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Application number: 2026/CLA/90201/W	
What is the application for?:	Prior approval for alterations to bridge Bridge MVL3/67 Low Westwood Lane, north
Address of the site or building:	Low Westwood Lane, Huddersfield, HD7 4EW
Postcode:	YO1 6JT

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<p>I'm not objecting to the upgrade of Low Westwood Bridge, as an improved, greener railway is desirable.</p> <p>I am objecting to the use of the Old Coal Shutes as an access point. I will upload this objection to the online rail consultation too.</p> <p>The issues of concern include: Noise from construction activity, vehicles and equipment operating directly above properties. Potential vibration impacts on the structure of our homes, of which some are fragile Grade II listed buildings. Construction lighting overlooking the properties and affecting privacy. Dust and general disturbance from site activity in such close proximity Construction traffic accessing the site via Low Westwood Lane, which is a busy road already.. Devaluation of our properties.</p> <p>Given the extremely close relationship between the proposed access point and our homes, I ask that you consider whether this location is appropriate for an access site. If the location is retained, I request that consideration is given to strict mitigation measures being implemented, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• restricted working hours• acoustic screening around the compound• control of construction lighting to prevent light spill toward nearby homes• dust suppression measures• monitoring of vibration impacts on the listed building <p>The following factors place our properties in the highest amenity-risk band in TRU's environmental assessment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The coal drops access point and route are literally adjacent to some of our properties.	

2. Any site activity will directly overlook some homes
3. Some houses are listed, so vibration and structural impacts are more serious
4. The Lane above houses is quite narrow, meaning construction traffic will pass very close to all our houses

The site is part of a very constrained, stacked valley corridor, where the railway, bridge, coal drops, houses, the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, and the River Colne are all vertically aligned. This unusual topography means that noise, vibration, dust, lighting, and overlooking from the compound will directly affect properties, gardens, and its residential amenity.

As mentioned already the potential impacts include:

- Noise and vibration from plant, materials handling, and construction vehicles directly above the houses.
- Structural risks to properties/underground wells and pipes due to vibration or heavy equipment operations.
- Loss of privacy and overlooking from railway staff, cabins, materials storage, or lighting towers.
- Dust and debris settling on the properties and garden
- Construction traffic access along Low Westwood Lane, a narrow residential street, creating potential safety issues

Given the extreme proximity, I request that the council and TRU project team:

1. Consider alternative access arrangements that reduce direct impact on adjacent properties.
 2. Assess the need for discretionary acquisition/compensation of affected properties.
- The loss of residential amenity is significant and must be fully considered before any works are permitted.

There is a water well, and well pipes, under Low Westwood Bridge/Lane that serves 11 properties along Low Westwood Lane. Consideration of the effects on the supply of water must be taken into account.