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Application number: 2025/62/92459/E	
What is the application for?:	Change of use of taxi booking office and car park to hand car wash
Address of the site or building:	10A, Regent Street, Heckmondwike, WF16 0HD
Postcode:	LS8 5QE

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I am a resident of Francis Street and I know this area very well. This proposal would directly affect myself and many others who rely on the area close to Regent Street leading into the town centre for commuting, school runs, and everyday travel. The road is already extremely busy at peak times, and adding a car wash would only make congestion worse.

Vehicles turning in and out of the site, queuing to be washed, or waiting on the roadside will create further traffic build-up and block the normal flow through Regent Street. This increases the risk of accidents and makes it harder and more dangerous for pedestrians, especially families walking to nearby schools.

Noise is also a major concern. Hand car washes generate a constant level of sound from pressure washers, vacuum cleaners, and general activity. In a built-up area like this, that kind of noise would have a real impact on residents and nearby businesses, particularly during early mornings and evenings.

Another important issue is drainage and pollution. Unless the site has a proper water treatment and drainage system, the runoff from detergents, oil, and dirty water could easily end up on the street or in public drains, which would cause environmental harm and slippery surfaces. It is essential that Kirklees ensures all operators meet environmental and safety regulations before allowing such a use.

There are already several car washes nearby, including one only 0.4 miles away on Spen Vale Street. The town does not need another one so close by, and too many of these sites make the area look cluttered and less appealing.

On a separate note, the health implications of increased static traffic are very concerning. Cars sitting idly in queues give off exhaust fumes, even from modern vehicles, and this adds to air pollution in an area already surrounded by homes, shops, and schools. Poor air quality has proven links to respiratory and heart problems, and the council should seriously consider this before approving another high-traffic business on this stretch of road.

For all these reasons including traffic congestion, safety, noise, drainage, overprovision, and health impacts, I strongly object to this proposal and ask that the council refuse planning permission.