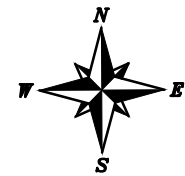




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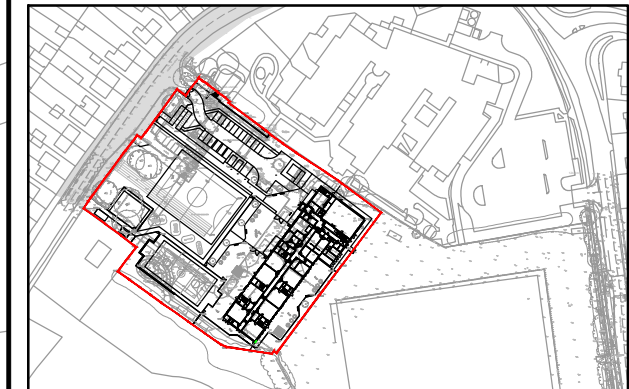


NOTES

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- INDICATIVE SITE BOUNDARY
- DENOTES NEW KERBS

LOCAL AUTHORITY: KIRKLEES COUNCIL
TOTAL AREA OF SITE: 1 HECTARE (APPROX)



SITE LAYOUT (NTS)

A	ADOPTED HIGHWAY ADDED	LB	TSB	NOV 25
REV	DETAILS	DRAWN	CHECKED	DATE

CLIENT:

BOWMER & KIRKLAND

PROJECT:

COOP ACADEMY, SMITHIES MOOR, HECKMONDWIKE

DRAWING TITLE:

EXISTING MAIN SITE ACCESS

SCALES:

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PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF COOP SMITHIES ACADEMY, HECKMONDWIKE – HIGHWAYS TECHNICAL NOTE 01 (4778) – NOVEMBER 2025

Introduction

Eddisons have been instructed by Bowmer & Kirkland to advise on the traffic and transportation issues relating to the proposals for the redevelopment of the Coop Smithies Academy off Leeds Old Road in Heckmondwike.

This Transport Note has been produced in response to the comments received from the local highways officers at Kirklees Council (KC), in their Consultation Response dated 29th October 2025 (Planning Ref: 2025/92598).

To address these comments, this Note will consider the following.

- Site Access Arrangements.
- Parking Provision.
- Servicing Arrangements.

Existing Site

Within the Highways consultation response concerns are raised regarding the use of the existing site access junction off Leeds Old Road and that there is a requirement for the junction to be relocated to achieve improved visibility at the site access.

As detailed within the submitted Transport Statement the proposed redevelopment of the site will not result in an increase in pupils or staff and therefore there will be no intensification in the use of the school access.

In terms of the visibility that can be achieved from the access, the comments regarding the visibility splay to the east are noted and the visibility splays have been amended, and these are shown on **Drawing 4778_F02_A**.

It is noted that the visibility that can be achieved is below what would be required if a new junction were to be provided based on the guidance contained within the Manual for Streets (MfS) documents for 30mph roads.

However, this is an existing junction and not a new junction. The junction is used by traffic associated with the existing school. Historic accident data can be used to ascertain whether traffic associated with the existing school (which are currently using the junction), combined with the current visibility at the junction, has had any material impact on highway safety.

Therefore, an interrogation of the Crashmap website has been undertaken at the existing site access junction for the 5-year period up to end of 2024. A screenshot of the Crashmap is below.

