

**REPORT FROM: PLANNING, BUILDING CONTROL AND LICENSING
MANAGER**

TO: WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE

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REDIFUSION CABLES

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the committee on the condition of the overhead 'Redifusion' cable across Frank Street and Rainhall Road, Barnoldswick.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the Committee note the report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) The cable was surveyed with the use of binoculars from available pavement vantage points on the 20th January 2016 in consideration of the condition of the cable as requested by Committee.

BACKGROUND

1. This is a follow up report at the request of the Committee in regard to the present condition of the cable and follows from a more detailed report of the 8th September 2015 advising about the legal position and powers open to the Council to deal with the issues arising.

ISSUE

2. The condition of the cable as at the inspection of the 20th January 2016 does not appear to have discernibly deteriorated from previous inspections. The main structural cables which make up this multi-strand cable appear intact. A thinner cable which winds around the main structural cables has broken above the ridge where it passes over Frank Street but this cable does not have any structural merit and has been in that condition for some time.
3. The ridge tile which the cable rests on above 7 Frank Street remains intact and the adjacent ridge and roof tiles appear not to have been disturbed by any movement of the cable which may have occurred during windy conditions.

4. The cable spanning across the road remains at a height above the street level which is higher than adjacent BT cables traversing the highway.

CONCLUSION

5. The cable presently does not appear to be in a dangerous condition and it does not appear to have affected any building elements which it comes into contact with.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None directly arising from the report

Financial: As set out in the report to Committee dated 8th September 2015

Legal: As set out in the report to Committee dated 8th September 2015

Risk Management: None directly arising from the report

Health and Safety: There are no short term health and safety issues identified by survey

Sustainability: None directly arising from the report

Community Safety: Not presently any issues identified in the short to medium term

Equality and Diversity: None directly arising from the report

APPENDICES: None

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS: None