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Tonaccliffe Road

PROPOSED SAFETY MEASURES

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Outline of the Problem

Tonacliffe Road is a very narrow rural road that runs parallel to the main A671 Market Street in the southern part of Whitworth and is subject to a 20mph speed limit. There is a Primary School located along this stretch, many parts of this road have a pavement on just one side, sometimes very narrow or non-existent in parts. Many residents have expressed concern about vehicles speeding (although the road is subject to a 20mph limit) over many years and over the last couple of years there have been several serious issues along the main A671 which have meant vehicles diverting over Tonacliffe Road causing gridlock, road rage and very great danger to local residents taking children to and from school. The suggested measures on the following pages consider these challenges and are designed to cause minimum disruption to residents living in the area going about their legitimate business. It does mean some residents will incur slightly longer journeys and/or disruption on some occasions but safety of both pedestrians and other road users must be of paramount importance.

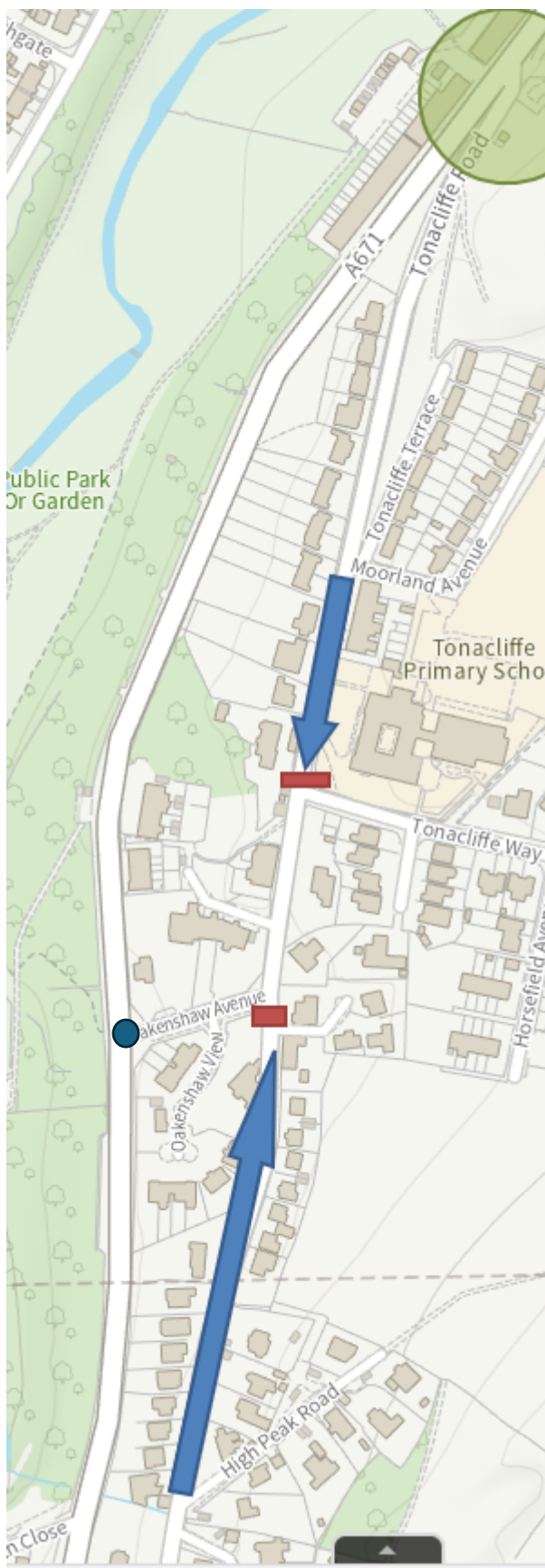
The residents living in this locality have contacted either Councillor Alan Neal or myself on numerous occasions asking for some action to be taken along the length of Tonacliffe Road, speeding vehicles, inconsiderate parking at school times, total gridlock whenever there is an issue on the main road either because of accidents or the numerous roadworks traffic lights failures we have endured over the last few years are the main reasons for highlighting problems and safety issues. The requests for some action goes back many years.

Proposed Safety Measures

A one-way route from the junction of Tonacliffe Terrace/Moorland Avenue in a southerly direction to the junction with Tonacliffe Way.

A one-way route from the junction with High Peak Road in a northerly direction to Oakenshaw Avenue

This proposal would prevent vehicles from using Tonacliffe Road as a rat run and make it safer for vehicles turning onto Tonacliffe Road from Tonacliffe Terrace/Moorland Avenue, this junction has very bad sight lines for both emerging traffic and traffic already on Tonacliffe Road.



At junction of Market St & Tonacliffe Rd near Bar Garage, 7.5T except for access signs. Also at Junction of Market St & Oakenshaw Ave and at the south end of Tonacliffe Rd.

At junction of Tonacliffe Rd & Moorland Ave, One Way sign in south direction.

At Junction of Tonacliffe Rd & Tonacliffe way, No Entry Signs.

At Junction of Tonacliffe Rd & Oakenshaw Ave, No Entry Signs

At Junction of Tonacliffe Rd/High Peak Road One Way Signs in North direction.

7.5 except for access at south end of Tonacliffe Rd (not shown on map).

Residents living on Tonacliffe north of Moorland Ave, Tonacliffe Terrace, Moorland Ave and Moorland Crescent, access to Whitworth and Rochdale not affected. Journeys from Whitworth, not affected. Journeys from Rochdale, access would be via junction at Bar Garage end of Tonacliffe Rd.

Residents living on Tonacliffe Way, Horsefield Ave, Belle Isle Ave, Meadow Head Ave and Cottesmore Close, not affected on journeys to or from Rochdale. Journeys to Whitworth would be by exit via Oakenshaw Ave, journeys from Whitworth not affected.

Residents living on Tonacliffe Rd, High Peak Rd and Highgate Lane, journeys to or from Rochdale not affected. Journeys to Whitworth, exit via Oakenshaw Ave, journeys from Whitworth, entry via south end of Tonacliffe Rd (this is a very tight left turn).





Junction 1, Market Street and Tonacliffe Road (Bar Garage) facing south towards Rochdale. This junction would need the 7.5 tons sign.



Junction 2, Tonacliffe Road and Tonacliffe Terrace/Moorland Avenue. This junction would need the One Way Arrows.

This junction is dangerous when trying to emerge due to vehicles parked right up to the junction and on the kerb,



Junction 3, Tonacliffe Road with Tonacliffe Way on the right hand side.

This junction would need the No Entry Signs to prevent vehicles proceeding further along Tonacliffe Road.



Junction 4, Tonacliffe Road with Oakenshaw Avenue on the right-hand side.

This junction would need the No Entry Signs to prevent vehicles proceeding further along Tonacliffe Road.



Junction 5, Oakenshaw Ave with Market Street (A671). This junction would need the 7.5 tons sign.



Junction 6, Tonacliffe Road with High Peak Road, this junction would need the One Way Arrows.



Junction 7, Tonacliffe Road with Market Street (A671) at the south end. Traffic coming from Whitworth would need to make a very sharp left turn, but the junction is very wide.

This junction would need the 7.5 tons sign.



All the following photo's, **A,B C,D,E** all show how narrow Tonacliffe Road can be in most parts of it, it is unsuitable for large vehicles to use as a diversion or cut through to avoid the main road.

Photo A



Photo B



Photo C



Photo D



Photo E