

### **Introduction:**

In June 2017, Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) created the *District Improvement Fund*, a portion of the council's budget set aside to carry out improvement works to areas of high footfall in main economic areas. The selection process for the specific works to be completed consisted of HBC inviting bids from parish councils for works which they felt would improve the vibrancy of their communities.

Knaresborough Town Council (KTC) has identified cycle parking provision at and Knaresborough Marketplace and Knaresborough Castle Yard as a potential recipient of the District Improvement Fund. The following information has been compiled to set out what specific works are being proposed at Knaresborough Marketplace and Knaresborough Castle Yard, and the rationale for doing so.

### **Slide 1:**

It can be seen that the current cycle parking facilities at Knaresborough Marketplace have been installed within close proximity to a parking meter, obstructing access to both facilities. Additionally, the current racks are a generic design of a low aesthetic value and are less visible to cyclists.

### **Slide 2:**

The model of bike rack being proposed for the marketplace is called a 'Bike Port'. It is a single unit consisting of 8 bike parking spaces and an aluminium body in the shape of a bicycle. This eye catching design can be customised with a variety of colours to suit its surroundings. A 'Racing Green' colour has been proposed for the rack at Knaresborough Marketplace, to ensure it is noticeable but sympathetic to its historic surroundings.

### **Slide 3:**

5 different locations were considered for the new bike rack. Ultimately, location E was determined to be the most appropriate as it did not require any alterations to the layout of the weekly market.

**Slide 4:**

The footprint of the cycle rack can be seen in Green. While the rack itself comfortably fits inside the area proposed, it can also be seen that when bikes are secured to it they will protrude slightly onto the adjacent pavement. However, at the narrowest point the pavement will still be more than double the width recommended by Highways England to allow two wheelchair users to pass comfortably.

**Slide 5:**

The location for the proposed bike rack at Knaresborough Castle Yard is highlighted in red.

**Slide 6:**

This location is the end space in a row of car parking spaces close to the South-Eastern entrance to Knaresborough Castle. This location was selected due to it benefiting from street lighting and being proximate to other amenities such as the public toilets and various café's/shops.

**Slide 7:**

The rack proposed for the Castle Yard is called a 'Car Bike Port'. This rack is made by the same manufacturer as the 'Bike Port' and is designed to be placed in a car parking space. It is a single unit consisting of 10 bike parking spaces and an aluminium frame in the shape of a car. The proposed colour for this bike rack is the same racing green colour proposed in the marketplace, to again ensure the rack is noticeable yet sympathetic to its historic surroundings.

**Slides 8&9:**

It should be noted that the width of the aluminium frame of the 'Car Bike Port' is just 10cm wide. Consequently, any impact on the view of Knaresborough castle and the castle wall will be negligible.

