

**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)

Date Responded: 16-9-2025.

Responding Officer: Mark Berry.

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The conclusion of the Highways Development Management (HDM) consultation response dated 10th July were as follows.

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

HDM considered 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).

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

The applicants have provided a technical note in response to the above comments.

Key points are summarised as follows.

“All measures included in the 2021 College Travel Plan submitted with the original planning application have been implemented and a Travel Plan Coordinator (who is a senior member of staff) is in place.

The most recent College Travel Plan updated in 2024 contains updated travel survey findings, which show a reduction in students driving to college from 9% in 2019 to 5% in 2024. This evidences the success of the package of travel planning measures that have been implemented in full

Additional travel plan measures and more ambitious targets have been adopted.

Additional information on staff car parking has been provided, which Highway Development Management officers and local Councillors may not have been aware of. This includes confirmation of a 10-year lease in place with Kirklees Council for a managed staff car parking facility on land on the East Side of Park Avenue.

The percentage of students driving a car to college is very low and it continues to be discouraged by Greenhead College. There is inevitably some student parking on local public highways that do not have parking restrictions, but this is not at a level that is unduly high for a location close to major transport nodes and other larger public facilities”.

This application still provides insufficient information to allow a proper highway assessment to be completed.

Section 7.3.1 of the 2021 College Travel Plan states that regular monitoring is crucial to the ongoing success and sustainability of a Travel Plan and its initiatives. The commitment from Greenhead College includes monitoring and review on an annual basis.

Can this information be provided which should demonstrate a trend in how the use of single occupancy vehicles is reducing.

Can details of the leased car park be provided.

Can a survey be provided of the student parking around the college with an assessment of the impact upon local streets.