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Location: Peel Street Business Estate Peel Street Clitheroe BB7 1RA
Proposal: Proposed demolition of existing buildings and erection of six 2-bed and one three-bed apartment building together with a two storey business centre and associated parking and bin store.
Grid Ref: 374509 441572

Dear Stephen Kilmartin

With regard to your consultation letter dated 1 April 2025, I have the following comments to make based on all the information provided by the applicant to date.

Summary

Further Information

Lancashire County Council acting as the Local Highway Authority does not consider that the application, as submitted fully assesses the highway impact of the proposed development and further information is required as set out in this response. Without this information, the Local Highway Authority is unable to provide final highway advice on this application.

Advice to Local Planning Authority

Introduction

The Local Highway Authority (LHA) are in receipt of an application for the proposed demolition of existing buildings and erection of six 2-bed and one three-bed apartment building together with a two storey business centre and associated parking and bin store at Peel Street Business Estate Peel Street Clitheroe BB7 1RA.

The LHA are aware of the planning history at the site which is listed below:

3/2022/0536 - Proposed demolition of existing buildings and erection of nine 2-bed apartments over three storeys together with a two storey business centre and associated bin, cycle stores and car parking. Refused.

3/2018/0323- Change of use from car sales to motorcycle sales, repairs, MOTs and motorcycle rider training centre. Permitted.

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3/2009/0081- Side extension and change of use from car sales to non-food retail. Withdrawn.

3/2008/0764- Change of use from car sales to non food retail and extension to existing building. Withdrawn.

Site Access

The LHA are aware that the site is accessed off Peel Street, which is an A classified road subject to a 30mph speed limit.

The LHA have reviewed drawing number ALP/23 Dwg 03 titled Site Plan and are aware that the existing access which serves the existing commercial buildings will be altered following the proposal. The LHA have reviewed the proposed access and are aware that the width of the access complies with the LHAs guidance.

However, the applicant has not provided a swept path drawing to show that the access is appropriate for the type of vehicles that will be required to access the site such as a bin wagon as such the LHA require a swept path drawing showing the largest vehicle expected to use the access, entering, turning within and exiting the site.

After further reviewing the site access, the LHA also require a vehicular visibility splay drawing to be provided. The LHA require vehicular visibility splays of 2.4m x 43m to be provided in both directions. Should the proposed access not be able to achieve this minimum requirement, a speed survey should be undertaken within the vicinity of the site access demonstrating the 85th percentile speeds along Peel Street. The speed survey should then be complemented with a vehicular visibility splay drawing which should be submitted to the LHA.

The LHA note that the access will be surrounded by footway provisions leading for the adopted highway, which will support accessible pedestrian facilities. There is also separate pedestrian gates at both ends of the site, which will allow direct access to each building without needing to walk through the car park, removing any pedestrian and vehicle conflict. The formalised pedestrian route will be used for easy access onto Peel Street, where local amenities such as supermarkets are found.

Highway Safety

There has been one serious Personal Injury Collisions recorded within 200m of the site, however, taking into account the circumstances of the incident, attributed to a driver error at a stop sign, the Local Highway Authority (LHA) has determined that there are no preexisting concerns regarding highway safety in the area

Internal Layout

The LHA would look for the footways within the development to be in line with inclusive mobility guidance as such the LHA would look for 2m footways throughout the site. An absolute minimum of 1m over short distances of up to 6m if there are localised obstructions such as trees and street furniture can be acceptable. As such the LHA would request that the internal footway provisions are reviewed and amended where required.

The LHA have reviewed drawing number ALP/23 Dwg 03 titled Site Plan and are aware that 19 standard car parking spaces will be provided at the site to serve both the Apartment and Office blocks alongside 3 disabled bays and 3 motorcycle spaces.

For the site to fully comply with the LHAs parking guidance as defined in the Joint Lancashire Structure Plan, the LHA require 14 spaces to be provided for the 6x 2-bed apartments and 1x 3-bed apartment. 17 spaces to be provided for the office block, given the internal floor area. Therefore, the LHA would normally require 31 spaces to be provided.

However, in this case the LHA will accept the shortfall. This is because given the location of the site, the LHA deem it to be sustainable with the site being located within the centre of Clitheroe. Therefore, occupants of the site can take advantage of being in close proximity to key local amenities such as supermarkets which are located within walking distance of the site and can take advantage of regular public transport services by bus or train, with Clitheroe Interchange being a short walking distance away.

Should occupants of the site not want to travel by public transport and the provided car park is full to capacity, the site is within walking distance of a number of Pay and Display car parks and only 80m away from a free car park located on Peel Street. As a result of these factors, the LHA will accept the shortfall in parking at the site.

Despite the LHA accepting the shortfall in parking at the site, the LHA require an Operation Statement stating how the car parking spaces will be provided for visitors and occupants at the site. The LHA require the statement to state whether the spaces will be designated to each individual use or whether the spaces will be allocated in a "first come, first serve" basis.

Information should also be forthcoming regarding whether the Office block will be occupied by one business or multiple and how this will affect the designated spaces, should this be the case.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the revised access width aligns with the LHA's guidance, and the development includes key pedestrian-friendly features that enhance connectivity to local amenities. However, the LHA requires further documentation to ensure full suitability, including swept path drawings for vehicular movements, vehicular visibility splay drawings, or a speed survey if necessary. Further attention should also be provided to ensure the site is compliant with inclusive mobility.

An Operational Statement should also be provided to clarify if one business is likely to occupy the building or several as well as details on the allocation of parking spaces for the various uses.

Yours sincerely
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