

PL/2026/03638 – 2a Valldata House, Valldata, Halifax Road, Bowerhill

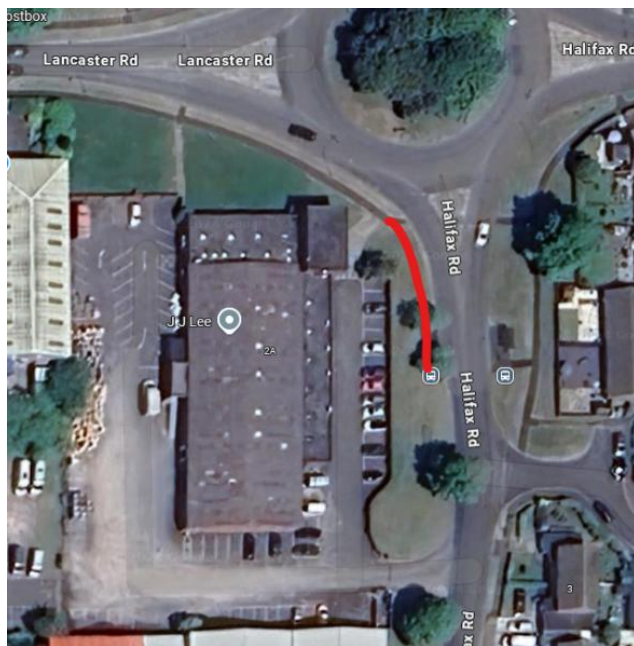
Melksham Without Parish Council Comments: SUPPORT

Melksham Without Parish Council welcomes the proposed expansion of an existing business within Bowerhill Industrial Estate and the additional employment opportunities it provides. The proposal supports the aims of Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan Policy 10 (Employment Sites), which seeks to support the retention and growth of employment uses in appropriate locations.

Members request clarification that, despite the reduction in parking spaces, sufficient on-site parking remains to meet the operational needs of the enlarged premises and avoid overspill parking on surrounding roads.

Members encourage the applicant to maximise opportunities for renewable energy generation by incorporating solar photovoltaic panels on the proposed flat roof.

The Committee reiterates its previous request for improved pedestrian connectivity between the site and the nearby bus stop on Halifax Road (see red line on map below). Whilst noting Wiltshire Council's previous view that a planning obligation for a footway extension does not meet the statutory tests, Members remain concerned that employees travelling by bus are still required to walk across a grass verge rather than a continuous footway. The Committee therefore encourages Wiltshire Council and the applicant to continue exploring opportunities to improve pedestrian access to the site.



Members request that a Bird Management Strategy is required to demonstrate how the building is designed and managed to discourage seagull roosting, in order to minimise the risk of bird strikes affecting the operational flight path of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance (as included in Condition 19 of the Decision Notice for PL/2024/11426 – Gompels Warehouse and in Condition 7 of the Decision Notice for PL/2023/01008 Temporary Milestone Depot).