# Proposed Cycle parking at Knaresborough Castle Yard and Knaresborough Marketplace

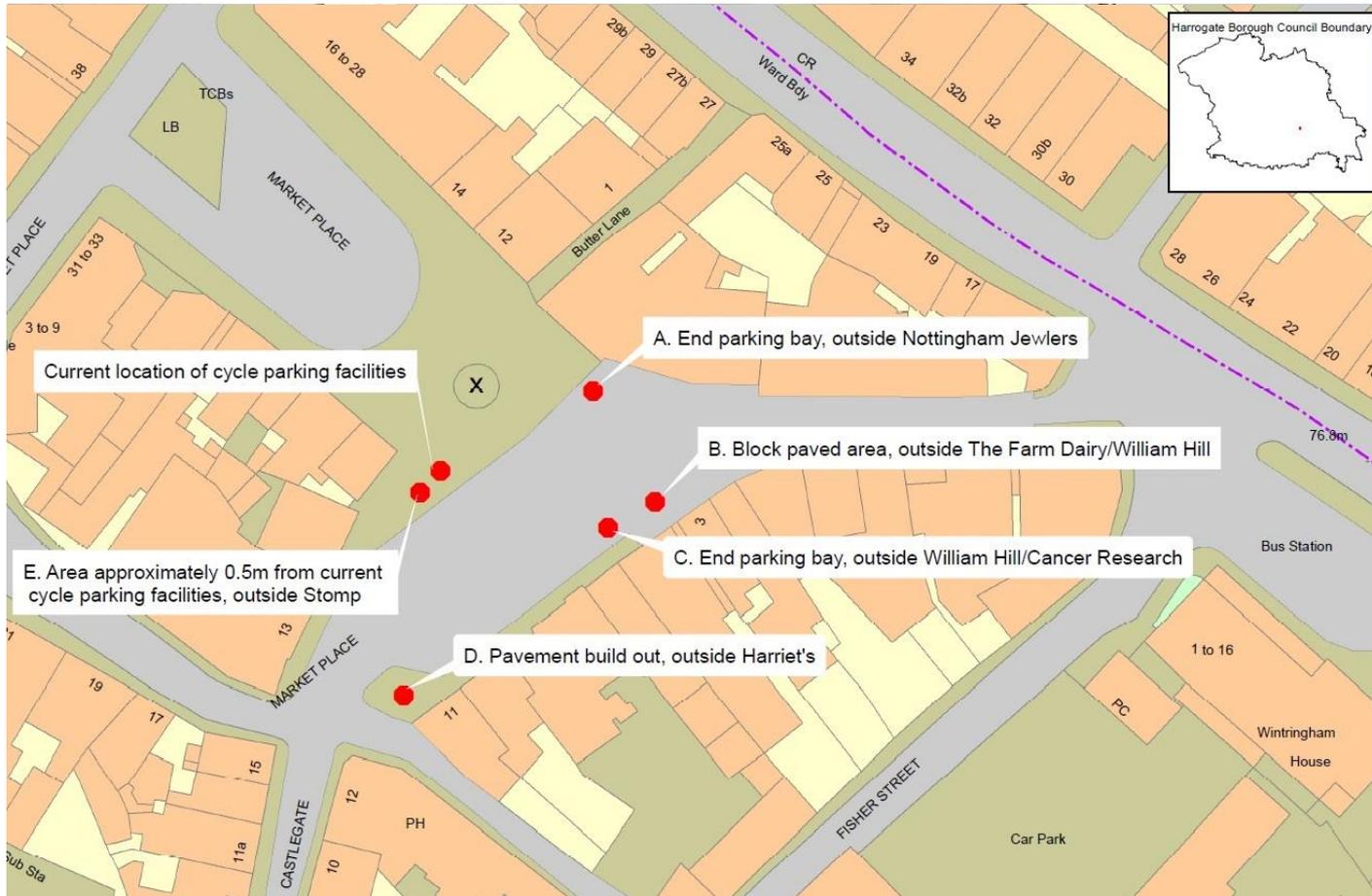
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