

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 strongly object to the proposed conversion of this property into a prayer facility. This road is already busy and suffers from congestion which would only increase, particularly at peak times, should this application succeed. It is a main route from Dewsbury to the M1 and for ambulances to Dewsbury and Pinderfields hospital. Manor Croft Academy is nearby, on Old Bank Road, and many school children use the crossings near said property and further down the road, opposite the Tesco garage and adjacent to Heaton Avenue. Increased traffic would increase the risk to pedestrians on an already hazardous road. There is not sufficient parking in the vicinity. Parking already poses a significant problem to the residents of Wakefield Crescent and this would only be amplified, potentially causing obstructions and making it difficult and hazardous when pulling out of the junctions. The gathering of worshippers and call to prayer is highly likely to cause noise pollution which could disturb and distress residents, many of who are elderly. I don't believe that the proposed conversion is of benefit to the majority of the surrounding community. There are many prayer facilities easily accessible across Dewsbury and Batley. A prayer facility for 25 members does not justify the increased safety risks, congestion and the negative impact on residents' quality of life. I believe that if the conversion was to proceed, more people will be negatively affected than those few that will benefit.