

## About the application

Application number: 2024/90256	
What is the application for?:	Change of use from coin operated jet wash to attended hand car wash
Address of the site or building:	Whitehall Service Station, Whitehall Road East, Birkenshaw, BD11 2EJ
Postcode:	B26 2SB

## User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
<p>The proposed development is situated on Whitehall road on the side of the carriageway heading towards Halifax, and close to a busy roundabout further down the road.</p> <p>Whitehall road is affected by significant traffic congestion at busy times normally, which is further compounded and worsened by any traffic events on the M62 as Whitehall road forms part of a major alternative route between M62 junctions 27 and 26.</p> <p>The likely queues into the proposed car wash would affect/prevent the free flow of traffic along this busy road, and likely result in unsafe driving by frustrated motorists who would need to take to the wrong side of the road in order to get around any traffic queuing for the car wash.</p> <p>As there is also a residential road route which runs parallel to the section of Whitehall road where the development is located, it is likely that traffic on Whitehall road would use the parallel route (Kingsley &amp; Tetley drive) as a way to bypass the traffic. Aside from the impact of increased traffic on these residential roads and potential for unsafe driving affecting pedestrians, this route is also a main walking route for access to the BBG school which is also accessed from Kingsley drive. The increased traffic along a school walking access route could result in unsafe conditions for children accessing / egressing the school.</p> <p>Finally, there is no dedicated cycle lane on Whitehall road but it is heavily used by cyclists travelling to and from Leeds, in the past year I have personally witnessed at least one collision between a cyclist and a vehicle exiting the Whitehall road service station; queuing cars due to the proposed develop would significantly increase the safety risk for cyclists using the route owing to the increased level of cars exiting the site, and the movement of cars trying to avoid queuing traffic and moving from the usual driving line.</p>	