

About the application

Application number: 2020/93007	
What is the application for?:	Change of use of former public conveniences to Class E retail shop with erection
Address of the site or building:	former Public Conveniences, Westbourne Road, Marsh, Huddersfield, HD1 4LF
Postcode:	WF15 8HG

User comments

Type of comment: A general comment
Parking on the narrow road leading from the main A640 road through to the car park and the recycling facilities in front of PlayWorld and to the rear of The Croppers Arms has been a problem. Cars regularly park on the pavement. Should approval be granted, the council should implement measures to prevent parking on the pavement otherwise it will very likely become even more frequent. The large car park used by both Playworld and The Croppers Arms is privately owned and actively managed by an aggressive parking company. In recent years there have been problems arising when it has been used by people not patronising either of those businesses. The key point is that the car oark will not be avsilable to anyone using the new proposed retail premises. There is also a concern about the longer term plans for the new unit. In the application, the indicative operating hours for the proposed retail unit suggest a daytime business. That is acceptable. Local residents don't want yet another hot food takeaway operating late at night with the associated noise, litter and odours. The council's own Local Plan guidelines indicate that where a neighbourhood already has a high number of hot food takeaways that permission can be refused. In other words, we don't want to see the council approving a daytime retail operation only to find that it is subsequently transformed into yet another late night hot food takeaway. The Marsh area already has too many of those. Can the council approve the application but prevent the unit subsequently becoming a takeaway?