

Consultation Response from KC, Highways Development Management**2020/92381 6, Macaulay Street, Huddersfield, HD1 2JY****Siting of benches, tables and planters/barriers (Listed Building)****Date Responded: 01/09/20 Responding Officer: J Turner Responding Ref: K5-7NW/55**

This application seeks approval for the siting of benches, tables, and planters/barriers (listed building) at the Plumbers Arms, MacAuley Street, Huddersfield.

This is a retrospective application with the features already having been installed on public highway land.

In recent years, a number of improvements have been made to this business, including an area of outdoor seating to the front of the property. It is understandable that a successful business would wish to expand further, especially in the present climate where open areas and table spacing are so important.

However, there are a number of concerns regarding this particular application from a highways perspective. These are:

- The whole of the area covered by the proposal is classed as public highway, and this therefore causes an obstruction to the highway.
- The area was intended to be used for public information events and this would prevent this from happening.
- The outdoor space would require a licence, and with all the changes proposed to the town centre, the council may not wish to be tied to such an outdoor facility being in an area of public realm.
- A highway structures licence would need to be applied for by the applicant.
- MacAuley Street is one of the main pedestrian routes from the bus station to other town centre amenities including shops, the Town Hall, library etc. At busy times customers may spill out into the main desire line of pedestrians, and the proposal will certainly add to the number of people crossing to the seating area while infirm, visually impaired, and disabled visitors to the town try to access the town centre attractions.

Given the above, Highways DM would wish to raise objection to the scheme.