

From the Chair and Vice Chair of Kegworth Parish Council on Feb 3rd 2022

Parish Council Meeting Feb 7th at 7.30pm (open to the public, space permitting)

Kegworth Public Realm Project – Market Place

This District Council-led project was conceived in early 2020 and Market Place has remained unchanged since November 2019. The Parish Council is asked to vote on Monday for one of the attached/following schematic diagrams from the County Council. Beyond this point, external funding for Market Place is not guaranteed.

The County Council is the Highways Authority for Kegworth and they have now ruled that Market Place is indeed a highway. They must approve in detail any changes. Their preference, based on safety and engineering considerations, is the new entrance from the main road to avoid the slope and the Coop Car Park drive altogether. The options being presented may give a route forward and break the current impasse. Potential highways stipulations in the event of any further proposals based on the early 2019 Market Place remain unclear.

The two schematic diagrams were drawn up very recently by County Council staff. While both show reduced parking, both do improve the ergonomics of parking and pedestrian movement. Parish councillors have tried to ensure that the findings of the May 2021 consultation with businesses were being followed:

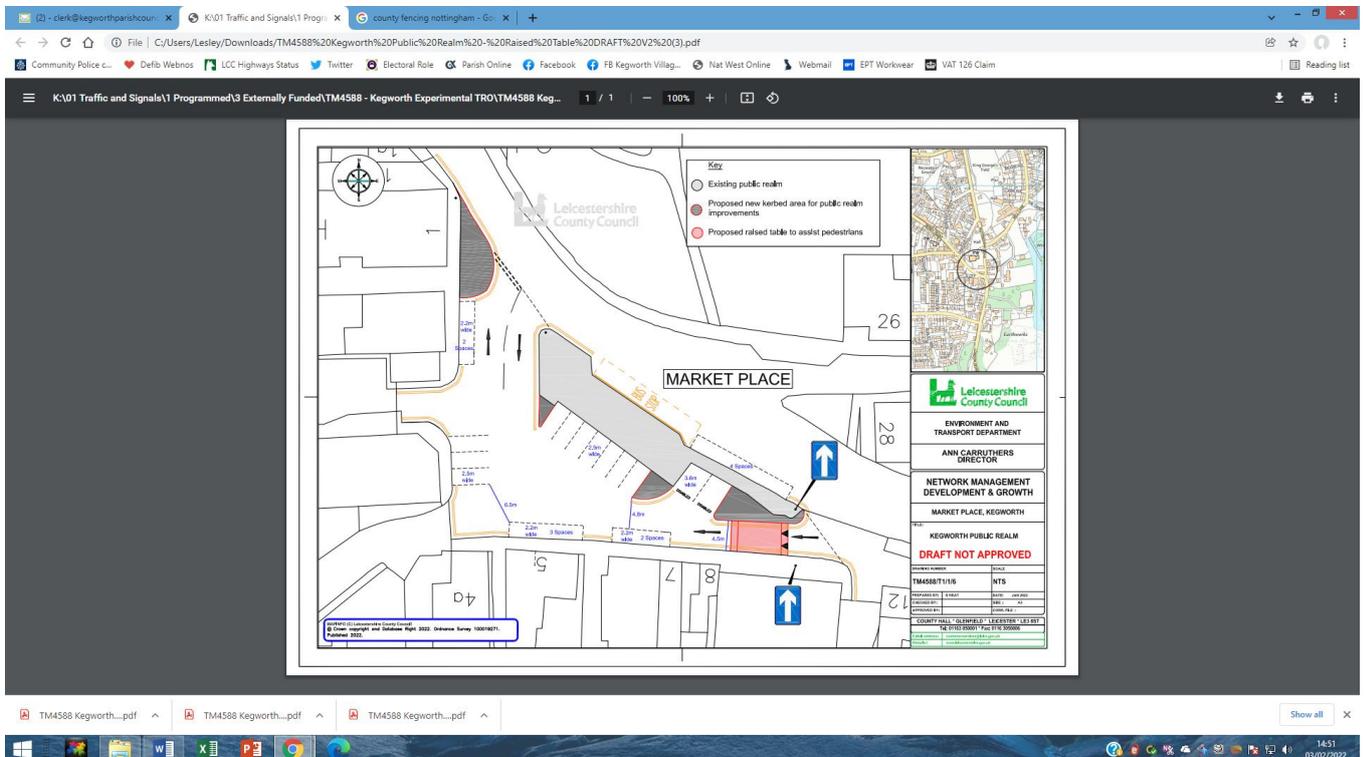
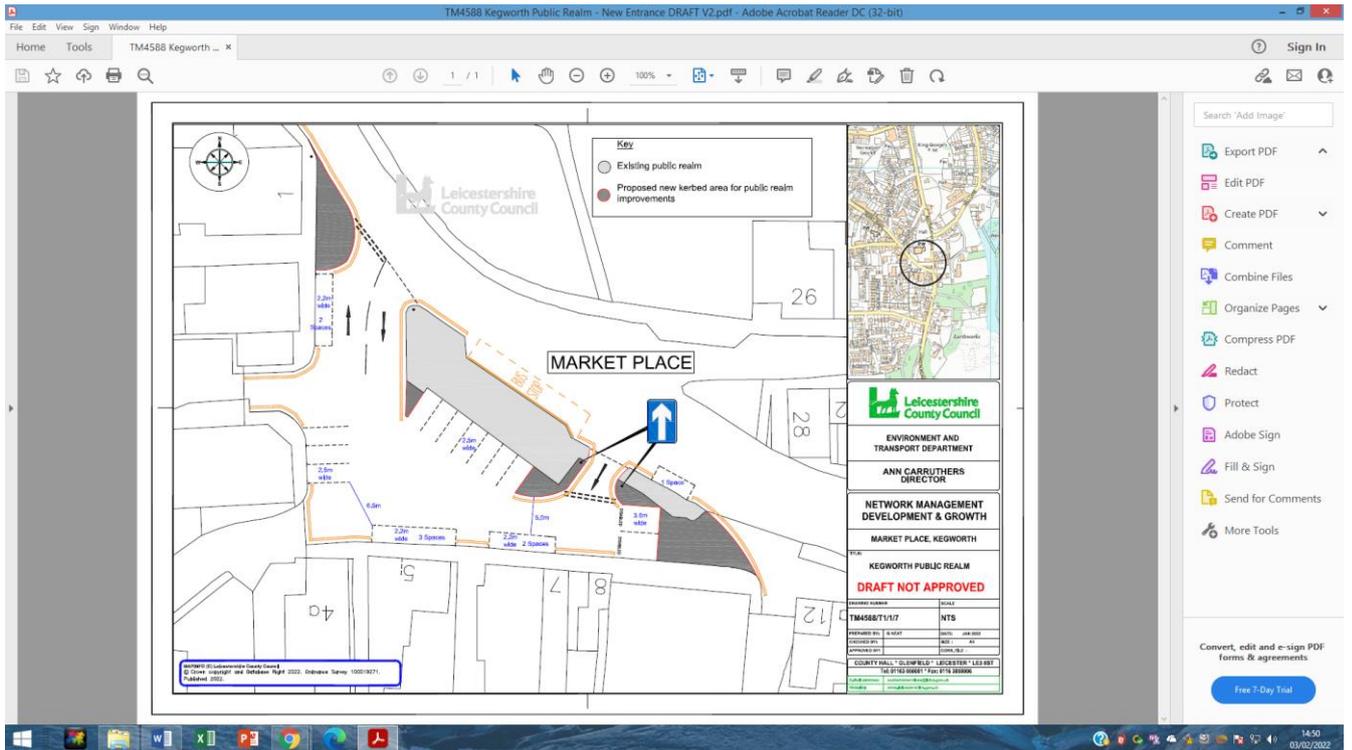
“There was a high level of consistency in the views expressed:

- All businesses want to see substantial numbers of parking spaces retained in Market Place.
- The current layout is overwhelmingly unpopular; return to the previous positioning of car park spaces.
- Retain the time restrictions and spaces for Blue Badge holders. But there is no need for parent/carers and child spaces if people can exit their cars onto a kerb and cross Market Place safely.
- Reopen the south entrance to create a one-way route through Market Place, exiting at the northern end. Delivery vehicles need better and safer access.
- Strong support for the idea of a shared space which could be used for events and markets – but designed so that it feels separate from the highway.
- Support for planting/trees, seating areas and bike parking facilities.”

We ask you to note the Parish Council’s tireless efforts to ‘find a way through’ and, if possible offer your support. We are happy to receive *constructive feedback by e-mail* on ray.sutton@kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk and andrew.priestley@kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk. Please use the header ‘KPCMarketPlace030222’ to ensure that we see your message.

Thank you

Cllrs. Ray Sutton and Andrew Priestley



NB: Due to time pressures, we have taken this initiative, so our letter has not been agreed formally by the Parish Council