

Design and Access Statement : Planning Application for a Taxi Booking Office

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Applicant: Attiq Rehman

Site: 53 Lidget street, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3JF

Location:

Lidget Street is situated in the heart of Lindley village with a selection of shops and amenities. It has a library and a good network of schools. It is also near the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary.

Present Use:

The premises is currently used as a hot food takeaway. The proposal has ample floor space for the booking office to operate sufficiently.

Proposal:

The planning application relates to the change of use of part of a takeaway to a taxi booking office. The present takeaway premises is too large for the sole use as a takeaway and therefore it is proposed to utilise a small portion as a taxi booking office.

This will be a 24 hour operation and there will be no need to restrict the hours of use as the latest software will be used to ensure that private hire vehicles do not attend the premises or use it as a base to wait for booking. In addition no bookings in the office or walk-in bookings will be considered.

Proposed Layout:

The area of the building will not be changed by this application. An area will be allocated purely as a radio-control centre for the taxi operation and for no other purpose. A cabin will be placed at the front to split the booking office from the take away. The change of use would not alter the building.

Appearance:

There will be no external alterations to the existing building and as the taxi booking office will only operate as a telephone call centre for booking taxis - no business sign will be displayed at the business.

Access / Parking:

There will be no requirement or need for any private hire vehicles to come or park at the premises. The office is strictly a telephone booking office with no facility for customers to visit the premises or drivers to rest between hire.

Each private hire vehicle will be privately owned and the vehicles will be taken to the drivers residence at the end of their shift. All fees due by the drivers to the office will be collected from the drivers premises as required.

Existing level access will be maintained to the takeaway as the office will also not be accessible to customers.

Summary:

Given that the booking office will not accept walk-in bookings and will be based completely on telephone bookings, the customers will not be collected/picked up from the premises. This means there will not be any concerns for vehicle movements in the area any more than what there already is and nor will there be issues of any increase of traffic & any visitors coming to the premises. Therefore there will be zero noise or disturbance that would adversely affect the conditions of nearby businesses or residents.