

About the application

Application number: 2020/90630	
What is the application for?:	Erection of detached communal room (within a Conservation Area)
Address of the site or building:	Old Town Hall, Lewisham Road, Slaithwiate, Huddersfield, HD7 5AL
Postcode:	HD7 5EX

User comments

Type of comment: An objection

The building work had already started a few weeks ago and due to the noise of the power tools being used on the site, the constant banging and small digger work in such close proximity to our house, I was unable to effectively work from home and due to no notice given, I was unable to arrange another place to work. The constant loud and nonstop work, also had an effect on my mental health, as there was no let up and made both myself and my household very distraught though out the process.

I also note that the current website for 'Empire House' it is now marketing itself as both an office and a 'club house', on the website, it actively encourages after hours use 'opportunity to use the premises for private parties, business meetings and small conferences out of hours' and 'charming space to welcome guests, whether it's a private business event, press launch, private dining, a birthday milestone, an anniversary or an engagement party.' This 'club house' aspect is a significant change of use from the original office space, we are very worried that having an outside venue such as this common room will mean there will an increase in noise, antisocial behaviour and litter that will have a detrimental effect on both our household and the rest of the street.

The groundwork for the common room has already been laid down
, we are concerned that there will not only be antisocial
behaviour but they will allow people that use the venue to smoke outside,
We do
not want 2nd hand smoke coming into our house.

As previously noted, they are currently advertising it as a place for events such as weddings etc and 'after hours events' worried that this will mean a lot of traffic and noise, not a lot of parking for residents on Lewisham Road or on station road due to the access for the train station. Increased parking will be even more pressure on residents who already have to share their parking with people shopping on the high street or going to the post office 6 days a week.

We also concerned about the new patio area, which is part of the ground work for the common room, we would like confirmation that they do not intend to use this area as a communal seating or outside seating area as part of the 'common room' as it directly looks down on our front door and possibly our living room windows we will effected by noise and also privacy.

The groundwork for the conservatory has already been completed and we as neighbours were not consulted on any aspect of the build or their plans for the 'office' and most importantly the 'club house' aspect on it, we are really disappointed that there is change of use of this building and that there has been no contact by the new owners which is very concerning as it will have a significant impact on their neighbours and possibly the local area due to noise, antisocial behaviour, out of hours comings and goings and traffic/parking.