

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

2025/90082 Land adj, Gernhill Avenue, Fixby, Huddersfield, HD2 2GT

Formation of agricultural / forestry track

Date Responded: 27/03/2025.

Responding Officer: D. Stainsby

Responding Ref: K4-4SE/1

RECOMMENDATION.

No objection in principle. However further details are required on the operational and construction traffic to assess the impact on the highway network.

OPERATIONAL TRAFFIC

The Applicant states that “the track is required to provide a suitable route to take timber lorries off the highway into the field and then allow these to turn around, load and egress back onto the highway safely. Due to the weights and nature of the vehicles involved it is necessary to put in place a stone track and turning head to allow them to be turned around and loaded off the highway without them sinking into the ground. This will also avoid mud being trailed onto the highway. The road and turning head have been designed with reference to Operations Guidance Note 25 published by the Forestry Commission.”

No details on the operational traffic has been provided and details of the size of vehicles, frequency of trips, routes to be used, etc. is required to assess the impact of the operational traffic on the highway network.

SITE ACCESS.

A new vehicle access is proposed onto Gernhill Avenue which will require the widening of the existing dropped kerb.

The highway works required to provide the new access, will also need to be constructed under the section 184 agreement of the 1980 Highways Act (vehicle crossings over footways and verges). You are required to consult the Design Engineer (Kirklees Street Scene: 01484 221000) with regard to obtaining this permission and approval of the construction specification. Interference with the highway without such permission is an offence which could lead to prosecution.

The applicant is advised to contact the Kirklees Street scene team as soon as possible to determine the exact extent of the works required.

CONSTRUCTION PHASE

No information has been provided on how the track will be constructed.

A comprehensive Construction Traffic Management plan will be required prior to the start of the works to minimise any highway safety impact during the construction phase of the track.

The plan should include the point of access for construction traffic, details of the times of use of the access, the routing of construction traffic to and from the site, construction workers parking facilities and the provision, use and retention of adequate wheel washing facilities within the site.

Any remedial work carried out on the adopted highway to accommodate the construction traffic being able to access the site will require an agreement between the applicant and the highway authority under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980.

At this stage, the full scope of works is unknown, and the following conditions should be applied.

Construction access Management Plan

Prior to construction commencing, a schedule of the means of access to the site for construction traffic shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. The schedule shall include the point of access for construction traffic, details of the times of use of the access, the routing of construction traffic to and from the site, construction workers parking facilities and the provision, use and retention of adequate wheel washing facilities within the site. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the LPA, all construction arrangements shall be carried out in accordance with the approved schedule throughout the period of construction.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety

Defects Survey

The development shall not commence until a survey of the existing condition of the highway on Gernhill Avenue has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The survey shall include carriageway and footway surfacing, verges, kerbs, edgings, street lighting, signing and white lining. Upon completion of the development and before any building is occupied a highway condition survey identifying a scheme to reinstate any subsequent defects in the condition of the highway shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

All of the identified works shall be implemented before any part of the development is first brought into use.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety and to ensure the maintenance of the highway

FOOTNOTE

The granting of planning permission does not authorise the carrying out of works within the highway, for which the written permission of the Council as Highway Authority is required. You are required to consult the Design Engineer, Flint Street, Fartown, Huddersfield (Kirklees Street Care: 0800 7318765) with regard to obtaining this permission and approval of the construction specification. Please also note that the construction of vehicle crossings within the highway is deemed to be major works for the purposes of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (Section 84 and 85). Interference with the highway without such permission is an offence which could lead to prosecution.