

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

2025/91308 Greenhead College, Greenhead Road, Huddersfield, HD1 4ES

Removal of condition 37 (number of students and staff) on previous permission 2021/93674 for partial redevelopment of Greenhead College including demolition and making good, erection of 2 and 4 storey buildings, reconfiguration of parking and access arrangements, reconfiguration of sports provision and other associated external works (within a Conservation Area)

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Responding Officer: Mark Berry.

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This application seeks the removal of condition 37 (number of students and staff) on previous permission 2021/93674 for partial redevelopment of Greenhead College including demolition and making good, erection of 2 and 4 storey buildings, reconfiguration of parking and access arrangements, reconfiguration of sports provision and other associated external works at Greenhead College, Greenhead Road, Huddersfield.

Planning condition 37 states “The total number of students shall at no time exceed 2,800 and staff shall not exceed 185 (full time equivalent)”.

This application does not involve any changes to the approved development plans.

A technical note has been prepared by Flinders Chase in support of this application.

The technical note is summarised as follows:

“Areas of different parking restrictions exist around Greenhead College to allow either free parking with no restrictions, Timed Mon-Fri 8am – 6pm 3 hours No return within 1 hour parking or residents only parking within certain areas.

Two car parking surveys were undertaken around the college site, one occurring within the summer holidays, when no staff or students were present, and one occurring once the college returned for the autumn term.

The two carparking surveys were both conducted over a span of approximately three hours to assess the changes in parking throughout the morning. Photographs were taken at regular intervals to ensure all parked vehicles were recorded on all survey rounds, with the same photos taken each round and over both surveys.

Summer Holiday Parking Survey

The survey undertaken within the summer holiday period was undertaken on 13 August 2024. The first picture of the survey was taken at 9:37am and the final picture taken at 12:56pm. The college was open for staff during the time of the survey but not for students.

The smaller of the car parks for the staff was relatively well used, with approximately 10% of spaces spare. The larger of the car parks, located to the western end of the college site, was open and did not have any spaces occupied by cars. It is therefore likely that none of the cars parked around the college site were owned by staff at the college due to the large spare capacity of parking available on the site on the day of the survey.

The weather was moderate with sunny intervals. No special activities were occurring at Greenhead Park at the time of the survey which may attract a significantly larger volume of people than standard to the park.

Autumn Term Parking Survey

The survey undertaken within the Autumn Term was undertaken on 15 October 2024.

The first picture of the autumn survey was taken at 9:37am and the final picture taken at 12:03pm. The college was open to both year 12 and year 13-year groups during a standard teaching week. The main car park located on the western side of the college site was very well used.

The weather was overcast but dry, with light wind. No special activities were occurring at Greenhead Park at the time of the survey which may attract a significantly larger volume of people than standard to the park.

The surveyed streets included Park Drive, Gledholt Road between Park Drive and Heaton Road, Heaton Road (Part), Park Drive South and Greenhead Road to the frontage of the college.

Survey photos were then collated and photographs for each round were compared to assess the number of cars that had either changed, left or parked up within the previous 45 minutes – 1 hour.

The reports conclusions were as follows:

Overall, from the summer survey it was observed that a significant volume of parking occurs around Greenhead College site and Greenhead Park during the summer months when students are not on site and there is significant spare capacity for parking for staff on site. In general terms, the parking spaces to the east of the site, closer to Huddersfield Town centre and Huddersfield Train Station, had on average a lower percentage of spare spaces.

Overall, from the autumn survey there was still a significant number of parked vehicles surrounding the Greenhead College site and Greenhead Park, with little turnover of vehicles especially to the eastern roads surveyed. Gledholt Road has the lowest density of parked cars in addition to the highest turnover of cars over the three survey rounds. Most of the vehicles parked within the surveyed areas did not arrive/ leave/ change during the survey rounds.

By assessing the parking occurring around Greenhead College and Greenhead Park, it appears that many the vehicles are from commuters accessing transport hubs and/or the town centre. There was no difference in the levels of car parking on the roads closest to Huddersfield town centre during term-time or non-term time.

There is no evidence that the observed parking on the local highway is staff car parking”.

Highways Development Management (HDM) would agree that staff parking may not occur within the streets surveyed around Greenhead College and Greenhead Park, but this is likely to be a result of waiting restrictions and that fact that the streets are used by commuters given the proximity of the railway station and Huddersfield town centre.

The report also confirms that the main staff car park located on the western side of the college site was very well used although no numbers or photos are provided other than at the entrance which

suggests the car park could have been full.

The Flinders Chase technical note does no more than demonstrate that the staff car park is likely to be full during term times and that staff do not park in areas around Greenhead College and Greenhead Park.

HDM consider that staff and student parking could occur in streets further afield where unrestricted parking is available (Grasmere Road, Quarry Road, Gledholt Bank, Heaton Road and others within a similar walking distance) and that given the technical note confirms that the main staff car park was very well used there is likely to be no or very little additional off-street staff parking facilities available at the college.

Based on the information provided HDM therefore consider that condition 37 should not be removed.