

Consultee Comments for Planning Application 2026/91118

Application Summary

Application Number: 2026/91118

Address: Upper Soothill Community Centre, 1039 Leeds Road, Woodkirk, Dewsbury, WF12 7HY

Proposal: Erection of two storey front and side extensions with perimeter fencing, access gates and associated alterations (part retrospective)

Case Officer: Elenya Jackson

Consultee Details

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On behalf of: West Yorkshire Police

Comments

Thank you for your request for consultation on the above application. The comments are made with the intention of reducing opportunities for future crime and antisocial activity which addresses our collective responsibilities outlined in Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, by creating safe and secure developments where people will want to reside, visit or work.

The recommendations are supported by the following guidance:

NPPF National Planning Policy Framework (Section 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

Kirklees Council Planning and development policy

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-and-development.aspx>

Kirklees Local Plan <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/pdf/local-plan-strategy-and-policies.pdf>

Secured by Design www.securedbydesign.com

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

This advice is given as a view as to what measures might reduce the risk of crime; there can be no guarantee that the recommendations will prevent crime.

Before any measures are implemented you are advised to consider current Health and Safety Legislation, Planning Permission and consult with your local Fire Safety Officer or any statutory body that may require notification or consultation.

Acquisitive Crime and Antisocial Behaviour Threat and Risk

The level of security at the site should align with any identified threat and risk and the proposed business of the end users. Therefore, it is advisable to adopt a pragmatic approach towards security requirements and take note of the crime and incident information listed below.

Risks of not considering security at an early stage:

1. Inadequate protection
2. Increased risk
3. Wasted resources due to theft/ damage/ antisocial behaviour, etc.
4. Delay, disruption and cost caused by retrofitting security measures post attack/ incident.
5. Reputational damage.

Current crime statistics in the locality:

I have conducted a search using WYP crime data and mapping tool. The search covered offences committed between 31/05/2025 and 31/05/2026. The search criteria included burglary business and community, robbery, arson, criminal damage and vehicle crime (interference, theft of, theft from) for the area of partial postcode WF12 7*.

This returned 121 offences: 2x arson, 6x burglary business, 54x criminal damage (2x non-dwelling, 30x dwelling, 13x vehicle, 9x non-specific), 4x robbery, 11x vehicle interference, 30x theft from vehicle, 14x theft of vehicle.

Due to the proposal relating to a place of worship, an additional search for racially or religiously aggravated offences and non-crimes was also conducted for the same timespan and area. This produced 9 results: 1x violence without injury, 3x harassment, 4x public order offence, 1x criminal damage.

Current ASB statistics in the locality:

I have conducted a search using WYP incident data and mapping tool. The search covered ASB/ nuisance type incidents which occurred in WF12 7* area between 31/05/2025 and 31/05/2026. This returned 70 incidents, 8 of which were recorded in the vicinity of the premises. These included reports of youths throwing projectiles at passing traffic; other matters are not apparently of relevance for this application.

West Yorkshire Police have no objection in principle to this application, provided the below advice is considered by the applicant and implemented wherever possible.

Kind regards,

Agnieszka Boryn
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