Consultation Response from KC, Highways Development Management
2025/90956 Moorlands Cricket Club, Mirfield Memorial Park, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, WF14 8AE
Erection of two storey side extension, single storey front/rear extension, first floor balcony and associated alterations
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The site is situated within Mirfield Memorial Park, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield. Within the Park, there are two cricket clubs: Moorlands Cricket Club and Mirfield Cricket Club. There are Tennis courts located to South-East of the park. Towards the South-West of the park, there is gym equipment and a playground area.

The supporting document prepared by Orange Design Studio explains the need for the proposed development as follows. "*The existing clubhouse provides facilities for players and spectators but requires modernisation and additional space to accommodate growing demand for the club. The internal layout of the existing clubhouse is constrained by irregularly positioned columns and tapered walls, which restricts flexibility for different uses. The lack of a clear, open-plan design makes it difficult to adapt the clubhouse for multi-purpose use, such as a clubhouse for sporting events, but also as a sociable venue. Alongside this, the existing clubhouse bar and back of house areas mean that the club cannot function to its full potential during peak season".*

The proposed works include a two-storey side extension, which will accommodate a kitchen, bar/coffee station and storage at the ground floor level and a female changing room, shower and toilet on the first floor.

A single storey front/rear extension is also proposed, which will accommodate additional changing rooms at the ground floor level and a balcony with outdoor seating to the first floor.

Scaling from the plans the floor area to the social area/function room will increase by approximately 30 sqm. This space will however be open plan allowing it to be used in a more efficient manner with increased capacity compared to the existing floor space. Further additional capacity will also be provided by the proposed balcony outdoor seating.

The red line boundary includes the relatively small car park to the eastern side of the access from Huddersfield Road which can accommodate just 8 spaces.

A site visit undertaken by Highways Development Management on Saturday 23rd August at approximately 12.30 found that whist there was a match underway players and spectators were using the Mirfield Cricket Club car park and there was no over-spill parking on to Huddersfield Road.

Photographic evidence provided by Councillor Bolt does however show considerable on-street parking during a match held on the 31st August. It is noted that two matches were held on that day, which demonstrates that on-street parking does occur along Huddersfield Road when fixtures are scheduled. Similar issues could also occur if the 2 clubs held functions at the same time.

Given that Moorlands Cricket Club have just 8 off-street parking spaces within their red line boundary and appear to rely on Mirfield Cricket Club for off-street parking which is clearly not always available Highways Development Management would find it difficult to support this application without the provision of additional off-street parking provisions or measures to manage and mitigate parking such that the issues reported on the 31st August are prevented.

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