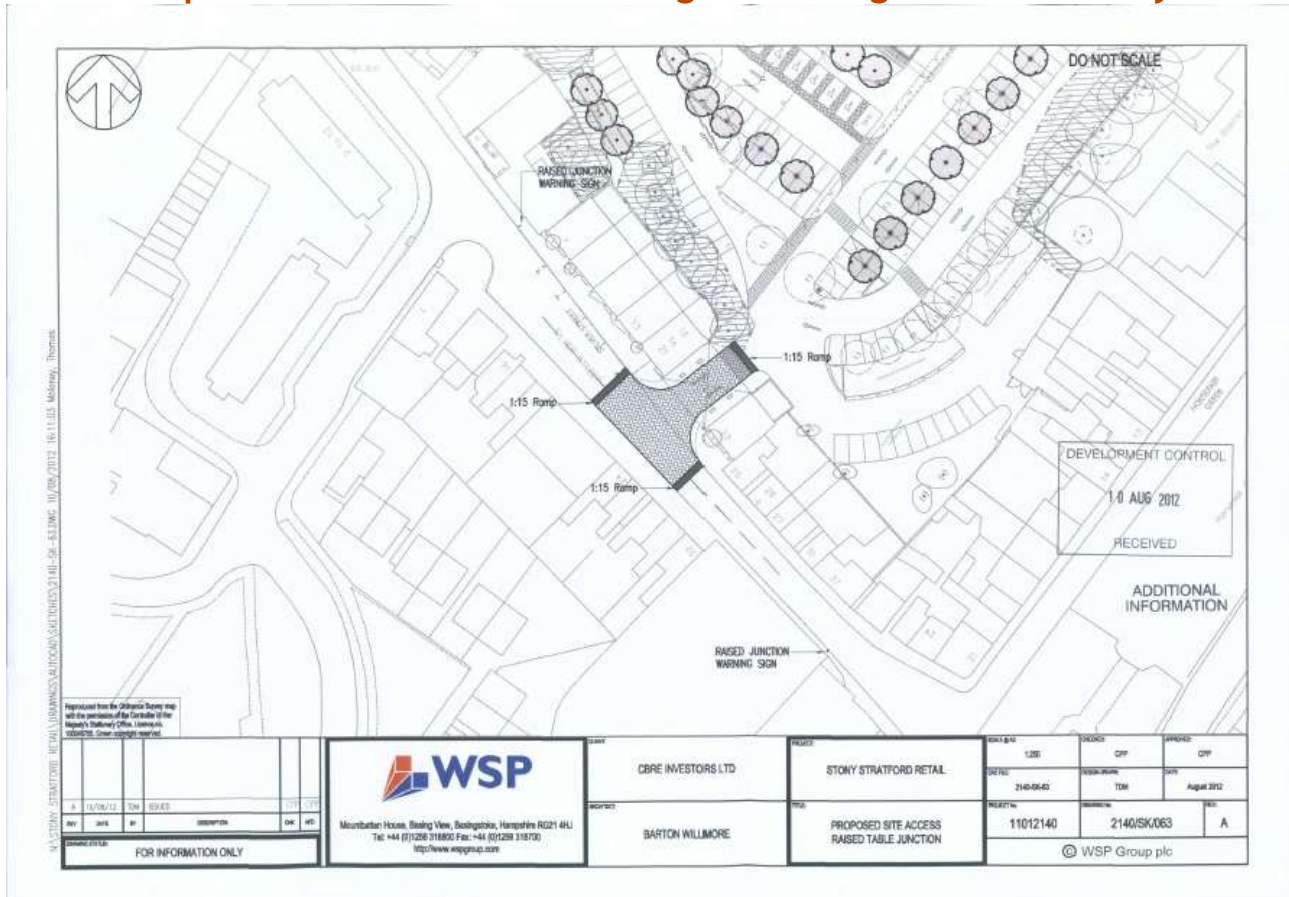


Proposed raised entrance through Cofferridge Close Archway



Comments on this proposal from 'Save Cofferridge Close' Group

Road Safety : The purpose of raised tables at junctions is to reduce traffic speeds through the junction, and to draw drivers' attention to the fact that there is a junction and thus increase road safety. In this instance we believe that neither of these objectives are necessary or met. Traffic speeds on Silver Street are already very low because of the restricted road space resulting from the narrowness of the road and on-street parking. The presence of the junction is already fairly obvious and could be made more so by some additional signing. It seems that this proposal is a part of the developer's wish to impose a one-way system which would inevitably result in increased traffic speeds on Silver Street, and the implementation of this proposal would enable them to say that traffic speeds would be unaffected!

Damage to Archway : We also think that the provision of a junction table could make it more difficult for HGV's to get through the archway safely, since the driver would have to concentrate on negotiating the ramp and, because he will be turning, the ramp will induce a rocking movement on his vehicle which will significantly affect the positioning of the upper part of the wagon, particularly an articulated vehicle. This could increase the risk of the top of the truck hitting the underside of the arch, and even getting stuck there.

Disturbance to local residents : The raised road surface in Silver Street would increase noise disturbance from vehicles changing gear and 'bumping over' the ramps: this could become a major source of annoyance to residents on either side of Silver Street, especially at night. And the proposed raised junction warning signs will be yet another obstacle for pedestrians to negotiate on the narrow pavements.

Grade II Listing : The archway into the Close forms part of the row of Grade II listed houses, which should have a bearing on whether or not this proposal can be approved.