

Address: 1A Tetley Drive Bradford BD11 2NB

### 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	
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We strongly object this planning application for the reasons set out below.

As a home owner we will directly be impacted by any expansion of the current car-wash facilities. Our garden backs onto the service station land and is substantially lower than the forecourt. We already experience water sprays when customers are washing their vehicles and there is a lot of noise from the machine and idling vehicles whilst washing. We also experience a lot of exhaust fumes coming directly from idling vehicles. Expanding this service and increasing the volume of usage, which is inevitable, will massively exacerbate these issues.

We also already have concerns over the boundary fence that the previous owner of the service station was enforced to erect by the environment agency many years ago - the fence is disrepair and has a section missing. The retaining wall which the fence and service station forecourt is also of concern as it is leaning into our garden. Increasing usage, water spray will only make these matters worse. The current boundary is barely fit for current purpose so any increase in usage would require a complete rebuild in a larger scale or would be otherwise ineffective.

We also have major concerns over the increased levels of traffic such service would create. National traffic survey statistics show approx 12000 vehicles use this stretch of Whitehall road daily (4.38 Million annual) the traffic already backs up on normal days, so much so that a crossing for BBG school pupils was introduced so they had a safe place to cross- only 50 (aprx) meters away from the proposed site. This would make an already dangerous,busy road far worse.

Current drainage at the site is also not appropriate. The drains often block, and leave the forecourt a mess, with water inching towards the car garage behind & often flowing down the street.

We also feel that a hand car wash would have an adverse effect on the character and appearance of the village. These types of hand car wash are better suited to industrial sites, such as the ones on Bradford Rd, Birstall/Batley. - a google search shows 15+ car washes within a 3 mile radius. Why do we need another one?

Other concerns are for the employees of proposed car wash - where will their staff facilities be? The new owner already dumped a large building there which has been removed by the council already.

We love our garden, our children play here - we will be directly impacted by this change. As council tax payers (which coincidentally we had our increase letter for the next year arrive today) we sincerely hope the council do right by us, and other residents and oppose this plan.