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Sent: 29 September 2025 14:55
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Subject: DOCO comments for application 2025/92438 at land off Fitzwilliam Street, Huddersfield

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Dear Liz,

Re: 2025/92438- Temporary use of vacant land as TRU staff car park and associated works (within a Conservation Area) at land off Fitzwilliam Street, Huddersfield

Thank you for your request for consultation on the above application. The comments are made with the intention of reducing opportunities for future crime and antisocial activity which addresses our collective responsibilities outlined in Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, by creating safe and secure developments where people will want to reside, visit or work.

The recommendations are supported by the following guidance:

NPPF National Planning Policy Framework (Section 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

Kirklees Council Planning and development policy <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-and-development.aspx>

Kirklees Local Plan <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/pdf/local-plan-strategy-and-policies.pdf>

Secured by Design www.securedbydesign.com

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

I have reviewed the plans and supporting documentation available via the Planning Portal. The proposal is to create a total of 300 parking spaces at the site on a temporary basis, until April 2028.

Current crime statistics in the local area- timespan 28/09/2024 until 28/09/2025, partial postcode HD1 5*, source: Corvus- Police database:

Total- 157

Arson- 1

Bicycle theft- 3

Burglary business and community- 6

Criminal damage- 47 (4x non-dwelling, 23x dwelling, 11x motor vehicle, 9x non-specific)

Other theft- 50

Robbery- 14

Theft from person- 5

Theft from vehicle- 16

Theft of vehicle- 12

Vehicle interference- 3.

Of note, as per page 4 of the Design and Access and Heritage Statement (id 1103462): “The car park will be secured by a combination of new 2.4m weld mesh fencing and existing hoarding ... Electric tower lighting will also be installed along with access-controlled gates on the entrance and exit, along with CCTV”.

Submitted plans indicate that the gates will match the design of the adjacent new V-mesh fencing. This is supported from a crime reduction perspective. The gates should close any gap beneath them to ground level.

Due to the mention of using the site for storing materials, equipment and tools, I would recommend that the V-mesh fencing is rated to LPS 1175 Issue 8 Security Rating C5 (formerly known as SR3) as a minimum. Gates should be certified to the same standard. The use of dark coloured coatings on metal fencing systems reduces light reflection, thereby making it easier for passers-by to observe activity through the fencing.

Care should be taken to remove climbing aids from the vicinity of the new fencing and existing hoarding to impede scaling of both.

With regard to access control- this should have a data logging facility and be operated by fobs or key/ swipe cards. The security levels should be checked after installation and strictly managed so that fobs/ cards can be added and deleted as necessary. An intrusion detection system (IDS) will detect and signal the presence of an intruder, or an intrusion attempt, into a secured area. Further information is available from the NPSA at: <https://www.npsa.gov.uk/intrusion-detection> The system shall comply with BS EN 60839 – Alarm and Electronic Security Systems and UL293. It should be installed by NSI/ SSAIB approved contractor.

CCTV/ Video Surveillance System must be installed to BS EN 62676 (Video surveillance systems for use in security applications). It should be monitored to allow a real-time reaction to criminal activity and any other situation requiring intervention. The VSS must record at a minimum of 25 frames per second to allow staff to actively watch, monitor and review events easily. Staff shall be sufficiently trained to operate the system and be able to make recordings available to police on request, and an operational requirement must take account of this fact. Images should be stored for at least 30 days. Fittings and wiring should be vandal-resistant. The system must be compatible with the site’s lighting and landscaping proposals. The installation should be carried out by NSI/ SSAIB approved contractor.

Video surveillance systems shall be registered with the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) and be compliant with guidelines in respect to Data Protection and Human Rights legislation. Further information is available at this website: <https://www.ico.org.uk>. Data controller must ensure compliance with GDPR principles.

Recommended areas for CCTV coverage: all vehicular and pedestrian entrances, perimeter, lorry parking bays, EV charging points (if applicable), areas housing materials, equipment and tools.

External lighting- where possible, the principles of BS 5489-1:2020 should be implemented. In terms of security, the objective of lighting non-residential sites after dark is to deter or detect an intruder. In conservation areas, a variable lighting system which increases and decreases lighting levels in accordance with local circumstances is preferred to any total switch off policy employed to reduce CO2 emissions. The Institution of Lighting Professionals does not encourage switch off unless a full risk assessment has been carried out and, in any case, it should never be implemented purely on the grounds of cost savings.

The lighting scheme should provide uniformed lighting levels with good colour rendition and be sufficient to cater for lawful after dark activity around the site. It should not cause glare or light pollution but should support both formal and informal surveillance of the site.

West Yorkshire Police have no objection in principle to this proposal, providing the applicant considers the above advice and implements it accordingly.

Should the applicant have any queries, please advise them to contact me directly.

Kind regards,

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