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	
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I am objecting on the grounds of impact on highways safety and traffic.

As part of the original planning application for Donaldson Vets prior to its original construction they included submission of a Transport Assessment undertaken by VIASolutions (dated 14.12.2017). Section 4.4.2 states ‘Therefore, the proposed veterinary practice requires a maximum of 24 visitor spaces, 10 vets’ spaces and 9 other staff spaces giving 43 spaces in total.’

Despite original concerns from residents and the original submission playing a great emphasis on sustainable transport modes, we know the above is not being observed. There appears to be a real lack of empathy for residents adjacent to the site. This has previously led to the following negative headlines; Examiner article; Police called into vets parking row with claims staff spat at and abused 7 MAY 2020.

Despite numerous attempts from neighbours to engage the site management, employees and councillors, NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE IN THE YEARS SINCE. What does this say about public servants response to tax payers whom they serve.

Parking is most dangerous on the junction of Somerset/Longley Road, but also spreading along the length of Longley and Broadgate with parking on pavements impacting peoples ability to navigate safely on foot, or for people people of reduced mobility as outlined under the Equalities act. May I also point out the contraventions under the highways act section 243;
DO NOT stop or park:
• anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
• at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
• opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
• opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
• where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
• in front of an entrance to a property
• on a bend

Suggestions of double yellow lines and parking permits might be helpful in resolving this.

Under national planning policy framework I would ask this planning application is rejected until demonstrable physical changes to the highways / alongside instructions to employees are made.