

Project:	Greenhead College	Project No:	40025
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1.0 Background

- 1.1 This technical note provides a response to the additional highways comments that were received for application reference 2025/91308. The additional response from the Highway Authority, dated 16/09/2025 raised some new issues that were not included in their initial response to this application.
- 1.2 Additional comments were also received from the Case Officer by phone and in person from Cllr Pattison at a meeting at Greenhead College on 05/11/2025. This note addresses these additional items.

2.0 Additional Staff Parking Details

- 2.1 Details regarding staff parking were provided in a previous technical note for this application. This set out that the college operates an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system for all college car parks.
- 2.2 At the time this S73 application (2025/91308) was made to remove Planning Condition 37, the original development for (21/93624) had not been fully completed. During the preceding phases of the development, the college had restricted on-site car parking, as some of the site was reserved for contractor logistics and parking.
- 2.3 As set out in the previous response dated 18/08/2025, Greenhead College entered into a 10-year lease with Kirklees Council in 2023 for Land on the East Side of Park Avenue.
- 2.4 The most recent response from the Highway Authority has requested additional details of the leased car park. Figure 1 below shows the location of the car park. Kirklees Council holds a copy of the executed lease, if the highway authority wishes to see the terms of the lease.



Figure 1: Location of Greenhead College Staff Car Parking

2.5 We re-confirm the previous details provided that all staff car parking demand is accommodated in staff car parks with no overspill onto local highways. This will remain the case if this Section 73 application results in the removal of Planning Condition 37.

3.0 College Travel Surveys

- 3.1** As previously confirmed, Greenhead College has an active travel plan and a Travel Plan Coordinator, Sarah Walters, who is a senior member of staff.
- 3.2** Previous technical notes submitted for this application provided evidence and confirmed that all measures in the Travel Plan submitted with the original planning application in 2021 and in the updated Travel Plan prepared in 2024 have been implemented.
- 3.3** The college undertakes regular travel surveys for staff and students (each academic year) to monitor the effectiveness of the travel plan and to identify any additional improvements that could improve travel by sustainable travel modes.
- 3.4** The travel surveys are planned for times during the academic year when they are representative of staff and student travel habits. The most recent college-wide travel survey was completed in Autumn 2024 in the 2024-2025 academic year.

3.5 In the 2025-2026 academic year the next survey is planned for Spring 2026, as the closure of Huddersfield Train Station in Autumn 2025 and the completion of the final phase of the development project in Autumn 2025 prevented representative travel surveys from being undertaken in the first term.

4.0 On-Street Car Parking Surveys

4.1 Information has already been provided with this application and in follow-up technical responses with regards to on-street car parking levels in term time and college holidays.

4.2 The additional consultee response from the Highway Authority, dated 16/09/2025, requested further survey information regarding student parking around the college and any impact on local streets.

4.3 Councillor Pattison met with Senior Leaders at Greenhead College on 05/11/2025. She expressed a view that the on-street car parking survey information already provided is deficient because the survey extent did not extend to areas including Quarry Road and Grasmere Road.

4.4 The parking surveys covered Gledholt Road, Park Drive, Park Avenue, Park Drive South and the eastern end of Heaton Road, which have areas of unrestricted on-street parking and are within half a mile of the main college site.

4.5 The additional streets of Quarry Road, Grasmere Road, Lawrence Road and beyond, extend further than half a mile of Greenhead College.

4.6 These streets with unrestricted parking are also well within a mile of Kirklees College, Huddersfield Train Station, Huddersfield Town Centre and Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and likely to be well used by commuters and visitors to these destinations.

4.7 Figure 2 overleaf shows the proximity of these streets to these destinations. The distances are measured by safe walking route and not as straight line distances.

