KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
INVESTMENT & REGENERATION SERVICE

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

DELEGATED DECISION TO DETERMINE APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT, AGREEMENT OR APPROVAL REQUIRED BY CONDITION

Reference No:	2025/44/93298/W
Site Address:	Jospeh Norton Academy, Deighton Road, Deighton, Huddersfield, HD2 1JP
Description:	Discharge of condition 6 (drop-off/pick-up management plan) on previous permission 2025/91084 for variation of conditions 2 (Plans), 10 (Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan), 11 (Construction Environmental Management Plan), 12 (Arboricultural Method Statement) on previous permission 2023/93350 for development of former Deighton Centre (previously Deighton High School) for a Social Emotional and Mental Health School (use class F1) comprising single and two storey educational buildings; roof mounted photo-voltaic panels; sensory garden spaces; multi-use games areas; landscaping; hardstanding areas; carparking; access with secure fencing and ancillary development
Recommending Officer:	Katie Chew

DECISION – Discharge of Condition – Approve

I hereby authorise the approval of this application for the reasons set out in the officer's report and recommendation annexed below in respect of the above matter.

Nick Hirst

AUTHORISED OFFICER

Date: 06-Jan-2026

Application: 2025/93298

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Assessment:

Condition 6 (Drop-off/Pick-Up Management Plan)

> *6. Prior to the school opening to pupils, a drop-off/pick-up management plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This management plan should contain details of processes to be put in place to ensure that the queues to the pick-up/drop-off point do not interfere with the safe and efficient operation of the adopted highway network, provide details of queue marshalling and monitoring and provide details of possible mitigation measures in the event that the queues regularly exceed the school grounds. The approved drop-off/pick-up management plan shall thereafter be retained throughout the lifetime of the development unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.*
> ***Reason:** In the interests of highway safety and to accord with Policy LP21 of the Kirklees Local Plan and the aims of the National Planning Policy Framework.*

The applicant has submitted the following document pursuant to Condition 6:

- Drop-Off & Pick-Up Management Plan: Josie Thirkell Academy, version 1.0, dated, 04/11/2025, received 01/12/2025.

The above condition has been reviewed by KC Highways Development Management (HDM) who have noted in their comments received 05/01/2026:

> *This is a Discharge of Conditions application for condition 6 of previous permission 25/91084 and concerns the production of a drop off/pick up management plan for the school.*
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> *This application was accompanied by a Drop-off & Pick-up Management Plan version 1.0 dated November 2025. It is noted that the Drop-off & Pick-up Management Plan is for the Josie Thirkell Academy which is*

what the Joseph Norton Academy will be renamed when is begins operation.

Condition 6

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The condition was requested to minimise impacts on the operation and efficiency of the public highway network, namely C6107 Deighton Road, of the pick-up and drop-off system to be operated at the new school. The pick-up in the afternoon was previously identified by HDM as having the possibility to cause the most concern over highway safety.

The document provides details on the operational procedures for drop-off and pick-up, protocols for queue monitoring and a contingency plan for mitigation if the queues risk impacting on the highway and causing a highway safety concern.

The peak operating times have been identified as 08:50 – 09:05 and 14:30 – 15:45 and this would put the most concerning time-period, the PM pick-up, just outside the expected highway peak, although it should be noted that the Christ Church CoE Academy is located to the west of the proposal site on Deighton Road and thus may generate a higher number of trips on the highway during this pre-evening peak time.

The proposed operational procedures for use of the drop-off and pick-up are acceptable.

The use of marshals and queue length monitoring is acceptable.

The contingency plans for mitigation are acceptable, however we are doubtful that the text message system (Immediate Actions – Short term mitigation item No 3) would provide suitable assistance in the event of a 5min blockage as most drivers would not be able to pick up a text message whilst they are on the move and would usually wait until they reached their destination before checking their text messages. This may cause other serious highway safety concerns if people are encouraged to read texts while they are driving. Not all vehicles are equipped with a text reading service within the car's Bluetooth telephone connection.

This may work with taxi movements as they are linked by radio to a control centre who should also be included within the text list.

The medium Term actions are acceptable, however there is no description of what would be considered a "regular" problem.

The long term action is acceptable, however we would have also liked to see the possibility of a review of the pick-up times and some sort of staggering of pick-ups arranged, although we do appreciate that this was discussed at the earlier parts of the application from pre-app onwards and was rejected on operational grounds, however if access does become an issue and regular obstruction of the C6107 Deighton Road occurs, we would request that this is considered and added to future iterations of the plan after review.

The means of publicity for the drop-off and pick -up management plan are acceptable as are the means of review of the plan.

With this we consider that the information provided by the applicant is suitable for the discharge of condition 6.

Officers concur with the above assessment. While some points of concern have been noted, overall, the details are acceptable and address the requirements of condition 6. Accordingly, it is recommended that the submitted details are approved. However, Condition 6 has the following ongoing requirement which must be adhered to, to ensure ongoing compliance:

The approved drop-off/pick-up management plan shall thereafter be retained throughout the lifetime of the development unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

This is recommended to be noted to the applicant.

Recommendation: Approve details.

Report Dated: 06/01/2026.

Recommended Decision Notice Text

Condition 6 (Drop-off/Pick-Up Management Plan)

Pursuant to condition 6 you have submitted:

- Drop-Off & Pick-Up Management Plan: Josie Thirkell Academy, version 1.0, dated, 04/11/2025, received 01/12/2025.

The submitted details are deemed to be acceptable for the initial requirements of Condition 6 and are hereby approved. However, Condition 6 does have the following ongoing requirement which must be adhered to, to ensure ongoing compliance:

The approved drop-off/pick-up management plan shall thereafter be retained throughout the lifetime of the development unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.