

About the application

Application number: 2026/92047	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 10 dwellings with access from Netherley Drive and associated works i
Address of the site or building:	land off, Netherley Drive, Marsden, Huddersfield, HD7 6HL
Postcode:	

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Objection based on unacceptable impact on Highways and Highway safety.

The transport Statement (TS) submitted with the application omits key information relating to highway safety.

1. The visibility splays shown at the junction of Netherley Drive and Mount Road are unachievable due to on street parking on Mount Road on both sides of the road and opposite the junction. Vehicles are unable to see the stopping sight distance when emerging onto Mount Road. Mount Road is not a lightly trafficked route or low speed. The TS demonstrates 85th percentile speeds are above the speed limit and traffic flows are substantial. Approaching vehicles on Mount Road are unable to maneuver safely around an emerging vehicle from Netherley Drive due to on street parking on both sides of Mount Road. Intensification of a substandard access is contrary to highway safety.

2. The TS omits to mention the on street parking on Mount Road which effectively makes the road single directional traffic for about 350m length. Vehicles approaching the single file section from either end are unsighted from each other. This causes impasse when vehicles meet in opposite directions and blocks the road. Buses regularly are blocked. Intensification of an ineffective access route has highway safety implications.

3. The site is not sustainably located for access by all people, contrary to local and national policy. The TS fails to take account of the excessive gradient on Mount Road when considering pedestrian accessibility. The gradient exceeds highway design standards and would prejudice access by mobility challenged, elderly and infirm resulting in an overreliance on motor vehicles. The TS also omits to mention that there is only a single sided footway on Mount Road for most of its length to wards the village center and that this is substandard in width in places. This has pedestrian safety and accessibility issues. Intensification of substandard pedestrian infrastructure is contrary to highway safety. The bus service is not high frequency and has limited services on evenings, resulting in a reliance on private car use and contrary to sustainable development,

4. Netherley Drive has on street parking, often on the footway impeding pedestrian access and affecting refuse vehicle access. Intensification of this route has highway safety implications.

5. The site layout is not designed in accordance with Kirklees Highway Design Guide. The fails to demonstrate the ability to provide a safe and compliant layout for adopted.

6. Evidence is not provided that the Kirklees design refuse collection vehicle can access and egress the site from Netherley Drive, taking account of existing on street parking. The TS does not include vehicle tracking to demonstrate this which therefore questions the ability for safe and efficient refuse collection.