

**Consultation Response from KC,  
Highways Development Management**

**2023/91763 unit 11, Batley Shopping Centre, Alfreds Way, Batley, WF17 5DR**

**Erection of single storey extension to form takeaway/dark kitchen**

**Date Responded: 30/11/2023.**

**Responding Officer: D. Stainsby**

**Responding Ref: K13-10SW/3**

This application seeks approval to the erection of a single storey extension to unit 11 to form a takeaway/dark kitchen at Batley Shopping Centre, Alfreds Way, Batley.

A dark kitchen, unlike a traditional restaurant, is a professional kitchen that produces food for delivery. It contains the kitchen equipment and facilities needed to prepare food but has no dining area for customers. These remote kitchens are ideal for delivery food businesses, for use as a startup kitchen or as a central production unit. The proposal seeks to combine the production element and collection on a micro scale.

Vehicular access to the site is from St James Street or Alfreds Way and the service yard to the rear of the Asda supermarket. All these areas are outside the applicants blue and red line boundary and are not part of the adopted highway.

There is also a pedestrian link to Commercial Street.

Given that a dark kitchen is a delivery food business and access is via an existing service yard and car park Highways Development Management have no objection in principle to these proposals.

This application however provides insufficient information.

The red and blue line boundaries do not include either the pedestrian or vehicular access to the site.

It is unclear whether this will be just a food delivery business or a takeaway where the public will be able to order and collect meals. If this is not just a delivery service, then safe pedestrian access should be provided across the car park to service the proposed takeaway.

Can the applicants be asked to clarify their proposals?