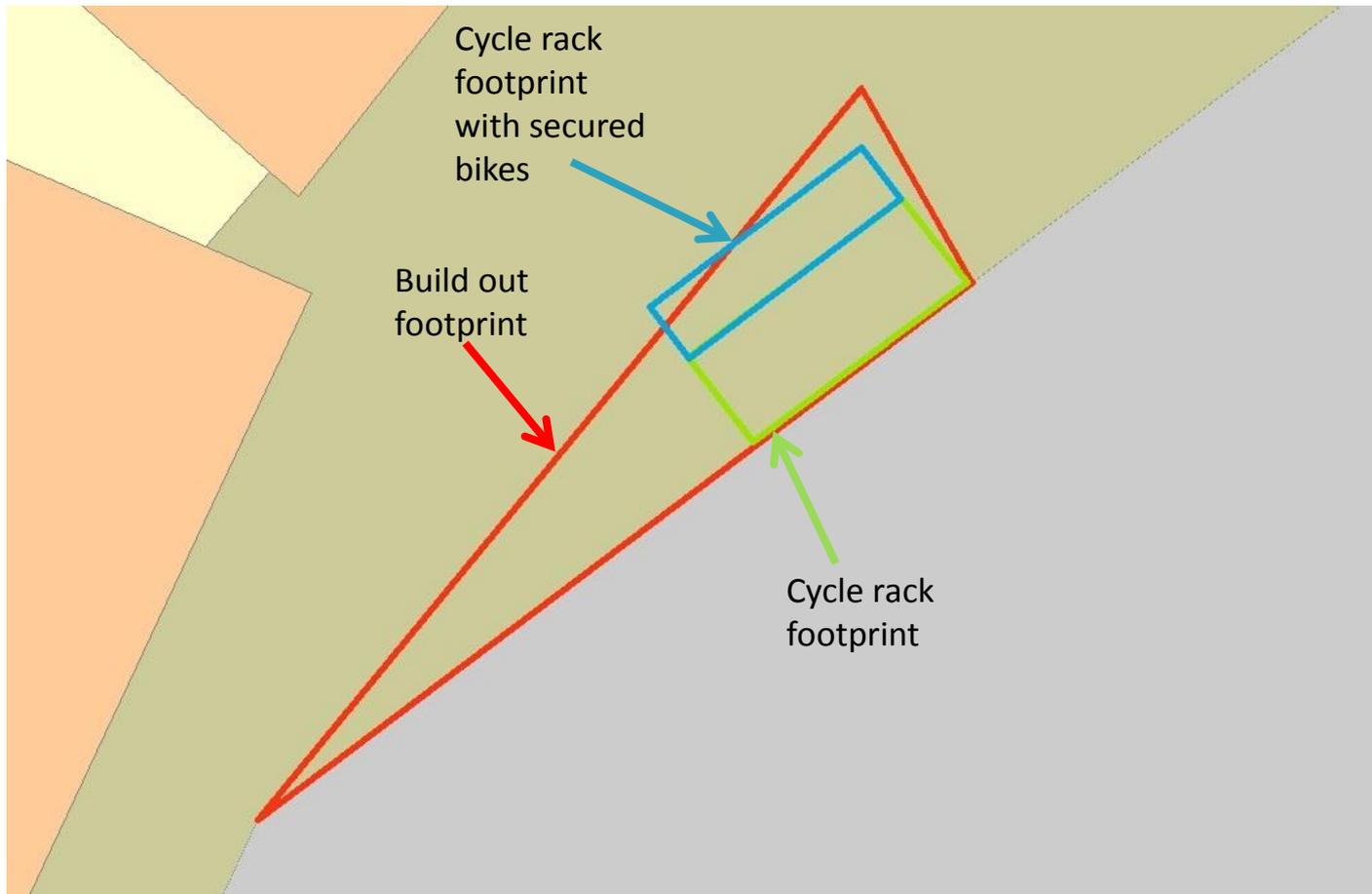
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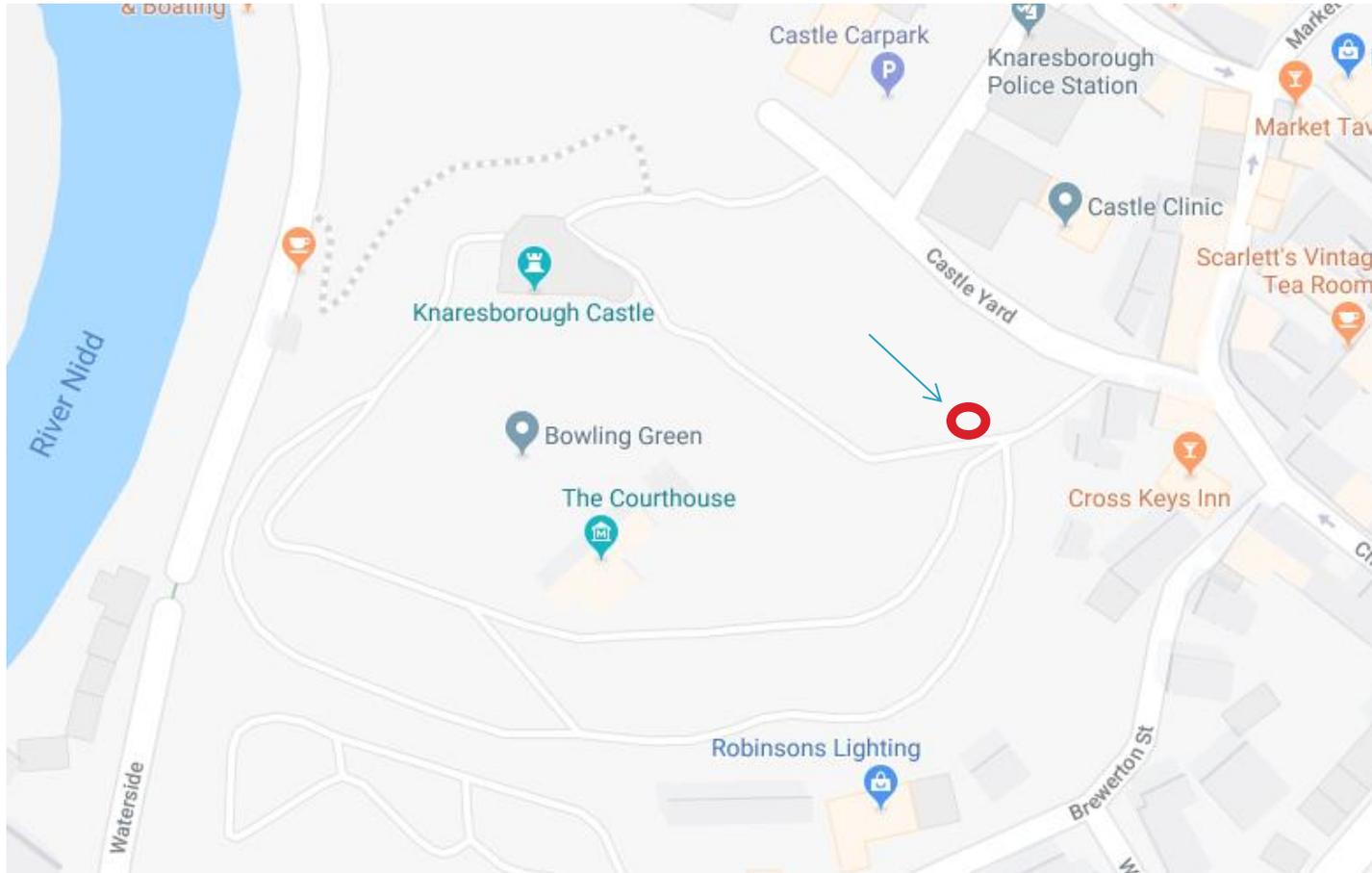
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