Consultee Comments for Planning Application 2026/91738

Application Summary
Application Reference: 2026/91738
Address: 6 Station Road, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield, HD8 9AU
Proposal: Change of use from retail to retail coffee shop and bar with alcohol
Case Officer: Joanna Rednall

Consultee Details
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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 legislation and guidance:
NPPF National Planning Policy Framework (Section 14. Achieving well-designed places, Section 15. Promoting sustainable transport, Section 17. Pollution, public protection and security)
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6a8334c03bd75b81e2329ac4/National_Planning_Policy_Framework.pdf
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 16/09/2025 and 16/09/2026.

The search criteria included burglary business and community, robbery, arson, criminal damage, public order offences and violence with injury for Skelmanthorpe.

This returned 42 offences: 0x arson, 1x burglary business and community, 0x robbery, 8x criminal damage (1x non-dwelling, 5x dwelling, 1x motor vehicle, 1x non-specific), 29x public order, 4x violence with injury.

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 Skelmanthorpe between 16/09/2025 and 16/09/2026. This returned 33 results, 3 of which were recorded in the vicinity of the proposed development. All of these related to nuisance teenagers.

West Yorkshire Police have no objection in principle to this application. We respectfully request the inclusion of a PLANNING CONDITION for SECURITY MEASURES in the interests of crime prevention and community safety.

Recommended security measures, supported by SBD Commercial Design Guide 2025:

Please note: national standards and specifications are often updated, please ensure that the latest version of the security standards and specifications specified in this document are adhered to.

CCTV/ VSS

Although video surveillance systems (VSS) are not a solution to all security problems, they can help deter criminals and assist with the identification of offenders after a crime has been committed. If a VSS has a recording facility only, it can be a useful investigative tool whereas a monitored system allows a real-time reaction to criminal activity. Video surveillance systems are also often very useful in mitigating against risk where other forms of security are not feasible.

It is important that an operational requirement for VSS is drawn up for non-residential premises in accordance with their specific use and that the objectives for the VSS are clearly established before a tendering process is started.

The VSS must record at a minimum of 25 frames per second so events can be watched, monitored and reviewed easily. Staff shall be sufficiently trained to operate the system and be able to make recordings available to Police on request and an operational requirement must take account of this fact. The system should have capacity to store images for at least 30 days, be installed to BS EN 62676 (Video surveillance systems for use in security applications) and compatible with planned lighting and landscaping schemes.

Video surveillance systems shall be registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and be compliant with guidelines in respect to Data Protection and Human Rights legislation. Further information is available at this website:
https://www.ico.org.uk

The data controller must ensure that all VSS images that can be used to identify individuals are used, stored and disclosed in line with the GDPR principles.

CCTV/ VSS should be installed by NSI/ SSAIB approved contractor.

Intruder and hold-up alarm systems

Intruder and hold-up alarm systems shall meet the requirements of BS EN 50131 (Intrusion and hold-up systems) and EN 50136 (Alarm transmission systems and equipment). All installations shall be in accordance with the current electrical regulations.

Security fogging devices can be incorporated within the intruder alarm system to disorientate the trespasser when the alarm system is activated. They must conform to BS EN 50131-8:2019 (Alarm systems. Intrusion and hold-up systems - Security fog devices).

Intruder alarm should be installed by NSI/ SSAIB approved contractor.

Kind regards,

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