

**Consultation Response from KC,
Highways Development Management**

2026/91793 Heckmondwike Bowling Club, Green Avenue, Heckmondwike, WF16 9LD

Conversion of one existing bowling green to all-weather artificial sports surface for football training and wider community recreational use

Date Responded: 12 October 2026

Responding Officer: Sheila Henley

Responding Ref: 14-7NW/45

Recommendation: Additional Information

Plan Ref: Proposed site plan

HDM notes that the site is to retain access, parking and circulation, but there is insufficient detail about usage. HDM requires a clearer understanding of the daily movements associated with the proposal given the usage throughout the week, including evenings as well as an increase in the number of teams.

Additionally, to verify the suitability of the amount of parking through a parking accumulation study, plus opportunities for accessible and sustainable travel, such as designations of accessible bays, car sharing, electric vehicle charging points and cycle parking applicable for staff and visitors.

Whilst there are no parking standards within Kirklees for this use, one space per 3 members of staff and one space per 3 players and 5% of the provision for accessible bays are often used elsewhere but can vary depending on location and accessibility of the site. This site achieves a high score overall from the DfT's Connectivity Tool, but the nature of the site and activity during the evenings suggests that car use would be prevalent.

Accordingly, further information is necessary.