Consultation Response from KC, Highways Development Management
2026/92751 Former Birkdale High School, Wheelwright Drive, Dewsbury, WF13 4JB
Prior notification for demolition of former school buildings
Date Responded: 16 October 2026 Responding Officer: Sheila Henley Responding Ref: K14-10NW/9

Recommendation: No objection subject to a condition.

Ref: 72909 (41605097.4) - Covering Letter inc site plans; 722062-WCL-SGN-XX-DR-S-0101-P4 - SHOWING DEMOLITION EXTENTS

The proposal is for the demolition of former school buildings and restoration works.

Wheelright Drive is an unadopted street shared with existing properties. It is of narrow width with a path to one side, street lighting, and on-street parking towards its eastern end. There is a connection to Public Right of Way Footpath DEW/111/20 and this passes to the south of site. Whilst public footpath DEW/111/30 passes at west.

It is likely that on-street parking restrictions / preventive measures will be necessary along Wheelwright Drive notably on the approach to Halifax Road during demolition and restoration to maintain access and passage as well as protection of the access to footpath DEW/111/20.

There are no details submitted to cover much of the activity associated with demolition and restoration practice other than intended hours of work, waste and noting that the path and access to the footpath are to be kept open. Further information is considered necessary on vehicle movements and other aspects prior to commencement to protect public safety and amenity. This can be subject of a planning condition to meet policy LP21 and allow no objection to be raised:

Demolition (Environmental) Management Plan: Prior to development commencing, a Demolition Management Plan (D(E)MP) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The D(E)MP shall include details where relevant of:

i. Any phasing of demolition and subsequent restoration
ii. A timetable of all works
iii. Hours of works
iv. Demolition and restoration access arrangements, including preventive measures to restrict on-street parking along Wheelwright Drive.
v. Demolition and restoration vehicle, numbers, times, sizes and routing
vi. Locations of HGV waiting areas and details of their management
vii. Location of site compound
viii. Position of storage of plant and equipment
ix. Contactor Parking
x. Means of loading and unloading of all contractors' plant, equipment and vehicles.
xi. Signage
xii. Artificial lighting during works

xiii. Methods to prevent mud, grit and dirt being carried on to Wheelwright Drive, such as wheel wash and street sweeping.
xiv. Measures to control and monitor the emissions of dust and dirt during demolition.
xv. Site waste management, including details of recycling/disposing of waste resulting from construction works;
xvi. Mitigation of noise and vibration arising from all demolition and restoration related activities, including restrictions on the hours of working on the site including times of deliveries;
xvii. Site manager and resident liaison officer contacts, including details of their remit and responsibilities;
xviii. Means of engagement with local residents and occupants or their representatives.

The development shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the D(E)MP so approved throughout the period of construction and no change therefrom shall take place without the prior written consent of the Local Planning Authority.