Consultation Response from KC, Highways Development Management (HDM)		
2023/93667 Storthes Hall Student Village, Storthes Hall Lane, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0WA		
Outline application for demolition of buildings and erection of residential development (up to 261 dwellings), redevelopment of Lodge Cottage for residential use and associated works.		
Date Responded: 07/04/25	**Responding Officer:** A.Darwin	**Responding Ref:** K12-27/4

RECOMMENDATION: No objection, subject to conditions and S106 requirements

HDM provided a consultation response on 31/03/25, confirming no objection to the above development, subject to conditions and S106 requirements. Following this consultation response, the applicant has confirmed that they now do not propose to provide the cycle/footway link on North Road previously proposed, which was intended to link to the new controlled crossing on Penistone Road; and had been designed to enable cyclists to turn right into Penistone Road separately from motor-traffic at the junction. The applicant has confirmed that this element has been removed due to the local concerns raised regarding this element of the scheme; and in particular, the indicative 'no waiting' proposals on North Road that had been indicated to facilitate this element of the works.

The removal of this cycling improvement from the wider off-site highway works proposals is disappointing, as this element of the scheme would have provided significant benefits for cyclists, and would comply with many local and national planning policy objections. However, whilst the removal of this element of the scheme dilutes some of the active travel benefits of the development, the off-site highway works still provide significant pedestrian improvements that will be of benefit to existing and proposed highway users. Therefore, HDM continue to raise no objection to these proposals, and the wider development.

The applicant has now submitted the following off-site highway works drawings (Option C), that exclude the proposed cycle/footway link on North Road, and amends the proposed Toucan crossing on Penistone Road to a Puffin crossing (e.g. a pedestrian only signal controlled crossing):

Off-site Improvement Scheme Drawings

- Optima drawing no. 18092/GA/07 – General Arrangement
- Optima drawing no. 18092/ATR/06 – Vehicle Swept Path Analysis
- Optima drawing no. 18092/IN/07 – Indicative Traffic Regulation Orders

HDM have reviewed the above drawings with the Councils Highway Safety Team, and it is confirmed that they are acceptable for preliminary design purposes. It is also confirmed that a new Stage 1 Road Safety Audit is not required at this stage, as the revised proposals do not include any material changes relating to the remaining elements of the scheme, which have already been considered by the previous Stage 1 Road Safety Audit. However, Stage 2 and 3 Road Safety Audit will be required in due course, should this preliminary design scheme progress to the deliver stage.

It is noted that the revised scheme does still indicatively show 'no waiting' markings on this initial section of North Road adjacent to the Penistone Road junction, as requested by the Highway Safety Team. However, these are limited to the immediate vicinity of the junction, and the existing pedestrian crossing point, where drivers should not (and do not, based on numerous on-site observations) park for safety reasons, and in accordance with the highway code. Therefore, these revised proposals address local concerns regarding the impact on-street parking availability on North Road. Notwithstanding this, it is reiterated that all 'no waiting' marking shown on the plans are indicative and would be subject to the formal TRO consultation process in due course, should this preliminary design proposal be progress to the deliver stage.

In conclusion, HDM offer no objection to the development proposals, subject to the conditions and S106 requirements identified in the previous consultation response dated 31/03/25.