## <u>Proposed Site of Controlled Pedestrian Crossing based on Monk Fryston Parish Council</u> <u>Site Survey, March 2023</u>

In March 2023 Monk Fryston Parish Council conducted its own surveys to assess the needs for a pedestrian crossing on the A63 which runs through the village. The surveys were based on guidelines issued by the Department of Transport with attention focussed on site, pedestrian opinion, traffic, and other relevant factors such as crossing times and vehicle speeds. Included in this document, these surveys provide an accurate picture of a worsening situation for the residents of Monk Fryston.

Previous assessments by Highways have failed to find a suitable place for the installation of a crossing. Private ownership of land adjacent to highway and points of access to the A63 road have caused problems. Low footfall with pedestrians using various crossing points at differing times of day have, in a previous limited survey, prevented any movement in establishing suitable locations.

By observing the following recommendations (all references are supported in the Department of Transport, Road Traffic Signals Manual, Chapter Six) MFPC wishes to submit a suitable location for the siting of a signalled pedestrian crossing across the A63 at the area known locally in the village as The Mount.

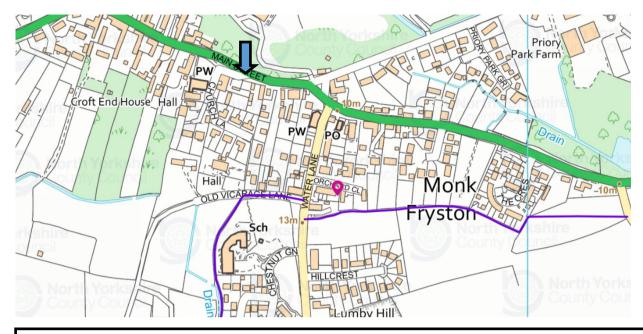
## **Principles**

- "the main objective of any crossing should be safety, convenience, and accessibility" (ref 13.1.4)
- "....as vehicle flow and speed increases pedestrians particularly the more vulnerable ... need a dedicated facility in order to feel safe" (ref 13.1.6)
- The Equality Act 2010 places a duty on public sector authorities to comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty in carrying out their function. This includes making reasonable adjustments to the existing build environment to ensure infrastructure is accessible to all (ref 15.2)

## **Solution**

While the design and logistics depends upon Highways the suggestion is to excavate a small area of the soft ground, establishing a paved pedestrian holding area and signals. The following photographs identify the area and demonstrate suitable sight lines for oncoming traffic both east and west facing. This location would provide a safe crossing area for all residents in developments east and west of the village as well as easy access to the church and church hall, school and community centre and local pub and shop, as well as the recreational facilities of play areas and footpaths. The proximity of village bus stops would provide safe crossing facilities for residents as well as at school boarding and alighting times.

Visual images to identify possible crossing location, showing route of A63 and village layout, including present condition of The Mount



Above. Line map of A63, Main Street Monk Fryston. Suggested position of crossing arrowed. Also illustrates the accessibility of a crossing to users, allowing access to facilities such as church, school, community centre, pub for residents crossing north to south. It would also provide safe crossing places for those using public transport, particularly school children.

Map taken fron NYCC Definitive Maps



Left. Street view of suggested crossing point, matching arrow as above

Below. Photo shots of A63 from east and west approaches suggesting ample lines of vision for crossing requirements.



