About the application

Application number: 2026/90232	
What is the application for?:	Redevelopment of mill complex of 11,584sqm for mixed use development, including
Address of the site or building:	New Mills, Brougham Road, Marsden, Huddersfield, HD7 6AZ
Postcode:	

User comments

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I welcome these proposals overall as the site needs redeveloping and most of the designs look like vast improvements. However, I wish to make the following comments, many of which could be addressed as conditions or amendments:

- The car club provision should be available for all Marsden residents, not just those living or working at New Mills.

- The pedestrian/cycle bridge to Warehouse Hill should be included in this planning application to make a direct link for those living in the Grange and Dirker areas and those joining from the canal towpath, even if further funding is required to build it. This will help encourage active journeys through the site (to school, new Co-op etc) rather than driving, and deter unnecessary traffic circulating through the village centre. The mill design should ensure it is fully future-proofed so it is as easy and cheap as possible to add a bridge in the future without requiring significant infrastructure works or any utilities at both ends. The bridge should be designed now to ensure this is possible as it interfaces the highway. Wheeling circulation from the bridge into the development should then be seamless.

- The new footway on Mill Road is great, however off-site highways works need to extend this footway from Mill Road along Warehouse Hill Road to Peel St/Station Rd junction in order to provide a continuous facility for the safety of pedestrians. This is because the development will result in more vehicles on this road where people have to walk in the road with pushchairs, children etc to get to the village centre. Traffic calming or priority in certain sections, may be required to fit in this footway.

- The speed limit on all roads in and surrounding the site should be reduced to 20mph, as it should in the rest of the village.

- Upgrading the path surface and drainage (currently very muddy and overgrown) at the rear of 44-106 Brougham Road would provide a good pedestrian link to the development from Manchester Road, enabling people to avoid the increased traffic on Brougham Road from the development.

- West Mill car park should be available for use by people visiting Peel St businesses (like the use of Aldi car park in Slaithwaite) without having to buy something at the new Co-Op.

- Given the new car parking being provided in the development, it provides an opportunity to separately enhance Peel St, making it more attractive, safer, and people friendly. This could reduce the current car parking dominance on Peel St, prioritising very short-stay only for popping into businesses, loading, and blue badge.

Thank you.