

HOLMFIRTH CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

Appendix B Car Park Survey

STATION ROAD – Known locally as Wagstaff's car park

No. of Standard Spaces	No. of Parent Child spaces	No. of Disabled spaces	Motor cycle park?	Bicycle Rack/Lock up?	No of Ticket Machines/ Pricing Board	No. Waste bins	No. Grit Bins
24		1			1	2	1
Pricing and time limits		£1.00 up to 3 hours £2.00 up to 5 hours £2.80 All Day					
Maps, Tourist info, Direction Signs?							
Other		Three lights in addition to street lighting					

The area has a combination of low stone walls, a wooden fence, the gable end of Wagstaff's shoe shop and a private garage on the boundaries.

There is a large green metal container in one corner with no visible purpose.

The area is in good condition.

TOWNGATE CAR PARK – known locally as post office car park

No. of Standard Spaces	No. of Parent Child spaces	No. of Disabled spaces	Motor cycle park?	Bicycle Rack/Lock up?	No of Ticket Machines/ Pricing Board	No. Waste bins	No. Grit Bins
23		3	4	4	1		
Pricing and time limits		20p for 30 mins 40p for 1 Hour 60p for 2 hours Maximum stay 2 hours in any one day					
Maps, Tourist info, Direction Signs?		Finger post signs. Some pointing the wrong way. One town map					
Other		Lighting relies on that provided for the adjacent bus station.					

The area has a combination of railings, metal bollards and the stone walls of the public conveniences and the street wall on the boundaries.

There is a footpath on one side but cars often park nose over this and access for wheelchairs and pushchairs can be impossible.

The condition is very good. This is a popular car park and queues often form which causes traffic hold ups within the bus station and sometimes on the main road. The town map faces in to the car park and passengers using the bus would not be aware of this information.

HUDDERSFIELD ROAD CAR PARK

No. of Standard Spaces	No. of Parent Child spaces	No. of Disabled spaces	Motor cycle park?	Bicycle Rack/Lock up?	No of Ticket Machines/ Pricing Board	No. Waste bins	No. Grit Bins
23		2			1		1
Pricing and time limits		20p for 30 mins 40p for 1 Hour 60p for 2 hours Maximum stay 2 hours in any one day					
Maps, Tourist info, Direction Signs?							
Other		Welcome sign (with illegal poster affixed at the time of survey. One bench on footpath beside the main road					

The area has a combination of wooden fencing, concrete bollards and the gable ends of stone buildings on the boundaries.

There is a footpath on one side.

The condition is good but the steep incline and direct access onto the junction of a busy main road with traffic lights means that this car park experiences queues and hold ups. The view at the bottom of the car park is of Hollowgate and the river.

COUNCIL OFFICES CAR PARK

No. of Standard Spaces	No. of Parent Child spaces	No. of Disabled spaces	Motor cycle park?	Bicycle Rack/Lock up?	No of Ticket Machines/ Pricing Board	No. Waste bins	No. Grit Bins
26		1			1	1	2
Pricing and time limits		£1.00 for up to 3 Hours £2.00 for up to 5 Hours £2.80 all day					
Maps, Tourist info, Direction Signs?							
Other		Two large industrial waste bins. There is a footpath to the council offices					

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There is a footpath to the council offices.

The area has stone walls, one with a metal fence, to all sides some of which are walls of a building. One wall has a carved stone bearing the inscription HUDC 1970. This refers to Holmfirth Urban District Council which integrated in to Kirklees MDC in 1974.

The condition is fair to good, with evidence of trees self seeding in the edges of the top level. The surface has sunk in places on the top level. The views up to Victoria Park are good and there is a footpath at the side. Situated opposite Huddersfield Road car park means that drivers also experience problems in accessing the parking.

CROWN BOTTOM CAR PARK – known locally as the Co-Op car park

No. of Standard Spaces	No. of Parent Child spaces	No. of Disabled spaces	Motor cycle park?	Bicycle Rack/Lock up?	No of Ticket Machines/ Pricing Board	No. Waste bins	No. Grit Bins
186	2?	13			6	4	
Pricing and time limits		20p for 30 mins 40p for 1 Hour 60p for 2 hours 90p for 3 hours £2.00 for 4 hours £4.00 for over 4 hours					
Maps, Tourist info, Direction Signs?		One town map					
Other		7 “have you paid and Displayed” signs. 3 Police security warning signs. 10 Co-Op advertising signs. Two finger posts. Nine lights. Two covered trolley bays					

The area of this very large car park has the impression of open boundaries, one side a low wall to the river, one side the Co-op shop front and the two other sides relatively open.

The condition is good, trees have been planted at intervals in this very large car park and the trees on the river side give the whole area a pleasant aspect and this is complemented by the recent improvements to the margin paving.

There is an historic feature namely the parapet of the former textile mill, Albert Mill 1865 which stood on this site. By contrast the excessive signage, including flashing light to warn drivers of pedestrians and advertising wrapped around bollards means there is visual clutter. Barely noticeable, perhaps because it is built of stone, is an electricity sub station in the centre of the site.

The bottle recycling area is discreet but rubbish pile up does occur at times by the adjacent charity clothing bins. These bins fill up and bags are then left by the sides of the bins. Until mid 2016 there were bins for recycling cans and paper but these are now removed. A notice board backing on to the car park is both useful and messy often with out of date notifications.

Pedestrian access is not easy. The direct route from the Co-op to the footbridge to Holmside Gardens means walking either between parked cars or on the access road through. The footpath on the perimeter is part sunken in places. Access for cars both in and out is good but queuing to get on to the main road can occur at times.

BRIDGE LANE CAR PARK

No. of Standard Spaces	No. of Parent Child spaces	No. of Disabled spaces	Motor cycle park?	Bicycle Rack/Lock up?	No of Ticket Machines/ Pricing Board	No. Waste bins	No. Grit Bins
16					1	1	1
Pricing and time limits		£1.00 up to 3 hours £2.00 up to 5 hours £2.80 All Day					
Maps, Tourist info, Direction Signs?							
Other		One welcome sign, One light.					

The area has stone walls to all four sides. There is a view of the foundry and also of trees growing alongside the river bank. The condition is good and access in and out is safe.

PRIVATE CAR PARKS

The remaining car parks are all private and range from providing two to twenty five spaces, the latter being at the Holmfirth Methodist Church. Some of these are rented to permanent users which takes pressure off the road side parking and generates revenue for the church.

Private car parks are in good condition. However parking for the Co-op delivery vehicles, an area visible from Bridge Lane is frequently very untidy with metal shelving and would improve the visual appearance of this corner of the HCA if regularly tidied and kept clutter-free.