

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

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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. Plus, the site they are using is not big enough to house 2 washing, 2 drying bays plus waiting areas for other cars, as well as operate as a petrol station. The already busy road will become a car park for queuing cars.

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 & also into the gardens of us and neighbours. This will worsen if the hand car wash goes ahead.

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? the new owner lives in Birmingham, he doesnt care about the village, clearly. The new staff 'facilities' will also be another eye sore like the portacabins that were removed a couple of months ago.

We love our garden, our children play here - we will be directly impacted by this change & hope the council reject these plans.