

**Consultation Response from KC,
Highways Development Management**

2025/93066 land off, Lockwood Road and Albert Street, Lockwood, Huddersfield, HD1 3QW

Change of use of disused land to form car valeting facility (sui generis use) with welfare and storage unit.

Date Responded: 15/04/2026

Responding Officer: D. Stainsby

Responding Ref: K6-6SE/9

This application is for the change of use of disused land to form car valeting facility with welfare and storage unit on land off, Lockwood Road and Albert Street, Lockwood, Huddersfield.

RECOMMENDATION

As submitted HDM cannot support the proposal. Further information is required on the internal layout of the site and visibility splays.

With reference to the submitted plan, the site does not appear to be of sufficient size to accommodate an adequate queueing and/or waiting area within the site.

The plan shows the location of the wash bays being close to the entrance of Lockwood Road leaving very little space for vehicles entering the site to wait and I am concerned that waiting vehicles will queue out onto Lockwood Road blocking both the bus lane and running lanes.

A616 Lockwood Road is a busy main road connecting Huddersfield with the south of the district and any queueing at this location would be detrimental to Highway safety at this location.

A revised plan showing the location of the wash bays, circulating traffic and a larger waiting area needs to be provided to demonstrate that there is adequate space within the site to accommodate this proposal.

The proposal uses the existing accesses to the site, and it may be better to reduce this to one access to enable more capacity within the site.

The Applicant states that sightlines at the site access are adequate. However, these have not been demonstrated. A revised plan showing that the required sightlines can be achieved should be submitted

For a 30mph speed limit sight lines of 2.4m x 43m should be achievable and demonstrated on a suitable plan, any shortfall of this requirement should be in accordance with 85%ile wet weather speed readings (if below 30 mph).

If any highway works are required for the vehicle access, this will need to be constructed under the section 184 agreement of the 1980 Highways Act (vehicle crossings over footways and verges). You are required to consult the Design Engineer (Kirklees Street Scene: 01484 221000) with regard to obtaining this permission and approval of the construction specification. Interference with the highway without such permission is an offence which could lead to prosecution.