

About the application

Application number: 2022/92081	
What is the application for?:	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of retail food store with associat
Address of the site or building:	Land at, Huddersfield Road/Leeds Road, Birstall, Batley, WF17 9AA
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
<p>The location of this site is unsuitable for a local convenience store. It would be extremely close to the traffic lights and the marked box junction at the intersection of two very busy trunk roads, namely the A62 and A643. There is heavy traffic congestion at this intersection throughout the day and drivers currently do not respect the markings on the box junction. This results in vehicles obstructing the flow of traffic and I have witnessed many instances where traffic at a green light cannot proceed due to cars driven onto the box markings and remaining there as the traffic lights change. This is regular occurrence. Impatient drivers swerve widely around the stationary vehicles in a desperate bid to proceed whilst the lights are in their favour. These manoeuvres are dangerous and unsafe and would be exacerbated by the proposed use. The crossroads are close to Birstall village which route through the village is used as a short cut to access the M62, M621 and to the very busy and extensive Birstall Retail Park. Traffic congestion in the village is evident throughout the day.</p> <p>In my knowledge of the area I do not believe that any highway access measures taken to alleviate the inevitable worsening of traffic congestion can be effective and safe from both a driver and pedestrian aspect. I can think of no other comparable convenience store that is situated at the location of two very congested Classified A roads as at this site. The proposed use is therefore wholly unsuitable with the concomitant vastly increased traffic movements. I am concerned that Kirklees Highways have not voiced a complete rejection of the proposal for it to have proceeded to a formal planning application.</p>	