

Consultee Comments for Planning Application 2025/92598

Application Summary

Application Number: 2025/92598

Address: Co Op Academy Smithies Moor, Leeds Old Road, Heckmondwike, WF16 9BB

Proposal: Redevelopment of school, including demolition of existing buildings and erection of replacement single storey school building with external works including provision of a forest school, hard and soft PE and play spaces, car and cycle parking, bin store, sub-station, pedestrian, vehicle access, and landscaping

Case Officer: Katie Chew

Consultee Details

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On behalf of: West Yorkshire Police

Comments

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>

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Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

This advice is given as a view as to what measures might reduce the risk of crime; there can be no guarantee that the recommendations will prevent crime.

Before any measures are implemented you are advised to consider current Health and Safety Legislation, Planning Permission and consult with your local Fire Safety Officer or any statutory body that may require notification or consultation.

Current crime statistics and issues of note in the locality:

I have conducted a search using WYP crime data and mapping tool. The search covered offences committed between 12/10/2024 and 12/10/2025. The search criteria included burglary business, robbery, arson, criminal damage, theft of pedal cycle and vehicle crime (interference, theft of, theft from) for the partial postcode area of WF16 9*.

This returned 122 offences: 2x arson, 5x burglary business, 6x robbery, 46x criminal damage (2x non-dwelling, 17x dwelling, 16x motor vehicle, 11x non-specific), 1x theft of pedal cycle, 11x vehicle interference, 25x theft from vehicle, 26x theft of vehicle.

Current ASB statistics in the locality:

I have conducted a search using WYP incident data and mapping tool. The search covered ASB/ nuisance type incidents which occurred in WF16 9* area between 12/10/2024 and 12/10/2025. This returned 45 incidents, 4 of which were in close proximity to the site.

West Yorkshire Police have no objection in principle to this application.

Further recommended security measures, as per the SBD Non-residential Guide 2025:

Please note national standards and specifications are often updated, please ensure that the latest version of the security standards and specifications specified in this document are adhered to.

Construction phase security

Unfortunately, there are many crimes which occur during the construction phase (including enabling works) of a development. Secured by Design recommend that security should be considered throughout the life cycle of the development and be in place prior and during the construction phase. For example, this should include robust perimeter fencing of the site and (where appropriate) a monitored alarm system (by a company or individual who can provide a response) for site cabins and those structures facilitating the storage of materials and fuel.

The developer is advised that signage should be displayed across the development (i.e. on the perimeter fencing) and should contain the emergency contact details and point of contact. This will allow both the public and staff members to report suspicious behaviour and circumstances.

Mobile or part-time video surveillance systems (VSS) can be used as an effective aid to the security of a site and can act as a deterrent to criminal activity.

Cycle parking/ storage

External bicycle stands should be certified to one of the following minimum standards, or above:

LPS 2081 Issue 1 Security Rating B
STS 225 Issue 2 Burglar Resistance BR2(S)
STS 205 Issue 8 Burglar Resistance BR2
LPS 1175 Issue 8 Security Rating B3
Sold Secure SS104 Silver
STS 501 Security Rating TR2
STS 503 Security Rating TR2

It is the developer or developer's agent's responsibility to inform the Responsible Person(s), Fire and Rescue Service and Building Control of any bicycle storage facilities and/ or other areas that may require the charging and storage of Lithium-ion powered vehicles or devices, within the building or the wider site footprint, to ensure that the necessary fire suppression measures for the charging and storage of lithium-ion powered vehicles have been considered and specified.

Kind regards,

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