Appeal Statement – Planning Application Ref: 2025/62/91285/W
Address: 24 Deighton Road, Deighton, Huddersfield, HD2 1UF

I am appealing against the decision by Kirklees Council dated 4 August 2025 to refuse planning permission for the formation of vehicular access at the above address. I respectfully request that this decision be reconsidered, as I believe the proposal is reasonable, consistent with neighbouring developments, and does not harm the character of the area or public safety.

The refusal notice states that the removal of the front wall and introduction of hardstanding would disrupt the rhythm and appearance of the street. However, several nearby and neighbouring properties along Deighton Road already have approved vehicular accesses and dropped kerbs, many of which involved similar alterations to boundary walls. These examples show that the proposed works would not be out of character, nor would they negatively affect the visual amenity of the street. My proposal would be carried out using matching materials and a tidy, proportionate design in keeping with the existing streetscape. The refusal therefore appears inconsistent with precedent set by the Council on the same road and within the same locality.

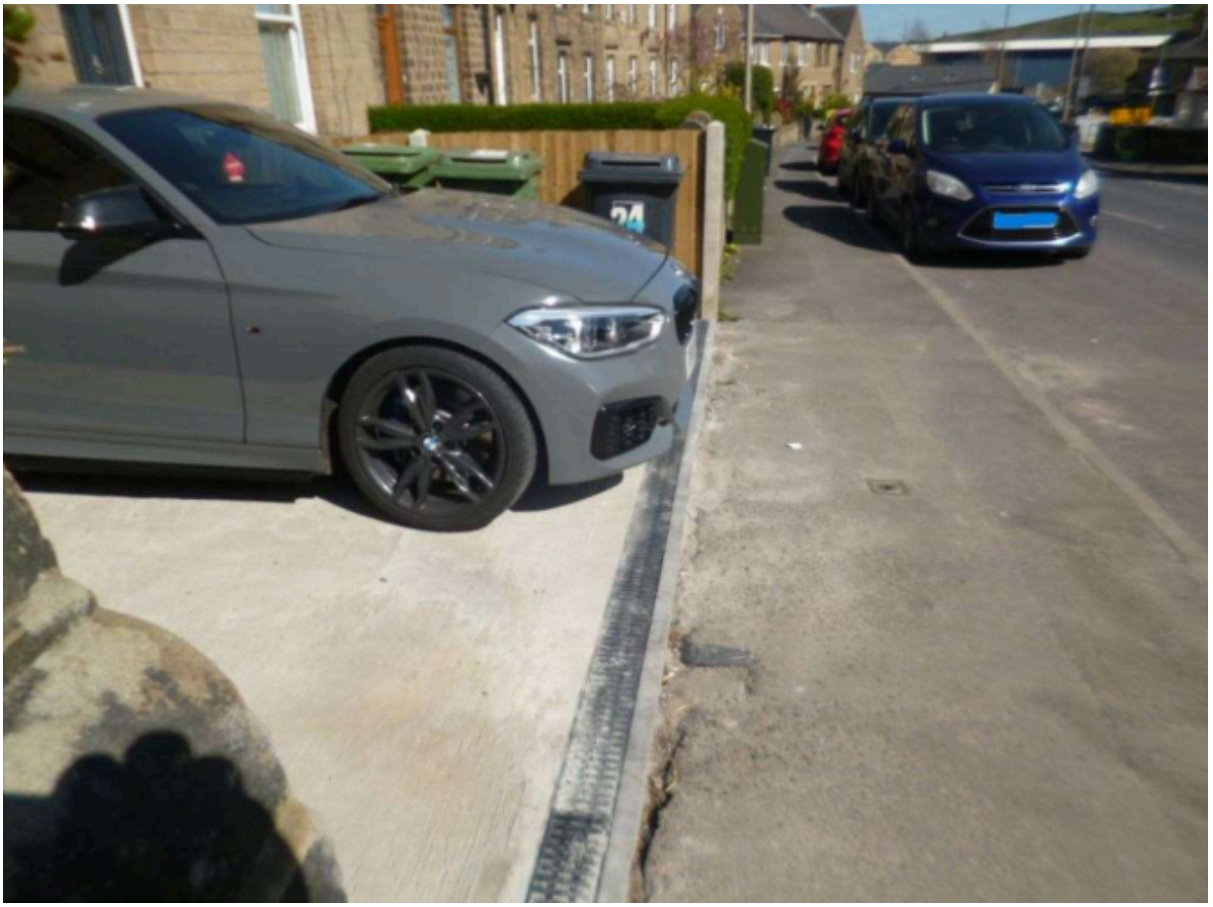
The Council also raised concern about the parking depth of 4.517 metres being insufficient to accommodate a vehicle. In practice, my car fits entirely within the proposed space without overhanging the pavement or causing any obstruction to pedestrians. The Highways Design Guide SPD sets general guidance on parking dimensions but allows flexibility where local conditions demonstrate safe parking can be achieved. In this case, the frontage provides sufficient space for off-street parking, ensuring that pedestrian safety and access are not compromised.

There are multiple examples of similar vehicular accesses that have been approved by Kirklees Council, both on Deighton Road and nearby streets. Given these precedents, it would be reasonable and consistent for this proposal to be approved, particularly as it meets or exceeds the safety and visual standards applied in those cases. The proposal provides a practical benefit by allowing off-street parking and reduces on-street congestion without affecting the visual or structural character of the area.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the refusal be overturned and that planning permission be granted for the proposed vehicular access at 24 Deighton Road.

[Image of drive already allowed on my street]

[Image of another drive in the borough where the vehicle overhangs, yet planning permission was still given. Postcode: HD1 3JT]



[This image is of my driveway and shows my vehicle clearly within boundaries with space still at the back to reverse slightly further]