

Consultation Response from Mark Berry KC, Highways Development Management
2022/92081 Land at, Huddersfield Road/Leeds Road, Birstall, Batley, WF17 9AA
Demolition of existing buildings and erection of retail food store with associated parking and landscaping
Date Responded: 21-12-2022 Responding Officer: Mark Berry Responding Ref: 13-3SE-33

Further to the Highways Development Managements (HDM) response dated 18th August regarding this site

The applicants have now provided revised plans reference numbers 1620-201C and WLLR-MWA-XX-XX-DR-A-001 P7 showing 16.5m articulated vehicle tracking, a footpath into the site at the eastern end and the re-siting of the bus stop on Leeds Road.

HDM comments

The 16.5m articulated vehicle tracking is far too tight through the site and in the proposed turning space and provides no margin for driver. The swept paths at the entrance show the vehicle effectively needing almost the full width of Leeds Rad to exit the site.

Both the Highway Safety Section and West Yorkshire Combined Authority object to the re-siting of the bus stop to the location shown. The existing footway at this location is too narrow to be considered safe especially for disabled people and people with prams.

HDM views regarding this site remain unchanged.

Given the highway safety concerns regarding the intensification in turning movements, the inability to re-site the existing bus stop, sub-standard junction visibility, UTC comments regarding impact on the A62/ A643 junction, and concerns regarding poor servicing arrangements and that the TRICs Assessments may not be representative Highways Development Management would recommend refusal of these proposals on highway safety grounds