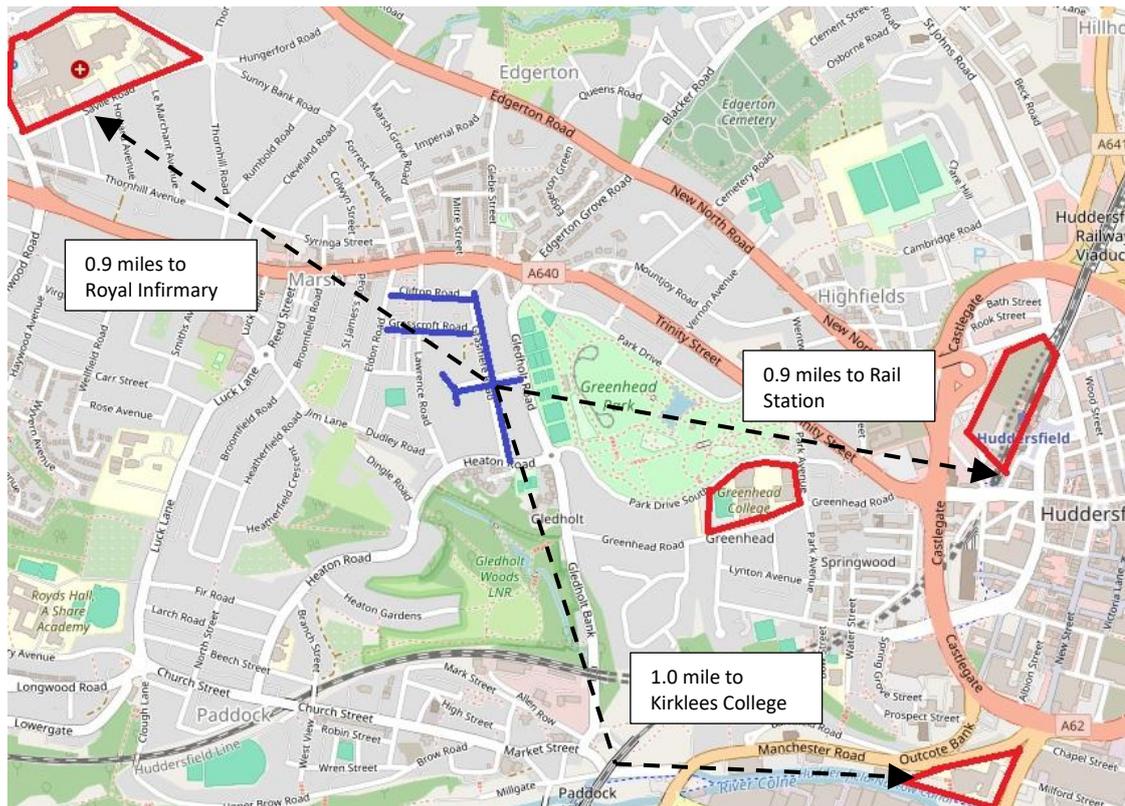


Figure 2: Walking Distances from Quarry Rd/Grasmere Rd

- 4.8 Greenhead College has carefully considered the new requests for additional on-street car parking surveys (term time and in college holidays). The college and their advisors do not consider that additional car parking surveys are justified for the purposes of this Section 73 application.
- 4.9 Additional car parking surveys are a significant expense and would take considerable time to complete, which is disproportionate for this Section 73 application. The results would not enable any analysis to be undertaken of which destination is generating on-street car parking demand (e.g. Huddersfield Train Station, Huddersfield Town Centre, Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, Kirklees College and/or Greenhead College).
- 4.10 Any potential increase in parking demand from Greenhead College is negligible (7 vehicles) and the applicant remains of the view that Planning Condition 37 does not meet the six tests. It has not been applied to other developments, including Kirklees College, and nor was this college required to undertake a comparable level of survey information.

5.0 Summary

- 5.1** This note has reviewed the additional consultee comments from the Highway Authority, dated 16/09/2025, and additional comments provided by the Case Officer and Councillor Pattison on 05/11/2025.
- 5.2** Further information has been provided on the location of the additional leased staff car park.
- 5.3** Responses have been provided on the dates that the college travel surveys have been undertaken and the planned window for the 2025-26 travel survey (Spring 2026). The most recent college travel survey, which was undertaken within the required timeframe, confirms the downward trend in car travel.
- 5.4** The college has carefully considered the request for additional on-street car parking surveys and has concluded that they are not going to commission these for the following reasons:
- a.) On-street car parking surveys have already been provided with the application documentation, which extend to areas of unrestricted parking up to half a mile from the college.
 - b.) The cost and time to complete additional surveys is disproportionate to the nature and impact of this application (a Section 73 application that does not involve additional college buildings).
 - c.) The additional streets of Grasmere Road, Quarry Road and streets to the north and west are within one mile of Huddersfield Train Station, Kirklees College, Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield Town Centre and Greenhead College. Additional car parking surveys would provide no accurate means of estimating any legal on-street parking demand from these individual destinations. Therefore, it would be of no benefit in determining this application and fairly assessing whether Planning Condition 37 meets the six tests.
 - d.) No similar developments have been required to provide such surveys, including the destinations listed above.
- 5.5** Greenhead College, and their advisors, remain of the view that this application (2025/91308) has provided all necessary information to allow it to be determined, in accordance with planning policy requirements and to assess it against the relevant tests in paragraph 55 of the NPPF.