

PROPOSED WORKS AT THE CRESCENT, THORNTON

CONSULTATION

The Council has been in discussions with your Ward Councillors and Thornton Parish Council regarding the implementation of a 'one way' system along The Crescent in Thornton and your views on this proposal are now being sought.

At present the traffic flow in The Crescent is two way. Due to the limited carriageway width and the high number of vehicle movements, motorists are parking half on the carriageway and half on the west footway. Parking this way is made easier because of the low kerb. The high number of pedestrian movements on the footway to and from the shops is hampered by the reduced usable footway space. By proposing to make The Crescent one-way, congestion due to oncoming vehicles will be eliminated and motorists will be encouraged to park correctly.

The proposed one-way system has vehicles entering The Crescent from Thornfield Road and exiting onto Moor Lane. Vehicles will be prohibited from entering The Crescent from Moor Lane, and road signs for this will be introduced on Moor Lane.

The on-street parking bays will be formally marked out on The Crescent, as shown on the attached plan, with a limited waiting restriction and loading ban, of a maximum of 2 hours parking, with no return in 1 hour. To assist in servicing the local businesses, a dedicated loading bay will also be provided, as shown on the plan. The existing parking on the wide footway area will be formalised as a parking area with no restrictions on use. The addition of 'double yellow lines' to the opposite side of The Crescent will ensure that parked vehicles should not obstruct the operation of the one way system.

The entry and exit points to The Crescent will also be narrowed, by building out the footway to reduce the carriageway width at these points. The purpose of these build-outs is to slow down vehicles accessing the Crescent, which should result in safer movements for pedestrians. They would also provide protection to parked vehicles. A raised speed table will also be introduced in the centre of The Crescent, to serve as both a level pedestrian crossing point and to reduce vehicle speeds along The Crescent.

All the existing road markings will be refreshed around The Crescent, Moor Lane, Edge Lane and Thornfield Road.

The key objective of the scheme is to improve pedestrian safety and support the local economy.

The work is being funded from the Ward Council and Thornton Parish Council funds. The results of this consultation to the implementation of the one-way system will be reported to Central Area Committee at the next available meeting and subject to approval, it is intended to start construction in the late summer.

A questionnaire has also been enclosed with this consultation pack - please complete and return the questionnaire before Friday 19th May 2017.

If you require any further information before completing the form, please phone our contact centre on 0345 140 0845 and ask for Andrea Robinson.