About the application

Application number: 2022/92097	
What is the application for?:	Erection of two storey extension and alterations
Address of the site or building:	The Veterinary Hospital, 131, Somerset Road, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD5 8HN
Postcode:	HD5 8HN

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes

There have been numerous instances of residents drawing Donaldson's management's attention to problems of inconsiderate or hazardous parking on Longley Road by staff at the Practice, dating back to 2019 when the Practice opened.
It is clear that the management of the Practice instruct some members of staff to park off-site, the inference being that the existing car park is too small.

Of particular concern is regular parking on Longley Road at the junction of Somerset Road and at the bus stop, which creates an avoidable hazard as well as an inconvenience for traffic.

But also of concern to residents further up Longley Road is the fact that Donaldson's staff regularly park right up to residents' drives, making egress difficult and hazardous. In one instance, a car parked half on the pavement was impeding an elderly resident with restricted mobility from getting from her house to her emergency ambulance.

The pattern of parking around the junction and at the bus stop fits with the times the practice is busiest, ie weekdays during the day and early evening. At quieter times for the Practice, for instance on Sunday afternoons there will typically be no cars parked there at all. This suggests that all the cars parked there belong to staff at the Practice and none belong to residents of Longley Road - no houses face onto the road near the junction or bus stop in any case.

Whilst the proposed extension may or may not result in an immediate increase in staff, it is clear that in future, further staff may be engaged to make efficient use of the space generated. Therefore, Residents' concerns regarding current levels of inconsiderate or hazardous parking on Longley Road are likely to be exacerbated. I object to the proposal on this basis.