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

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Whilst the vet practice was under construction, the local residents suffered great inconvenience and dangerous road conditions caused by construction vehicles parking on both sides at the bottom of Longley Road close to the junction and blocking the pavements to wheelchairs and pushchairs.

As residents we were patient with this, given that the plans for the Vet Hospital included for adequate parking for both staff and customers. We expected that the parking problems would cease once the vets opened. Sadly this was not the case because from the time of opening to the present the staff have been instructed that they may NOT park in their own car park and should instead park on Longley Road.

The current parking problems are now caused by cars belonging to the vets staff , parking on both sides at the bottom at Longley Road. Narrowing the road to effectively a single lane on a blind bend close to the junction and obstructing the bus stop. The vet staff cars also park on the pavement and I have many times had to push children in pushchairs onto what is now a very dangerous road as the pavement is impassable.

These staff cars (the same every day, deliberately parking outside the same houses) also park right up to people's driveways thus making it incredibly difficult for them to see to get out.

The report submitted by the applicant contains many errors and some deliberate lies. For example they state that there are no parking problems and no issues with neighbours. This is an astonishing statement given the amount of complaints the residents of Longley Road have sent to the directors of Donaldsons, and the representations made on our behalf to the Management of Donaldsons by Councillor Cooper.

There is also a passage in the report that concludes that the cars parked at the bottom of Longley Road are the same every day and therefor assumed to be those of residents. Again an absolute falsehood, and could easily have been checked and shown to be false by correlating the car registrations with the cars owned by staff. The majority of the occupants of those cars are staff at the vets.

The application says that they intend no increase in staff, but we should all remember that the original application for this building allocated parking for staff that staff are now not allowed to use. So we do not trust that there will not be an increase in staff or customers. In fact the logical inference is that there will inevitably be an increase in both. This will exacerbate the dangerous and inconsiderate parking problems.

On the grounds outlined above I strongly object to the planning application, and more-over I feel that Donaldsons should be made to adhere to the staff parking allocation as set out in their original planning applications for this site.