

Proposed traffic management scheme Market Square, Kirkby Lonsdale

Council will be aware of the traffic flow problems at Market Square when vehicles regularly attempt to circumnavigate the Square in a clockwise direction, entering at Boots' corner, rather than using the prescribed anticlockwise direction, entering from the Chinese takeaway side.

This is caused in part by poor line-of-sight for approaching drivers caused by building lines, as well as ineffective signage and road markings despite being repeatedly reviewed and amended.

There are further difficulties caused by on-street parking in Market Square on market day, Thursday.

Our district councillors and county councillor are aware of these issues and the proposed solutions.

Scheme 1:

In the summer of 2019, SLDC and CCC officers made a site visit with Cllr Muirhead attending. All agreed there was scope for improvement. After detailed discussions, the most practical scheme emerged as:

1. Providing a dedicated pedestrian-only walkway from Boots' corner to the bus stop area;
 2. Making the hatched space adjacent to the Monument on the Boots side a parking space;
 3. Making the adjacent parking space, facing the Royal Hotel, a traffic island/refuge with new No Entry post attached,
 4. The Traffic Management Team advise that this proposal will cost an estimated £9,500.
- See graphics illustrating how this scheme might look.

Council are also reminded that last May, we were told the cost of prohibiting parking on Charter market day, Thursdays, would be in the region of £10,000, and that the no-parking regulation would be in perpetuity.

It was agreed to approach the Chamber of Trade and the Community Interest Company to. Take a tripartite approach to cost sharing, but that the town council would underwrite this cost.

Due to Covid, little progress has been made on this minute, so it is recommended that the Town Clerk write formally to both organisations setting out this proposal and asking for their response within two months.

Recommendations:

Scheme 1.

Council is asked to agree to

- (a) the traffic management proposals for Market Square as set out above;
- (b) Contribute in part or in whole to the cost of Scheme 1 to ensure its implementation for the benefit of our local community.

Council is further asked to agree:

- (a) To invite the town's Chamber of Trade and the Community Interest Company to work with the town council to achieve an on-street parking ban on Charter market Thursdays, this to include contributing to the cost of achieving same.