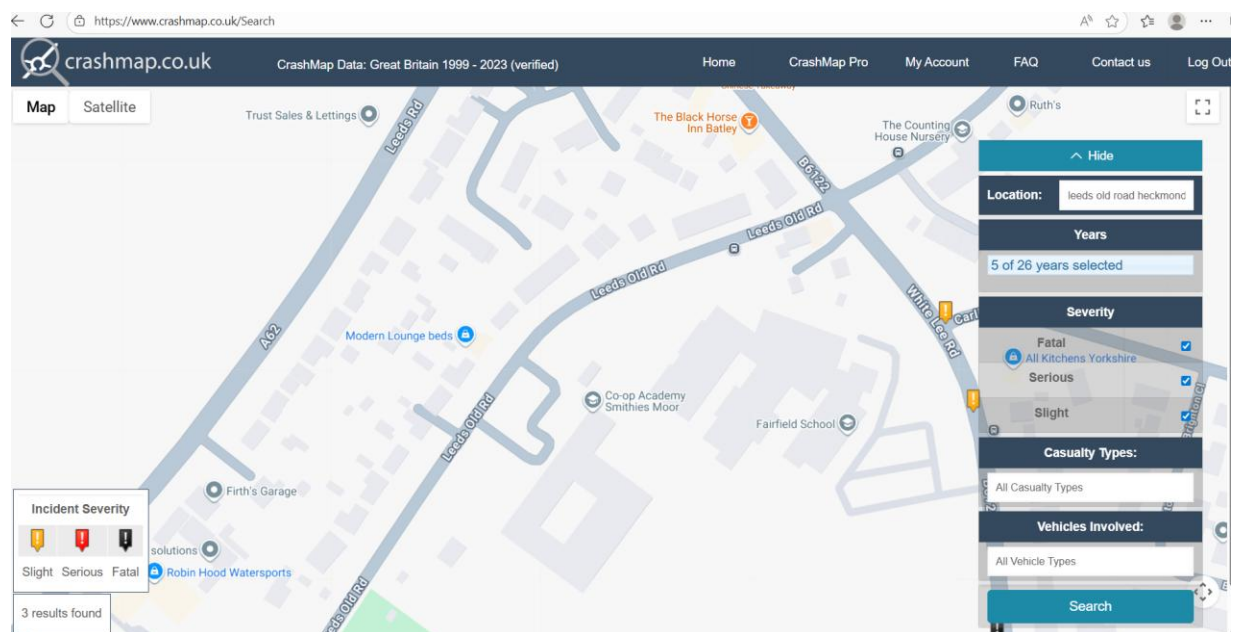


Figure 1 – Crashmap Screenshot Existing School Access

As can be seen in **Figure 1** above, there have been no reported accidents at the existing site access during the last 5 years. This period will cover the period when the school has been operational.

Consideration of the accident data has demonstrated that the junction does not suffer from a poor safety record. Therefore, the existing junction layout and in particular the visibility that can be achieved at the junction does not impact on the highway safety.

Based on the above it is concluded that the existing access provides safe and efficient access into the school and that the proposals will not give rise to and highway safety or operational concerns and that there is no requirement for new access arrangements to be provided.

It should be noted that the proposed layout of the scheme has been subject to careful consideration to achieve all the DfE and school's requirements, including regarding sports and green space provision, and that relocating the access would not be possible without a considerable redesign.

Parking Provision

Within the highways consultation response it states as part of the proposals the parking provision on the site should be increased to 27 spaces plus additional visitor spaces. As previously stated, the proposals will not result in any increase in staff provision on site.

There are currently 34 FTE staff employed at the site, however, not all of these will be on the site at the same time i.e. pupil support and kitchen/cleaning staff are not on site the full school day and therefore the demand for parking on the site is reduced.

The applicant worked with the school to design the proposals and the school is happy with the proposed provision of car parking based on their experience of how it operates currently. Notwithstanding that, as explained below, the proposals do provide an increase in parking provision.

Therefore, the provision of 20 parking spaces on the site, which is an increase of 6 parking spaces when compared to the existing provision is acceptable to accommodate demand for parking.

Servicing

With regard to the servicing arrangement for the proposals, the highways officers at Kirklees Council have stated the following.

“HDM consider that the swept paths show that the access needs to be widened to allow comfortable turning and manoeuvre and access into and out of the site without crossing the Old Leeds Road centre line.”

Service vehicles will access and egress the site via Leeds Old Road, as they do at present there will be no changes to the servicing vehicle frequency or size as a result of the development proposals. Therefore, there are no requirements for any amendments to the existing access arrangement off Leeds Old Road.

With regard to the internal arrangements, the proposed internal arrangement is an improvement on the existing arrangement as a formal turning area is provided on site which will enable service vehicles to access and egress the site in a forward gear and not impact on the operation of the wider highway network.

It is therefore concluded that the proposed development can be serviced in a safe and efficient manner.

Summary

The above note has considered the traffic and transportation issues relating to the proposals redevelopment of the Coop Smithies Academy off Leeds Old Road in Heckmondwike.

The following conclusions have been drawn with regard to the proposed development.

- The proposed development will not result in an increase in pupils or staff on the site.
- The existing access does not have poor safety record even with the reduced visibility to the east.
- The proposed car parking provision is sufficient to accommodate the level of demand generated by the development.
- The site can be serviced in a safe and efficient manner and not alterations to the existing site access as a result of the proposed development.

Based on the above it is concluded that the development is in accordance with the NPPF, as the residual cumulative impacts of the development cannot be considered severe and there remains no material reason why the proposed development should not be granted planning consent on highways or transportation grounds.