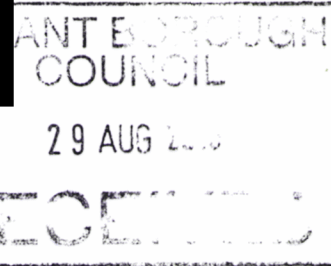


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28th August 2019

Dear Mrs T Pickup

**Your Ref: APP/19/00770 St Thomas's Church, 24 New Brighton Road, Emsworth
PO10 7PS**

We recognise the benefits to the congregation of the proposed changes and therefore have no objections. However, we believe there is a danger/safety issue to recognize and overcome.

The current cycle/pedestrian pavement from the south of New Brighton Road (NBR) is marked to divert cyclists around the roadside (outer) pavement. There is no such provision from the north of NBR. As it stands, cyclists from the north (and from the south, unfortunately) will travel (many at speed and no warning) across the front of the Church and past entrances/exits, it is therefore a concern to us that a danger/safety issue exists both to cyclists and pedestrians alike.

The line of sight to the south is already obscured by a hedge at 18 NBR (but currently navigable). The line of sight to the north for all exits for all vehicles including mobility scooters, prams, pushchairs, and running children etc., must be as clear as possible taking into account pillars, hedges, shrubs etc. In addition the occupant of 18a NBR uses a mobility scooter, which, if hit by a cyclist could cause injury – or worse. For all transport, having to edge forward whilst searching both directions will be a problem. Could you please therefore make provision to:-

1. Mark the North cycle/pedestrian (coming south) pavement to divert cyclists around the roadside (outer) pavement. Additionally, erect a 'NO CYCLING' sign at each end of the inner pavement. This will put the legal onus on any cyclists should an accident occur on the inner pavement
2. Erect mirrors where required to assist the safe exit of all vehicles from driveways.

In summary, redirect cyclists legally to travel the roadside outer pavement route in both directions. Ensure an uninterrupted line of sight for all modes of transport for all entrances/exits.

We would like to state, again, that this not an objection to the proposals, rather additional safety measures to protect all persons as far as possible.

Yours Sincerely

