About the application

Application number: 2024/93440	
What is the application for?:	Amalgamation of Units 57 and 58 with car park configuration, external alteration
Address of the site or building:	Huddersfield Retail Park, Beck Road, Huddersfield, HD1 5DG
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: A general comment	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes

I am a user of this Aldi supermarket and would like to make a few comments for consideration specifically regarding the car park and access.

Currently there is no provision for cycle parking for users of these retail units. I travel to these shops by bicycle, on foot and by car at different times.
When arriving on my bicycle the only place I can park it is by locking my bike to the rails around the trolley bay.
Please consider adding a requirement for dedicated spaces to be provided to park bicycles. This should be near the entrance to the shops, covered and be laid out so that it can be used by adapted and cargo bikes to support the council's aims to support encourage sustainable transport.

I would like to also like to point out that beck road is a designated cycle route connecting the town centre to the Birkby - Bradley Greenway with proposals to improve this route across the ring road. So these shops would be a destination along this route for those cycling.

Thought should also be given to having a requirement for a secure bicycle storage area for employees traveling to work by bike.

The current layout of this car park is poor and feels unsafe. The two main issues I see as a pedestrian (both arriving on foot and when walking from a parked car) are the proximity of the current Aldi entranceway into the car park entrance and the badly laid out entrance to the car park.

This proposal address the first of these by moving the entrance further along. However I don't feel it addresses the badly laid out entrance. The only modification to the entrance in this application is to add zebra stripes. However these are situated a bit into the car park rather than being along the pavement line of Beck Road. I feel these should be in line with the pavements to reenforce the changes to priority of pedestrians over turning vehicles at side roads brought in in January 2022.

Also currently there are no drop curbs where the zebra is shown, this should be rectified.

If the zebra is to remain where it is then it shouldn't end directly behind the disabled parking spot. This parking space should be moved away from the entrance to avoid conflicting movements.

When driving in and out of this entrance it feels like it isn't wide enough when someone is entering the car park and a car is having to do the 90 degree turn required when exiting. This would be an ideal opportunity to look at widening the entrance slightly to avoid this conflict.

Thank you for considering my feedback.