



# PENNY LANE HUDDERSFIELD

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## INTRODUCTION

Whittam Cox Architects have been commissioned by Wm Morrison Supermarkets Ltd to extend the existing retail offer at Morrisons Penny Lane, Huddersfield. Our brief was to provide a new Autoglass windscreen repair pod, to be located within the existing car park.

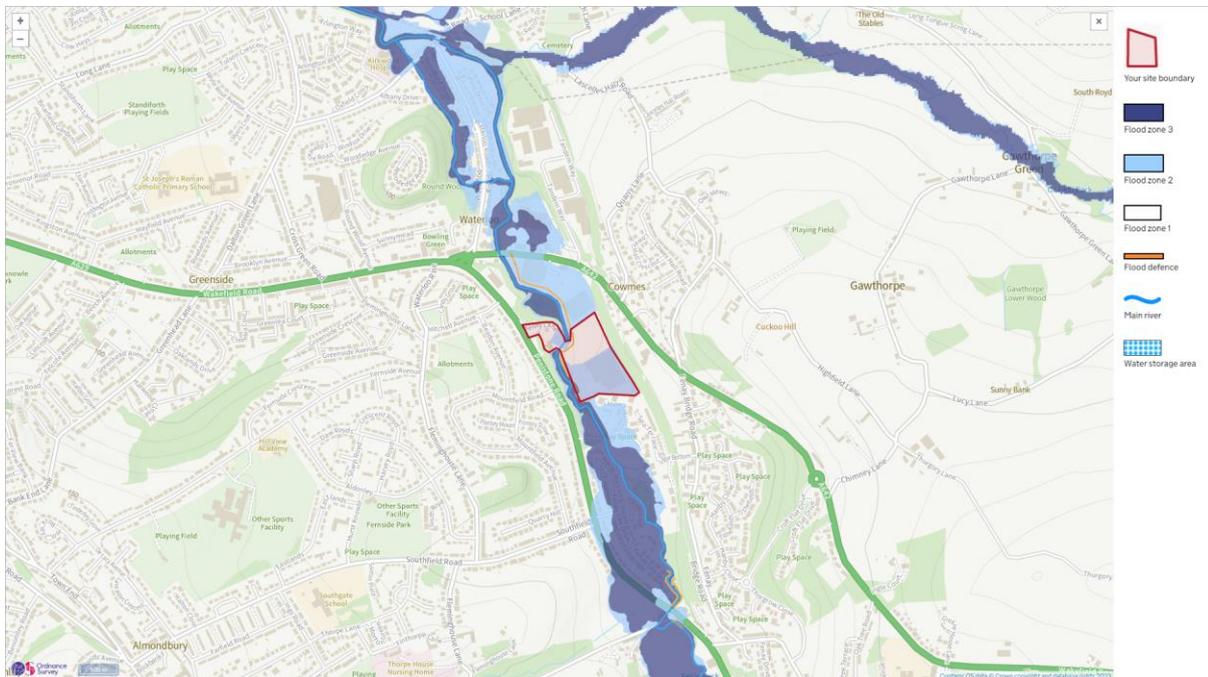
## SITE CONTEXT

The site is bounded by commercial units on the A642 Wakefield Road, Fenay Brook and trees to the north, a public footpath and trees following a former railway embankment to the east, housing on Mereside to the south, and the A629 Penistone Road, Fenay Brook and trees to the west. The Morrisons car park is accessed via Penistone Road with pedestrian links provided via Penistone Road, Mereside and a public footpath along the eastern boundary of the site. There are bus stops located on Penistone Road and Wakefield Road further providing accessibility to the site.

## SITE ANALYSIS

The site is located within the existing Morrisons car park and as such is comprised of a maintained tarmac surface and some landscaping. The proposed Autoglass windscreen repair pod has good access from the existing car park area to the north of the store entrance.

The rainwater run-off from the roof is the same surface area as that from the existing car park surface therefore no local flooding or detrimental conditions are envisaged and there are no direct risks from flooding. It therefore must be stated that the proposed modular pod will not have a detrimental effect on the flood risk to the existing area or businesses on site. The existing site lies within flood zone level 1 which noted a low probability of flooding. Please see GOV.UK flood map for planning.



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## SITE LAYOUT

The choice of location for the Autoglass Windscreen repair pod is not only complimentary to the existing use of the site but also purposefully promotes economic activity within a key retail location.

Access to the pod is via the existing Morrisons car park access and through the existing retail car park. Careful consideration has been placed in the positioning of the pod to ensure that there is no disruption to vehicular and pedestrian circulation and that site will continue to operate as existing. The pod is positioned on existing parking bays which will reduce the total parking numbers by 15 standard car parking bays. Existing white lines will be burnt off and the new area will be de-marked to provide safe access into the new pod.

## THE DESIGN

### AUTOGLASS

Autoglass offers a windscreen repair and replacement service located conveniently within the car park of the existing Morrisons store, aiming to provide a sustainable service coinciding with existing local travel and parking patterns.

The prefabricated modular single storey pods are constructed using high quality, environmentally efficient, factory-controlled construction techniques. Access to the fitting pod is gained by the removal of spaces to the side of the pod and the incorporation of a ramp. The pod is secured outside of business hours by an internally mounted electric roller shutter over the main vehicle entrance which is housed within the fabric of the pod.

The windscreen storage pod is another prefabricated single storey pod. Access to windscreen storage pod doors and to allow for manoeuvrability for manual handling is granted via the removal of a parking bay. The pod is secured by a lock on the access door.

A lightweight canopy secured to a metal frame anchored into the existing car park surface, is erected to provide a covered external fitting/assessment bay.

The pods are placed on Jack Pads to level it on the existing car park surface. The elevations are formed from composite panels which will also display vinyl signage. For further information please see the additional drawings submitted as a part of the application.

The pod is designed to be in a convenient location for a staff member to meet with a customer who has either made a pre-arranged online appointment or requested a windscreen check and arranged an appointment thereafter. Autoglass technicians will drive the cars into position within the pod. Customers will wait clear of the working area as the works are undertaken. Coordinated windscreen supplies are brought by van to the site on demand to be stored within the windscreen storage pod. The used/redundant windscreens are then stored in the pod which are collected by a similar transit-style van on a regular basis. The used/salvaged windscreens and waste materials are then transported to a recycling plant where they are processed into various products to minimise environmental impact of waste from the operation.

With regards to drainage the pods will link into the existing car park drainage system.

At the end of the building's use on this site, the modular pods and canopy will be removed, and the original car parking use will be re-instated. The pods can be relocated to alternative sites to prolong their lifespan.

Due to the operation outlined in the above we feel that a sequential test would not be appropriate for this application. As a town centre location would require a large car park which can accommodate the pod and associated undesignated parking requirements. As town centre car parks tend to be premium parking and pay and display regulating this becomes difficult. Town centre car parks also do not have established deliveries/curfews which residents/locals are accustomed to. Therefore, we feel that Autoglass is not suitable as a town centre use.

Wm Morrison Supermarkets Ltd would also add that Autoglass offer a service which is highly valued by Morrisons customers and firmly aligns with their plan to bring more and more popular and useful services to the communities that they serve. There is no disruption to their normal operation.



Example image of a Autoglass operation.

## CONCLUSION

The scheme seeks to revitalise the existing Morrisons car park by offering more choice to customers and generating new employment opportunities through the provision of an Autoglass windscreen repair pod.

Wm Morrison Supermarkets Ltd hope that the advantages of this proposal as well as the overall benefits to the local community will be supported.