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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

With regard to your consultation letter dated 17 June 2026, 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 (LHA) 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.

Advice to Local Planning Authority

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.

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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 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.

The scale of the proposal is not considered to give rise to significant traffic generation; however, consideration should be given to the potential parking demand associated with peak periods of use and any interaction with existing recreational facilities in the surrounding area. As such, the LHA request that a parking survey be undertaken during the summer months (May – July) to capture the parking demand within Edisford Road Car Park.

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

Further information is required to enable a robust assessment of parking capacity within the Edisford Road Car Park and the resulting highway impacts. As such, the Local Highway Authority requests that parking surveys be undertaken to support the application during the summer period (May–July) when demand associated with the nearby leisure complex and surrounding green space is likely to be at its highest.

Yours sincerely

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