

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

2026/90387 Upper Mills, Canal Side, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5HA

**Temporary permission for 5 year period for use of land for leisure and recreation purposes;
siting of associated transient structures; erection of means of enclosure; surfacing and
associated works**

Date Responded: 12 June 2026

Responding Officer: Sheila Henley

Responding Ref: 1-32/6

No Objection

The proposal for a temporary five-year planning permission for a leisure facility is acceptable in highway terms:

- The proposal site is well placed for sustainable travel able to be reached conveniently on foot as well as by cycle and public transport; although inclement weather and darkness may restrict usage along the approach routes, such as the canal towpath.
- Cycle parking is available for up to 10 cycles to support policy SP20 and Active Travel. Details about reaching the site are available on its website.
- Access is retained within the site from the unadopted link across the canal from the public highway at Howdale Road and Rotcher Lane. The access serves several premises within the wider Upper Mills site as well as PROW Footpath COL/115/10.
- There is an existing 20 space car park nearby for those staff and visitors travelling by car and is considered sufficient to cater for the described number of a maximum of 14 users at any time, and changeovers without counting any travelling by alternative modes. Sessions are bookable in advance as a further control in hourly slots plus time for changing. It is noted that there is attendance in small groups and people may travel together.

Additionally, it is noted that the site has been operational since 2023 and HDM is unaware of any reported public safety issues. PROW Footpath COL/115/10 passes through New Mills and would not be obstructed or be subject to excessive use by motorised vehicles and cycles.

The proposal does not raise significant issues for public and road safety or a negative material impact on network functionality to meet policy LP21.

The landlord may wish to consider the future provision of electric vehicle charging points to further aid sustainable travel and mode choice.

Accordingly, no objection is raised.