

**Consultation Response from KC,
Highways Development Management**

2024/92742 Southgate/Leeds Road, Huddersfield, HD1 1TW

Discharge of details reserved by conditions 17 (travel plan), 29 (external lighting) and 30 (kitchen ventilation) of previous outline permission 2021/91544 for erection of health and research innovation campus comprising: Class F1(a)-education; Class E(e)-medical/healthservices; Class E(g)(i)-offices; Class E(g)(ii)-research/development of products/processes; multi storey car park; Class E(a)-display/retail of goods; Class E(b)-sale of food/drink; Class E(d)-indoor sport/recreation/fitness

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Responding Officer: CNB

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This is a discharge of Conditions application for conditions 17 (travel plan), 29 (external lighting) and 30 (kitchen ventilation) of previous outline permission 21/91544 for the erection of a health and innovation campus.

This response considers the discharge of condition 17 (travel plan) only. The application was accompanied by a full travel plan prepared by Optima Highways and Transportation and dated August 2024.

Condition 17

For each phase of development, a full travel plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority 3 months prior to any part of the development within that phase being brought into use. The travel plan shall include measures to improve and encourage the use of sustainable transport. The Travel Plan shall continue to be developed and implemented as long as any part of the development is occupied.

Reason: To comply with the Council's sustainability objectives.

The travel plan is based on the existing University of Huddersfield travel plan and the initial mode share data was obtained from the existing university travel plan survey data, as the proposal site is not fully occupied yet, and this methodology is acceptable to base the initial SMART targets on. The targets are split between staff and student groups with staff travel targets of 35% of all campus trips being single occupancy vehicles and a student travel target of 20% of all campus trips being single occupancy vehicles. These are robust targets but may change after the initial site survey is carried out by the Travel Plan Co-ordinator.

The proposed travel plan measures are acceptable for a base status and can be amended when the full initial travel survey is analysed, and more detailed targets are identified at mode choice level to promote the use of sustainable and active travel modes if required.

The only concern we have with the contents of the travel plan as submitted is section 4 Roles and Responsibilities where Travel Plan Measure TPM1 gives a guideline for appointment of a travel plan co-ordinator (TPC) as being 3 months prior to 1st occupation. This is an acceptable timeframe for appointment of a TPC, however it is known that the building has already passed first occupation and the TPC should already be in post. We have not been informed of any contact details of the TPC and so assume that the appointment has not yet been made. A TPC will need to be appointed, and their contact details passed on to the LPA.

With this we consider that the information submitted with this application is sufficient for the discharge of condition 17.