About the application

Application number: 2023/91405	
What is the application for?:	Erection of foodstore (class E) with associated access, parking, servicing area
	Part of former St Luke's Hospital site, Blackmoorfoot Road, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, HD4 5RA
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For this application to be workable for all residents in the immediate neighbourhood, serious consideration is needed on the plans, particularly on entrance and traffic management

The manual traffic survey data stated in the transport assessment looks to be carried out in November 2021 – this was still during the pandemic and the majority of new builds in the Fitzwilliam village were incomplete or empty. At best a new traffic survey should be undertaken. Additionally, I believe the former Black Cat site works have paused but additional vehicles will start to use the road at the point this resumes (large goods during construction and then household vehicles in the longer term). Additional data is already available on this as part of that planning application

If traffic is to be managed via traffic lights, consideration for the homes on Blackmoorfoot Road also needs to be taken. As part of the groundworks phase of the Fitzwilliam village plus for emergency utility works temporary traffic lights have been used on multiple occasions. This has caused repeated issues for residents including loud, queuing traffic (a number of houses are only single glazed due to listing building status); traffic driving through red lights (particularly on an evening/at night); traffic lights not working causing major tailbacks and additional problems during refuse collection days (including causing bins not to be emptied).

The transport assessment also notes the number of RTCs in the area – this also appears to be misleading as a fatal incident isn't shown on the map (Sept 21) which resulted in the road being closed for well over 24 hours. In addition, there are numerous near misses that locals witness regularly which go unreported.

Turnstone Way is currently used as additional parking for homes in the immediate vicinity. The majority of terrace properties are back-to-backs with one on-road parking space for 2 households so parking is at a premium. Additionally, temporarily parked vehicles from workers at the local shops and takeaways also use these parking spaces

I also have concerns from an anti-social behaviour point of view about a large car park being left unattended / non-barriered on an evening. There are already a number of boy racers'; off road bikers and quad bikers using Blackmoorfoot Road as a racetrack including major speeding and pulling 'wheelies' whilst riding over the zebra crossing. My main concern is that this could spill into the car park if not managed properly, becoming a giant 'playground'.

Please can I also make a plea that should this application be approved, that the CEMP is robust regarding dust control which has already been an issue during the residential construction