

Address: 10 George Street Dewsbury wf133pb

About the application

Application number: 2021/91801	
What is the application for?:	Outline application for erection of petrol filling station
Address of the site or building:	151, Heckmondwike Road, Dewsbury Moor, WF13 3NS
Postcode:	

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The existing site ground level falls considerably from the roadside to the edge close to Spen View. The proposed layout would require considerable levelling, resulting in a brightly lit filling station, at or above roof level of the houses of Spen View. The intrusion on the privacy of those houses, with lights, vehicles, shoppers and CCTV would be very significant. If a suitable privacy fence were installed, then the visual intrusion for those properties would be equally significant.

The location of 151 Heckmondwike Road is residential. A filling station with convenience store would produce a significant source of noise, air pollution and visual intrusion to every one of its neighbours. The previous buildings on this site were wholly residential. The addition of a the planned service station with convenience store would act as a “destination”. It would attract increased traffic onto this part of Heckmondwike Road, which previously would not have passed through.

The site lies between the School Lane / Spen View bottleneck and the bottleneck around the Day Nursery / Church Lane / Sure-start centre. The addition of the planned business between these two bottlenecks is likely to create a log-jam in the daytime traffic of more than 300m long. The increase in emissions and noise, and the further reduction in road safety will impact the health, safety and welfare of local people. Children commuting on foot from the Nursery, the Sure-Start Centre and local schools on and above Church Lane, would be particularly affected

It is central government's intention to significantly reduce the requirement for fuel for internal combustion engines in the next decade. Later, such fuels will be completely phased-out for private vehicles well within the lifetime of such a filling station. The inevitable result would be a site with a legacy of abandoned, buried tanks and pipework, requiring requiring specialist remediation, directly neighbouring a number of homes. Planning permission should not be considered without a rider that the cost of timely remediation of the site should be borne by the developer.

The local community needs a reduction in traffic hazard, in noise and in airborne pollution. This scheme would directly oppose those needs.

The local community, along with the rest of the country, needs more high quality sustainable homes. I would encourage the developer to consider a means of building sympathetic homes on this site to meet those needs.