

## About the application

Application number: 2021/92603	
What is the application for?:	Erection of storage and distribution unit (Use Class B8) with ancillary offices,
Address of the site or building:	land west of M62, south of, Whitehall Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 6PL
Postcode:	

## User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
Reference Application number: 2021/62/92603/E	
Proposed development on land to the west of the M62 and south of Whitehall Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 6PL	
<p>I write in connection with the above planning application. I wish to object strongly to this development in this location for the following reasons: -</p> <p>The planning proposal will have a significant negative impact around Chainbar and the local areas surrounding Cleckheaton, on the people living in these communities, the environment, nature and traffic along M62 and A58.</p> <p>Firstly, the design, appearance and layout is so huge and ugly (gigantic warehouse that could so easily be located somewhere else in the UK that wouldn't be visible from residential areas!) and does not suit the surroundings or character of the area (resulting in a very undesirable location for current residential properties).</p> <p>Why does the building need to be so large and why specifically does it need to be in such a dense area of the M62 when there are other locations along the M62 corridor that Amazon could locate their warehouse (e.g. the land where Eggborough power station has now been closed which there has been talk of on Junction 34)? The lighting of this huge warehouse at night will have a detrimental effect on local wildlife and nature with the intense light pollution which is known to compromise health, disrupt the ecosystems and spoil aesthetic environments.</p> <p>Noise disturbance whilst this potential warehouse is being built (should it go ahead) will be terrible for the local residents and the increase of HGV's and building works will increase – this is all before the warehouse is actually up and running.</p> <p>The A58 where the warehouse is proposed, regardless of whether they create a separate entrance will become worse with traffic (it's a nightmare now) and Chainbar is already one of the worst areas for traffic pollution and air quality. A warehouse with HGV's, delivery drivers, extra workers on one of the busiest junctions on the M62 just does not make any sense at all. Why has this not been considered to go to a more</p>	

does not make any sense at all. Why has this not been considered to go to a more suitable M62 junction like junction 34?

Traffic collisions happen far too often on the M62 between Leeds & Manchester on one of the busiest stretches of the M62, highway safety needs to be taken into consideration and just building a separate access point to the potential warehouse will not alleviate the pressure of traffic around chainbar. Please bear in mind that people are still working from home but gradually going back into the office/workplaces more so traffic will increase even more around rush hour. Traffic congestion creates increases of air pollution and with other cities working on 'clean air' and alleviating climate change, it seems Kirklees Council have not taken this into consideration at all.

When the traffic increases, people will cut through and take alternative routes in the surrounding towns and villages which will go near schools and children walking to schools. This will have an impact on the lives and safety of local children, with roads getting busier and busier it's a disaster waiting to happen. Why would Kirklees put our local communities in this position?

There is absolutely no benefit on the long-term economics to this building at all. Jobs will not be created as Amazon are at the forefront of automation and AI – people are hardly needed in their warehouses. This will not create any opportunities for local people, only a negative ugly building that is so imposing it's painful and a massive amount of air pollution, light pollution, traffic congestion, damage to wildlife and ecosystem, disruption and a negative impact on all local people as well as a lack of desirability for the area. This will have a significant negative impact on mental health for those living near the proposed planning site/surrounding area with constant noise and odour when the building works potentially take place and the negative impact of having that building on view. Constant noise from HGV's on roads that are not designed for HGV's can really take a toll on the lives of people and the safety of the roads for children walking to school.

Please Kirklees Council, really think about what you are doing here, this could have a serious and negative impact on future generations and this area. Please do not be fooled into thinking that it creates jobs and will improve the economy, it really won't. Please think about the local people, the children, the dangers and impact on health. Lung disease on the increase, mental health suffering, taking away natural beauty and landscapes to urbanise even more will not help any of this. Surely, we want a fit and healthy thriving Kirklees and not to put further pressure on the NHS. We want an area that future generations can enjoy and be proud of. Having a large American company owned by one of the richest men in the world that avoids paying tax and ethically is one of the worst companies for the people who work for them and are not helping with climate change, really is not needed in this lovely local area – it adds nothing, so it's not needed. Decline the planning proposal, be strong, we don't need it!

Kirklees Council – stop kneeling to multinational corporations owned by Billionaires who do NOT serve the local community and its people. If you cannot stand up for the people and heritage of your area then Kirklees Council have the wrong priorities, it shows greed and lack of consideration for your constituents. It is wrong on so many levels, please listen to your local people – NO TO AMAZON!