About the application

Application number: 2023/90668	
What is the application for?:	Erection of B2/B8 Industrial Unit and associated works
Address of the site or building:	Grange Moor Coachworks, Barnsley Road, Grange Moor, Huddersfield, WF4 4DR
Postcode:	

User comments

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

I wish to object to the planning application for the following reasons.

The entrance to the site is located off of Barnsley Road. As a resident of Barnsley Road, I am concerned that the development will cause an increase in traffic and in particular HGV traffic, through the village of Flockton. The addition of over 300 parking spaces within the proposed site plan implies over 300 additional vehicles making journeys to and from the site and this is made more likely given the poor public transport provision. The increase in traffic will lead to more road noise and congestion and negatively impact on highway safety. There is already considerable congestion through Flockton village at peak times of day.

Additionally, the development will cause an increase in HGV traffic through the village. The plan shows a left hand turning only for HGV traffic but many of these vehicles are likely to return around the roundabout and back through the village as this is the quickest route to the M1. Many HGV vehicles do not obey the weight restriction through the village, which is poorly enforced. This impacts on the safety of residents, sometimes causing HGVs to squeeze through the narrow road against pavements and walkways. There have been many occasions where two HGVs travelling in opposite directions have had difficulty passing each other, resulting in congestion and additional road noise from waiting cars and horns. This is a particular problem through the chicane outside Herdwick Road.

The proposed plan is an increased use of green belt land and increased size of the existing site. The scale of the proposed site will mean encroaching on the surrounding green belt land from Grange Moor to Flockton Moor. Flockton is a small semi-rural community and the addition of large warehouse developments are not in-keeping with the character of the area. Commercial development of the site at this scale is not on the local plan. I am concerned that a commercial development of this scale on the site would set a precedent for more commercial development along Barnsley Road.