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Design & Access Statement

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Proposed External Alterations to Increase Used Vehical Display and alter Existing Customer Parking Arrangements.

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Introduction.

The works for which planning permission is being sought from Kirklees Metropolitan Council include the following: -

- Removal of a section of the existing landscaping area fronting onto Stadium Way, re-alinement of the existing concrete kerbs and the extension of the tarmac surfacing into the area left vacant by the removal of the landscaping.

The site is located at the junction of St Andrews Road & Stadium Way; the area is general commercial.

Planning History

Application Reference 2025/62/92244/W

Extension of Hardstanding to Increase Area of Parking and Used Car Display.

Approved 23rd October 2025

Current Proposal

The current proposal involves works to the external hardstanding area and the landscaping strip that runs along the Stadium Way boundary. The current proposal for which planning permission is being requested differs from the above application, the original landscaping proposal will be omitted and 7No Cardinal Royal Rowen trees will be planted in place of the approved landscaping scheme. The trees deliver a better result for BNG and reduce the input of water, fertilizers and use of pesticides which improve the sustainability of the new landscaping proposals. No alterations to the existing buildings are planned as part of these works for which planning permission has been requested. Currently the site provides approximately 153 vehicle spaces made up of 141 customer and 12 sales. The new layout will provide 178 vehicle spaces made up of 128 customer and 50 sales spaces.

The move away from the internal combustion engine to electric vehicles will change the way the site is operated going forward. Electric vehicles require less time in the workshop for servicing and repairs (fewer moving parts to wear out) The length of time a vehicle is on site is also reduced, services take less time to complete on electric vehicles. This has already been seen in the frequency of vehicles coming to site and the length of time each vehicle is on site.

The proposed works will not impact upon the vehicle storage compound which will be retained.

Scale

The proposed works will not impact the scale or massing of the existing building. The existing structure will remain unchanged.

Materials

The materials used i.e. tarmac and PC concrete kerbs will match the existing materials already used on site.

Access

The proposed changes do not impact the existing access or egress from the site.

Landscaping

The landscaping to be removed is of low-quality offering very little visual interest of ecological benefits. The proposed new landscaping scheme which differs from the scheme approved under Application Reference 2025/62/92244/W will see the planting of 7 No Cardinal Royal Rowen trees a native species. This change will increase the BNG score to 18% while reducing the long-term ecological impact of the new landscaping over the medium to long term. Once established the new tree planting will require less fertilizers, watering and pesticides. See the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and BNG Reports for additional information.

Local Infrastructure

The development will have no impact upon local infrastructure or services.