Kirklees Council

Planning and Development Service

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RE: Application 2025/92459

To whom it may concern,

I wish to contest the proposal named above for the site at 10A Regent Street, Heckmondwike, WF16 0HD.

As a business operating directly opposite the site, we have concerns regarding the nature of the business, and the impact it will have on local traffic.

Documents submitted alongside the application state that there is space for 15 cars. While this was possible with 15 parked taxis, based on the aforementioned plans, it is difficult to see how the newly proposed purpose for the space will be able to facilitate this. In addition to this concern, the business is on a busy 1-way street which is in the immediate vicinity to traffic lights, a main access to Morrisons, the only major supermarket in the area, and currently includes a temporary bus stop. Considering the concerns raised about the proposed capacity, any cars queuing to access the car wash on the main road would restrict access to our business, as well as creating a backlog of cars in town, thus potentially creating a hazard.

Further concerns are held regarding the impact to the immediate area due to the water required to operate a hand car wash. The application states that there is no increased risk of flooding with the new purpose, but also that waste drains will be used. It needs to be considered the impact on the established infrastructure a hand car wash operating will have.

It is also noted that the plans submitted state that no trees need to be removed to facilitate the new purposed, and no work has begun. Work has been taking place for several weeks and, as illustrated in the attached images, large trees have been removed for these works to take place.

There is already several hand car wash sites within the local area, and an automatic car wash at the Morrisons site only meters away from the address for the application.

We therefore contest the application which has been submitted due to concerns we hold regarding the impact on local businesses, infrastructure, and on the basis of public safety.

Regards,

On behalf of the committee,

Comrades of the Great War Club

15 Regent Street, Heckmondwike, WF16 0HD

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