

About the application

Application number: 2024/92425	
What is the application for?:	Formation of parking space to serve 216 Dunford Road (within a Conservation Area
Address of the site or building:	adj, 168, Dunford Road, Holmfirth, HD9 2DT
Postcode:	HD9 2DT

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It's about time someone sorted out the parking situation and added some much-needed off-road parking! Levelling that space will finally allow cars to park safely, and it'll help ease the constant congestion on the road. One less car clogging up the street is a huge benefit around here, and honestly, it should've been done a long time ago! I work on Dunford Road and see this area every day. I'm surprised they haven't just levelled more of the space to fit two cars. When that pickup was parked there, there was easily enough room for another car – I've even got a photo to prove it! I've also heard they're planning to sell the house as a family home once the renovation's done. How do they expect to sell it without proper parking? No family's going to buy a house where they can't park.

I drive a small car, just 2530mm long, and I can park there with no trouble at all. So what's the problem? The parking's needed, and smaller cars like mine will fit just fine. And all this fuss about blocking light to number 168? Come on! That bottom window has been boarded up for as long as I can remember – at least 15 years – and it's usually covered by weeds anyway. It's probably just a cellar or pantry window, so what light are they even worried about? Number 198 has blocked off all its gable-end windows, so there's no light coming in from that side either. And none of the other houses along the terrace even have gable-end windows! I've got pictures if anyone doubts it.

That land has been a disgrace for years – old sofas dumped, building materials lying around, and weeds growing everywhere. It's steep, overgrown, and the ground is so uneven it's been unsafe to walk on, let alone park. They've only just cleared it now, probably for this parking, and it's about time.

Those steps next to the slope were designed for wheelchairs. I've used them myself to push a trolley up and down, and they work perfectly. The slope is far too steep and uneven for anything with wheels – wheelchairs, prams, or shopping carts. Even the emergency services use the steps for stretchers, so there's no argument there.

I've always pulled my bins up and down those steps without any problems. There's a handrail that makes it easy, so why can't everyone just keep using the steps like I do? And about parking – it's illegal to park across a dropped curb anyway, so this won't take away from on-road parking. The owners have even said they'll leave a phone number on the dashboard if someone needs the car moved. That's a much better solution than the chaos we have now, where no one knows whose car is blocking the way for emergency services, deliveries, or even when I need to unload.

As for the right of way, it's clearly down the steps – the only safe route!