

Consultation Response from KC, Highways Development Management
2026/91284 The Plough Barn, Birds Edge Lane, Birds Edge, Huddersfield, HD8 8XR
Formation of temporary construction access track, associated site compound, parking, materials storage and turning area to facilitate construction works approved under planning permission 2025/62/92481/E
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Plan ref: 2562-0501-P01 - Access Track-A1

The proposal indicates use of an existing field access and field to form a temporary haul road from the A629 Penistone Road for construction works at The Plough Barn, Birds Edge Lane.

There is insufficient detail to enable HDM to assess this proposal appropriately given the lengthy access track as well as the size of the hardstanding areas for parking for five cars, turning, and compounds. Whilst the driveway access may be unsuitable for larger vehicles at The Plough Barn the proposed works are disproportionate in HDM's view to those planned under 2025/92481.

Notwithstanding, there is need to demonstrate safe and convenient access and usage of the existing field access to meet policy LP21 by providing:

- i. Details on numbers and types of vehicles, frequency of movement, duration of the intended temporary arrangements, removal and reinstatement. If the works are to last more than six months, then Stage 1 Road Safety Audit and Designer Response reports will be necessary to comply with the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges document GG119 with a brief and the Designer Response to be agreed with Highways as Overseeing Organisation.
- ii. A swept path analysis of the access, haul route and turnaround areas tracking the largest vehicle likely to be using the site during the works to ensure forward gear entry and exit.
- iii. Modifications to the existing field access to accommodate the level and types of movement. It is anticipated that the current gated field access is likely to require alteration to a gated recess type to allow rapid movement and waiting space between the A629 Penistone Road and the proposed track to accommodate larger and more frequent movements by vehicles than a field access. Due to the 'A' classification of the route there is likelihood too for a higher construction specification and surfacing potentially up to 15m from back edge of the footway regardless of there being adequate visibility in both directions for a 30mph speed limit of 2.4 x 43m to prevent material and water discharging onto the highway. The recess distance to be confirmed once the size of lorries is known.

Any changes within the highway limits will require a separate permission from Highways after grant of a planning consent, such as through licences. Refer: <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/licensing.aspx>
Or: <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/transport-roads-and-parking/dropped-kerbs.aspx>

Accordingly, to satisfy highway requirements further information is necessary.