

About the application

Application number: 2020/90784	
What is the application for?:	Alterations to convert part of existing newsagent into prayer facility
Address of the site or building:	260-262, Wakefield Road, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, WF12 8AN
Postcode:	WF12 8AN

User comments

Type of comment: An objection
I am writing to OBJECT to the application for a prayer facility at 260-262 Wakefield Road, Dewsbury. The lack of parking for users of a prayer facility is a major concern. It is sited on a main thoroughfare into Dewsbury, with no on-street parking outside – these being double-yellow lines plus a pedestrian crossing. The building next door, a Chinese takeaway, has approximately 4 parking spaces which would conflict with users of the prayer facility as the opening times are the same. Other parking would be on the residential road nearby, causing obstruction and conflict with existing local residents. The building at 260-262 Wakefield Road would have the entire retail floorspace converted to a prayer facility. The application states to convert part of this; this is factually incorrect as all of the retail floorspace is to be converted. The opening times cover a total of 50 hours per week for 25 users. The level of opening, particularly late closing, is a concern. That it would be used for 50 hours without Madressah teaching programmes, with potentially significantly increased users and traffic, cannot be monitored, guaranteed or regulated. Overall this application lacks credibility and believability. My recommendation is that, as such, it should be Rejected.