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Kirklees Council
Development Management
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Dear Sir/Madam

Erection of Semi-Permanent Multi-Use Structure
at Whistle Stop Valley, Park Mill Way, Clayton West, HD8 9XJ

Please find enclosed a planning application for the installation of Semi-Permanent Multi-Use Structure at Whistle Stop Valley (formerly Kirklees Light Railway), Clayton West.

The Whistle Stop Valley continues to improve its offer as a visitor attraction in light of ever-growing competition. As part of this programme, they are looking to maximise the offer available at their site in Clayton West. They lack accommodation for visitors if it is raining. One of the current shelters on the site is a dis-used railway carriage. Unfortunately the disused railway carriage is not very versatile and is only suitable for people to sit down. The proposed building will allow a larges space that people can stand in simply to seek shelter, or it can accommodate tables and chairs to be used for an informal refreshment area, or it can be set out with more formal seating for school trips to present lectures.

In recent years the running costs for the business have escalated dramatically, not least the fuels, which is now low carbon coal, which costs three times as much as normal coal. To fund these price rises the costs have to be passed onto the paying customer through the increase in ticket prices, however, to do this the business has to improve the experience for paying customers, which means having somewhere warm and dry to wait for the train at the as well as having space that can be used flexibly to cater for specific needs of groups.

I hope you agree that the information above and the attached plans are sufficient for you to validate and subsequently approve this planning application.

Yours faithfully

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