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PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2019/62/90467/W

HIGHFIELDS CENTRE, NEW NORTH ROAD, HUDDERSFIELD, HD1 5LS

CONVERSION OF FORMER COLLEGE BUILDINGS INTO 33 APARTMENTS INCLUDING DEMOLITION OF LINK CANOPY, PARTIAL DEMOLITION OF LINK BUILDING, ERECTION OF ADDITIONAL STOREY TO LINK BUILDING, AND INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS (LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA)

Thank you for forwarding details of the above application to WYCA.

To encourage the use of sustainable transport as a realistic alternative to the car, the developer needs to fund a package of sustainable travel measures. We recommend that the developer contributes towards sustainable travel incentives to encourage the use of sustainable modes of transport. Leeds City Council have recently introduced a sustainable travel fund. The fund can be used to purchase a range of sustainable travel measures including discounted MetroCards (Residential MetroCard Scheme) for all or part of the site. This model could be used at this site.

The payment schedule, mechanism and administration of the fund would have to be agreed with Kirklees Council and WYCA and detailed in a planning condition or S106 agreement. As an indication of the cost should the normal RMC scheme be applied based on a bus only ticket, the contribution appropriate for this development would be £16,516.50. This equates to Bus Only Residential MCards.

I trust these comments will be useful in your appraisal of the application. If you would like any further information or advice please contact the undersigned at the address below.

Yours sincerely

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