

Sent: 16 October 2026 07:15

Subject: DOCO comments for application 2026/92441 at Disused Railway Embankment, off Crosland Factory Lane to Fold Farm Lane, Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7FB

Re: 2026/92441- Formation of accessible, 755m long path for walking, wheeling and cycling primarily along the top of a disused railway embankment at Disused Railway Embankment, off Crosland Factory Lane to Fold Farm Lane, Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7FB

Thank you for the consultation request 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>

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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.

Current crime statistics in the locality:

I have conducted a search using the WYP crime data and mapping tool. The search covered offences committed between 15/10/2024 and 14/10/2026. The search criteria included violence with and without injury, sexual offences, robbery, possession of weapons and public order offences in Netherton and South Crosland. The offences were narrowed down to only those involving strangers as victims and suspects, rather than those occurring between friends/ acquaintances/ neighbours/ family members.

This returned 40 results: 9x violence with injury, 15x violence without injury, 5x sexual offence (4 of these involved no physical contact between suspect and victim), 9x public order, 2x robbery.

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 Netherton and South Crosland between 15/10/2024 and 14/10/2026. This produced 25 results, 11 of which were recorded in the vicinity of the proposed development. Matters of note for this application related to repeated reports of fly tipping and off-road motorcycles/ quad bikes.

Comments

Having reviewed the submitted documents, West Yorkshire Police have no objection in principle to this proposal.

The path is proposed to be improved and widened. It is mostly straight which will allow for good visibility, thus enhancing user safety. The provision of measures to deter unauthorised vehicle use along the route is welcome.

I note that stock proof fencing combined with timber post and rail fence are proposed- again, this should allow users to view and assess their surroundings.

Should the applicant require further advice, they can contact me directly.

Kind regards,

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