

**From:** Farhad Khatibi  
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**Subject:** RE: Attached letter from Kirklees Council regarding application number 2025/91770 at location Land off Station Road, Meltham, HD9 4NL

The proposed development will be accessed via Station Road which is an unadopted Road and as such the development site is deemed to remain private. If so, none of the structures conditions which are intended to protect the adopted highway, and the safety of highway users will be relevant in this instance.

In addition, it is imperative to advise the developer that Harewood bridge which is a private bridge carrying Station Road over Meltham Dike, is in poor condition and has never been structurally assessed to determine its load carrying capacity and therefore, any proposal to route vehicular traffic over this bridge could potentially cause it to collapse with obvious safety implications for their operatives. This will also necessitate the developer to contact the bridge owner (David Brown Tractors) before they could use their bridge to access the proposed development site.

Finally, it should be noted that Highways Service would have no interest in adopting Station Road, as this would inadvertently make us responsible for the above bridge, which is likely to require significant remedial works costing several hundreds of thousands of pounds to strengthen and moreover, similar costs to include in a systematic inspection program going forward.

Regards

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