Consultation Response from KC, Highways Development Management
2026/91403 57, Norman Road, Birkby, Huddersfield, HD2 2UD
Change of use from barber shop (use class E) to convenience store / retail mini market (use class E) and installation of replacement shop front (within a Conservation Area)
Date Responded: 21 July 2026 Responding Officer: Sheila Henley Responding Ref: 5-9SW/18

Recommendation: No objection.

Plan ref: Block Plan.

The proposal is for a change of use from a barber shop to a convenience store / minimart with two employees and no formal on-site car parking.

The site is accessible with footway connections and is within 400m of a bus stop with regular Monday to Saturday bus services.

To further encourage sustainable travel, mode choice, and support policy LP20 and Active Travel objectives cycle parking should be considered with the installation of a stand within the forecourt.

The access is to be retained from the junction of Norman Road and Birkby Hall Road with an 'H' bar marking on Birkby Hall Road.

The forecourt is to be kept which provides a continued place for bin storage for kerbside collection. Other larger collections and deliveries would need to be made from the roadside. Usually, space is available on Birkby Hall Road due to the 'H' bar marking.

The Application form states that no car parking is available on site which would be appropriate for a junction and an accessible location. Instead, Kirklees seeks to ensure that parking provision is appropriate to the needs of a development and not reduced below a reasonable level given the absence of parking standards. Yet, the forecourt has been used and could continue to be used for car parking if necessary. There is limited on-street parking space available in proximity to the premises on a first come first served basis with high parking demands where few parking and waiting restrictions apply.

The proposal does not raise significant issues for road safety or network functionality to meet policy LP21 given the small-scale operation and likely to be attractive to those living locally to the premises. There are restrictions along the northernmost section of Norman Road with a one-way northbound and prohibition of motorcycles and cars expect for access. The level of movement is likely to be less intense at times in comparison to the extant barbers albeit patterns would alter with the longer opening hours.

Accordingly, the proposal is acceptable in highway terms for no objection to be raised.