

STATEMENT OF REASONS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 23

PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE CROSSING – WETHERBY ROAD, HARROGATE

In accordance with Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, North Yorkshire Council proposes to install a Toucan signal controlled pedestrian & cycle crossing at the junction of Wetherby Road and Slingsby Walk, Harrogate, from a point 26 metres north west of the junction with Roslyn Road to a point 151 metres south west of the junction with Roslyn Road, Harrogate.

This proposal is being made for the following reasons:

1. **To improve pedestrian & cycle safety:** The proposed crossing will provide a safer means for pedestrians and cyclists to cross Wetherby Road, particularly for vulnerable users such as children, the elderly, and those with mobility impairments.
2. **To facilitate pedestrian & cycle movement:** The crossing will support increased pedestrian and cycle traffic in the area, particularly between key destinations such as schools, shops, public transport stops, and community facilities.
3. **To support sustainable travel:** Encouraging walking and cycling as a mode of transport aligns with the council's objectives to reduce car dependency and promote healthier, more sustainable travel choices.
4. **To respond to community concerns:** The proposal follows feedback from local residents and stakeholders who have expressed concerns about the difficulty and danger of crossing at this location.

This measure is considered necessary to avoid danger to persons using the road, to facilitate the passage of pedestrians & cyclists, and to improve the amenities of the area.