

Item 13 c)

Notice of Motion

Road Safety – Station Road

Motion: That the Parish Council raises the issue of road safety on Station Road Bank with DCC Planning and Highways Departments to see whether additional off-road parking can be provided by Banks Homes or Durham County Council alternatively traffic calming measure in the form of a "Priority to Oncoming Traffic" contra flow system heading towards West Rainton from Leamside can be installed.

At the Annual Parish Council held May 2025 the matter of road safety on the banked section of Station Road and the possible installation of additional off-street parking was discussed. The Parish Council was briefed by a Lumley and West Rainton Division County Councillor that Banks Homes had sort permission to install additional off-street parking. The Planning Department under delegated authority had refused permission on the grounds that it would prevent the planting of trees in the area between the boundary of the site, and Station Road a strip of land measuring approximately 10 to 12 metres in width. Having contacted DCC Planning, DCC Highways and Banks Homes they have confirmed no additional planning application have been submitted or refused for off-street parking, and there are no trees been planted outside the confines of the site.

Examination of the attached plan show the Development includes a large Meadow / Wild flower area at the bottom of Station Road which includes limited off-street Parking (formerly The Old Station Inn). The Parish Council recognises that resident living on Station Road have a right to park outside their own homes, but this needs to be balance against road safety as there is potential for fatalities and serious road traffic accidents with the increase of road traffic associated to the development.

The original Station Road development was refused on the grounds that a grade separated road junction had to be constructed on the A690. Examination of the Planning Application for the Station Road (150 dwellings £284,950 to £509,950) and Allenson View (65 dwellings start from £359,995) Developments show no S106 Agreement to specifically improve either section of road. DM/17/03214/FPA Allenson View (65 dwellings) clearly shows Decision Approved subject to S106 Agreement 08 Feb 2019 , and 8/CMA/4/112 Cathedral Meadows (150 dwellings) Decision Approved subject to S106 Agreement dated 13 Jan 2016. Governance Review shows Electorate of West Rainton and Leamside number of dwellings would be likely to yield a further 401 electors (no figure for increased population specified). I move that the Parish Council raises the issue of road safety on Station Road Bank with DCC Planning and Highways Departments to see whether additional off-road parking can be provided by Bank Homes or Durham County Council alternatively traffic calming measure in the form of a "Priority to Oncoming Traffic" contra flow system heading towards West Rainton from Leamside can be installed.

Extract DCC Planning Portal:

*Planning Application 8/CMA/4/112 150 Dwellings Station Road S106 £50,000
Community Contribution, £25,000 Highway Contribution A(1) M Carrville
Interchange, £75,000 Open Space Contributions.*

*Planning Application DM/17/03214/FPA Erection 65 Dwellings £6,000 new bus stops
Benridge Bank, £130,752 Belmont Community School*