

**Consultation Response from KC,  
Highways Development Management****2024/92631 10, Thornton Lodge Road, Thornton Lodge, Huddersfield, HD1 3JQ****Installation of replacement shopfront/fascia and external canopy/fascia with integral shutters****Date Responded: 31/10/2024****Responding Officer: CNB****Responding Ref: K6-6NW/4**

This application is for the installation of a replacement shop front/fascia with a canopy and shutters and a pedestrian access ramp at an existing commercial premises fronting on to Thornton Lodge Road, a 20mph two-way single carriageway residential link road of approximately 6.6m width with footways on both sides and street lighting present. There are No Waiting at Any Time TRO markings on the side of the application site.

The proposals are located on land owned by the applicant beyond the rear boundary of the adopted footway and as such would have no impact on the operation or efficiency of the local highway network. It is noted that vehicles have been observed to have been parked on the land beyond the adopted footway to the front of the shop and with the proposals in place this space would no longer be available for off street parking (although it is also noted that there are no dropped kerb crossings to allow access to this location).

The only concern that we have is with the changes to the proposed pedestrian access ramp in to the shop. Scaled from drawings PL07 and PL10 the ramp has a gradient of approximately 1:6. Current DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) guidance is for ramp gradients of 1:20 with a maximum permitted gradient of 1:12. Section 8.4.2 of Inclusive Mobility guidance document states that "Gradients steeper than 1 in 10 are not only physically difficult to manage but may cause the wheelchair to overbalance." The use of a 1:6 gradient is considered dangerous to users and does not comply with current DDA legislation.

With this we cannot currently support the application due to an accessibility concern relating to pedestrian access to the site.