

NPAG TRANSPORT SUB GROUP

Draft report on accessibility in Uppingham

Surveys carried out in September noted the following areas where access is restricted to disabled people and those using mobility scooters. Where possible these are accompanied by relevant photographs.

Pavements

1. Lime Tree Avenue

There are two sets of staggered railings. Access is very narrow and turning through 90 degrees very difficult for a small scooter, impossible for larger vehicles. This is exacerbated by overgrown hedging. *

Overgrown hedging on west side of road.*

2. Red India junction

This is a particularly difficult area with traffic approaching from four directions. Junction Leicester Rd/ Stockerston Rd/ Spring Back Way/High Street West. Firstly there is an issue of traffic speed. Drivers often don't slow down sufficiently, particularly those turning from Leicester Road into Stockerston Road. Dropped kerb nearest Red India cannot be seen by traffic travelling from Leicester to Stockerston Road.* Together this makes for a difficult turning especially from Leicester Road into High Street West, the main route into the town centre.

A "Slow Down " sign or other appropriate warning would be recommended.

3. Spring Back Way

This impossible for a mobility scooter because of the steep slope and inadequate pavements.

4. High Street West

Yellow lines, One Stop, parking

5. Market Place

Access into the Market Place involves using the pedestrian crossing, turning right, going along the pavement and turning in front of the public toilets. The dropped kerb is often blocked especially on market day and impossible when there are events such as the fair.

The dropped kerb outside Nortons is often blocked especially on market day as people stop to pick up vegetables.

6. High Street East

When the fair is in the market place, the electricity cables although covered present a challenge. We know of one resident who fell off a scooter whilst try to cross over them.

Access to Printers Yard can be difficult, the dropped kerb is uneven. *

Disabled access is to the rear of the Town Hall. Currently that means an extra journey onto North Street East. It is understood that a ramp from the pavement to the front entrance front is under consideration.*

Cars regularly park outside Nelsons blocking the dropped kerb. The traffic wardens appear reluctant to move parked cars from the right hand side of the road.*

Similarly cars regularly park on the yellow lines to access the newsagents.

There is a dropped kerb at 59 High Street East (the north side) but not on the other side of the road. The only option is to use the road, against oncoming traffic and on a bend. *

7. Queen Street

The library cannot be accessed from the east side as there is no dopped kerb.

There are obstructions outside the Royal Oak which make access for all but a narrow scooter very difficult. *

8. Farleigh Gdns

Very difficult to get scooter over kerb (not dropped) and then in road – potholes, poor condition! *

*** Photographs to go into finished document**