



# BAGNARA

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Dear Tracy,

**Councillor Call for Action CCfA**  
**Parking, Safety and Maintenance Issues at Broadway Shops**

Thank you for your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. We at BAGNARA are very pleased that a feasibility study is to be made of the above, with the possibility of a review by the Council.

Over the years, pedestrian access to Broadway shops has been severely compromised by cars parking on the raised pavement area in front of the shops, often to extent of denying access along the front of the shops to pedestrians, particularly those using walking frames or wheelchairs and including mothers with small children and pushchairs. Pedestrians also feel their safety is threatened by cars driving onto the pavement and reversing off – small children being particularly vulnerable because drivers cannot see them if they walk on the pavement behind the cars.

The best solution to these problems, in our opinion, would be to remove the bus stop, telephone kiosk and recycling bins from the raised island in front of the shops (which belongs to the Council) and replace this with tarmac parking bays for cars, thus keeping them separate from the pavement (which belongs to the shop owners).

In the absence of this being possible, we would like the shopkeepers to place street furniture a sufficient distance in front of their shops so as to allow a clear pathway in front of all the shops, so that pedestrians can walk from shop to shop without obstruction or intimidation from vehicles.

We have been given to understand that the Council has no jurisdiction over privately owned land, but we would question whether there is not a perceived Health and Safety issue here that the shop owners could be called on to redress.

We would be very pleased to receive a copy of your report when it is ready and would be happy to take part in any discussions.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara A Robinson

