

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	
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<p>Firstly I would like to praise the applicant for agreeing to stop 24/7 operation of the site by closing both the Whitechapel Road Entrance and the Whitehall Road Entrance between 11pm & 7am.</p> <p>However I still feel this does not go far enough and I would like to strongly object to this application for the following reasons;</p> <p>Firstly there still has been no road safety assessment done, I currently have one child that walks along the road to Whitcliff with another in the next year why is their safety deemed not relevant to produce a report. My daughter currently sets off at around 7:45 to get to school on time if the staff change over is at this time and they have to swipe in with a fob to get in as the updated plans advise then she is going to have to walk past 100's of stationary cars waiting to get into the development, not exactly the best start to a day of learning breathing in the toxic fumes.</p> <p>The applicant has stated that the Whitechapel Road entrance can only be used by HGV's in an emergency!! What is the definition of an emergency? Traffic queing up Whitehall Road meaning their lorries can't get out, is that an emergency? Whitechapel Road and the roads back to the main road network are not suitable for HGV's at any time let alone a flood of them in case of an 'emergency'!! By their own admission chainbar is already over capacity, so how frequently will traffic be clogged up on there resulting in an emergency??</p> <p>National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 109 states: Planning policies and decisions should recognise the importance of providing adequate overnight lorry parking facilities, taking into account any local shortages, to reduce the risk of parking in locations that lack proper facilities or could cause a nuisance. Proposals for new or expanded distribution centres should make provision for sufficient lorry parking to cater for their anticipated use.</p> <p>In the traffic report they have advised that HGV's will be directed to other waiting areas should they arrive out of their allocated timeslot. The table indicates 8 locations where the HGV's will be sent 6 of which in the table advise can't accept HGV's, what level of incompetence is this or do they think we are that stupid we won't notice? Just another</p>	

incompetency is this or do they think we are that stupid we won't notice? Just another example of them trying to pull the wool over our eyes! So if the trucks can't park at these places where will they park? On the local road around Scholes and Cleckheaton causing more safety and pollution issues.

The applicant states that 30% of cars will arrive from the south, meaning 70% will come from the north entrance. To the north of the site is Bradford Council and access will be from Calderdale and Leeds Councils, does this mean that not all the jobs will go to those in Kirklees? Not to mention the sheer volume of current warehouse vacancies that cannot be filled why do we need more? Surely when the warehouse on the old waterworks site gets a tenant enough jobs will be provided? Plus with Amazon scaling back their operations globally who's to say that this monstrosity will not then remain empty when they have decided they no longer need the space.

The development as a whole does not fit comfortably within the proposed site and is an obscene eyesore rather than blending in or been sympathetic to the surrounding areas. All Amazon warehouse have the same MO just look at the one near Pontefract! Hence why the original local plan was 10.68 hectares on the lower section to ensure sufficient buffer between any development and the residents and the gas main.

The bio diversity is well below the requirement and I hope that Kirklees don't see this sacrifice as cash cow for them to obtain a payment in lieu of bio diversity which is integral to the long term environmental goals of Kirklees council.

I also share the concerns of Save Our Spen and support their objection.