways in which pedestrian facilities can be improved on Northcroft Lane. Currently, many pedestrians walk in the carriageway rather than the available footway on the north side of the road, and can come into conflict with vehicles. This appears to be because the existing footway is particularly narrow (1.2 metres), making it difficult for pushchair and wheelchair users to use safely, or for two people to comfortably walk side-by-side. We have also observed that many pedestrians are walking along footway on the south side of the road, but when this footway ends they carry on walking in the carriageway rather than cross over to use the footway on the north side.

There is not enough space for us to build a new footway on the south side of the road, but it is possible to widen the existing footway west of the West Street junction, as shown on the enclosed drawing. This would result in a section of the carriageway being reduced down to a single lane with priority give ways markings, and the removal of 2 parking spaces. In addition, it is possible to install new dropped kerbs at the side roads to make it easier for pedestrians to use the footway rather than the carriageway.

If the results of this consultation are positive, the project could go ahead later this year. If you would like to comment on this proposal, please email [projects@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:projects@westberks.gov.uk) or fill in and return the enclosed questionnaire to the above address by **Wednesday 22nd March 2017**. If you have any queries regarding the proposal, please do not hesitate to call me on 01635 519573.

Yours faithfully



**Ryan Taylor**  
**Senior Technician (Projects)**

**Northcroft Lane Pedestrian Improvements – Response to Consultation**

Name

Address

I support the proposed footway widening on Northcroft Lane

I do not support the proposed footway widening on Northcroft Lane

Please tick the appropriate box above.

I have the following comments:

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