

About the application

Application number: 2021/92603	
What is the application for?:	Erection of storage and distribution unit (Use Class B8) with ancillary offices,
Address of the site or building:	land west of M62, south of, Whitehall Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 6PL
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
<p>Reference Application number: 2021/62/92603/E</p> <p>Proposed development on land to the west of the M62 and south of Whitehall Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 6PL</p> <p>I write in connection with the above planning application. I wish to object strongly to this development in this location for the following reasons:-</p> <p>I am disgusted that the application has been accepted for review by Kirklees Council, given that the planning for building on the site, unfortunately already passed, bears no comparison to what is now being considered. There is clear deception by Kirklees Council in saying one thing will happen on the site and then trying to sneak through a building that would be hugely detrimental to the environment, local roads, physical and mental health (through increased pollution and stress etc) of local residents – indeed to anyone using the M606/M62/ A58 / Whitechapel Road and Chain Bar.</p> <p>I also support Save Our Spen's representation on this planning application as I share its concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The planning application submitted contains no details of how the HGV's will safely exit and enter the site at the expected rate of 1 every 26 seconds.• Where will the HGV drivers go on their statutory rest periods or if they arrive before their allocated. There are no details of where HGV drivers will wait after delivery and before being loaded – at other sites Amazon drivers are expected to leave the site as soon as delivery is complete to create space for other HGV's. There are limited spaces provided on the plans and the HGV drivers will have to park up on local roads, creating further congestion, depositing their rubbish and using the streets as toilet facilities. <p>Highways England have previously provided an update on traffic to Kirklees station</p>	

- Highways England have previously provided an update on traffic to Kirklees stating "Whilst we continue to support the Kirklees Local Plan and maintain our 'sound' position, we acknowledge the risk that until the major scheme at Chain Bar is delivered, congestion at this location will worsen over time. Whilst there may be the opportunity to request mitigation from a small number of developers in the immediate area this will not address the wider growth which will impact at Chain Bar over the plan period."
- The major scheme to improve Chain Bar may be delayed until 2025. It appears linked to be the North Bierley treatment site so will have very little impact on the A58 side of the roundabout <https://www.driving.co.uk/news/roads/smart-motorway-development-paused-legal-threat/>
- The M62 surrounding J26 is a smart motorway which has already raised concerns regarding increased accidents and delays.
- There are frequent closures of the M62 with large numbers of vehicles trying to find alternative routes around the area – causing major delays on the A58. With an increase in vehicles using the proposed site it is likely Chain Bar/A58 and Whitechapel Road will be impacted with a significant increase in vehicular use.
- Whitechapel Road already gets congested at various times and this proposal could only make it worse with a forecast 660 cars arriving and leaving with each shift change.
- There are two schools located near to the proposed site and with the forecasted 660 extra cars using Whitechapel Road this adds to concerns about safety i.e. walking to school
- As a community we have many flats, terrace houses and local businesses that do not have driveways or parking therefore the highway is narrowed by parking at regular intervals throughout the area.
- The proposed site and proposed car and staff access entrance is immediately opposite the sports pavilion used regularly throughout the day by pupils at Whitcliffe Mount and other local sporting groups.
- How will any security affect the traffic entering the site from Whitechapel Road. If the site security requires ID checks or a pass to enter how quickly can this be done for 400 employees at each shift and will it cause queues on the Whitechapel Road
- The increase in air/noise and light pollution will affect the local area and the M606/M62/ Chain bar areas are already undergoing investigations into the high pollution levels
- The Amazon site is directly placed with its' access for employees within a residential area – causing safety issues with increase vehicular access for both local driver and pedestrians.