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Location: Former Pitch and Putt Field at Edisford Road Clitheroe BB7 3LA
Proposal: Proposed development of wheeled sports facility (pump track) with associated drainage.
Grid Ref: 372910 441348

Dear Maya Cullen

Further to our original comments dated 30th June 2026, the following updated comments are provided.

Introduction

The Local Highway Authority (LHA) are in receipt of an application for a proposed development of wheeled sports facility (pump track) with associated drainage at the Former Pitch and Putt Field at Edisford Road, Clitheroe, BB7 3LA.

Site Access

The proposed site will to be accessed via the existing access arrangements from Edisford Road, which is classified as the B6243 and subject to a 30mph speed limit.

Highway safety

There have been five recorded Personal Injury Collisions (PICs) within 500m of the application site in the last five years. Notwithstanding this, the LHA does not have any concerns that the proposal would exacerbate the existing highway safety situation.

Proposal

The proposed development comprises the construction of a wheeled sports facility (pump track) on land that previously formed part of a pitch and putt course. The facility is intended to provide recreational opportunities for a range of users, including cyclists, scooter riders and skateboarders.

The proposed pump track will introduce a new recreational facility within the wider leisure site. Given the nature of the development, the facility is anticipated to attract predominantly local users, with a proportion of trips likely to be undertaken on foot, by bicycle or by other sustainable modes.

Parking

The Edisford Road car park accommodates parking associated with the wider Edisford

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Sports Complex as well as nearby green space. The current capacity of the car park is 233 pay and display spaces and 8 disabled parking spaces. The car park is the responsibility of Ribble Valley Borough Council, operating throughout the week between 08:00-18:00, parking charges apply, with parking available from 30 minutes to over 5 hours.

Further to our original request for additional survey work at the car park to occur we have received further information to advise that the pool is temporary closed therefore additional survey work will not provide a robust picture of the parking demand.

We are also advised that the car park occupancy is highly variable depending upon the weather due to multiple outdoor facilities/attractions at the site and that holidays and weekend days with warm dry weather can often result in the car park being full at peak periods.

Due to this we are satisfied that no further survey work is required at this time and that there will be times when the car park will be full and users will need to find alternative provision.

Should the application be approved we would seek mitigation measures on Edisford Road comprising of new parking restrictions for highway safety reasons.

Highway mitigation

The LHA is aware of ongoing parking concerns along unrestricted parts of Edisford Road and understands that parking has resulted in highway safety concerns, in particular at the junction of Vicarage Close, impacting the visibility of drivers exiting the junction onto Edisford Road, as well as other inconsiderate driver behaviour such as pavement parking. In aim to address these concerns as well as to ease traffic flows, the LHA requests that mitigation be provided through the pursuit of an extension to the existing Traffic Regulation Order (no waiting restriction). This proposal will require the applicant to enter into an appropriate legal agreement with Lancashire County Council and will be subject to the statutory Traffic Regulation Order process.

Sustainability

Edisford Road benefits from good accessibility to a range of sustainable transport modes. Pedestrian provision in the vicinity of the site is provided by continuous, street-lit footways of approximately 2m width provided on both sides of Edisford Road. These footways provide direct connections into the surrounding residential areas of Clitheroe, facilitating convenient access for local users. A signalised pedestrian crossing is located approximately 30m to the east of the site access, providing a safe and formal crossing point between the car park, playing pitches, and the wider leisure complex.

In terms of cycling, whilst there are no segregated cycle facilities immediately adjacent to the site, cycling accessibility mapping included within the Transport Assessment indicates that the entirety of Clitheroe, together with a number of surrounding settlements, falls within a 20-minute cycling catchment of the site. As such, the opportunity for trips to be undertaken by bicycle is considered to be reasonable, albeit dependent on user confidence in sharing carriageway space.

The site is also served by public transport, with bus stops located on Edisford Road. These stops are served by local bus routes, including the 5A and 11 services, which provide connections to Clitheroe town centre and surrounding villages.

Conclusion

Lancashire County Council acting as the Highway Authority does not raise an objection regarding the proposed development and are of the opinion that the proposed development will not have a significant impact on highway safety, capacity or amenity in the immediate vicinity of the site.

Should the application be approved, we would seek a condition that requires that a traffic regulation order be pursued by Lancashire County Council on Edisford Road close to Vicarage Close to prohibit on-street parking to ensure that any intensification of parking on Edisford Road as a result of the development does not cause any impact upon highway safety. The parking restriction would protect visibility at the junction for highway safety reasons.

1. Upon commencement of the development hereby permitted a traffic regulation order shall be pursued on Edisford Road at Vicarage Close and implemented thereafter in accordance with the agreed details. Reason: For highway safety

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