

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
- Not a predominantly Muslim area so only catering for a very small minority of our community. I would rather the unit be used to benefit far more people such as a community centre incorporating something to assist those of us who need help with feeding and clothing and possibly an advice centre. - Only to serve 25 members. How can this be guaranteed? Also it states that all members are within walking distance. If that is the case, then why not use the 15 other prayer sites/Mosques (at a very quick count) within the Dewsbury area, including the town centre which is a mere half a mile away. - What is to happen when we experience severe winter weather? There is absolutely no guarantee that the members will walk. So this will raise the very real problem of parking in an already congested area, and even worse, parking and/or dropping off members on the double yellow lines that are outside the old newsagents. - The facility hopes to open at 5 pm. This is absolutely appalling timing. Queues are backing up Wakefield Road on both sides of the lights at this time, and on Syke Lane and Bywell Road. Tesco's petrol station quite often has queues snaking down Wakefield Road, and customers in the middle of the road coming from Wakefield indicating right to get into the petrol station. There are 2 bus stops just nearby to add to this, the doctor's surgery and pharmacy are still open, there is the Chinese takeaway open for business and this main road is an artery to the M1 so used by all manner of lorries and commercial vehicles. - I am concerned about the safe passage of emergency vehicles as it is. I can frequently hear up to a dozen alarms passing on a daily basis, if a minimum of 10 cars for the members add to this, it will both make the possibility of accidents even worse in this tight spot and also delay the safe passage of emergency vehicles to and from the hospital. - Can we please have transparency on question 24 as to the relation the applicant has to the council. - If this planning permission is granted (as I write this there have been 218 objections), how are we to be reassured that further development of the building won't happen for this purpose? It is entirely out of keeping with our community. - Last but not least, pedestrian safety. You take your life into your own hands at this time of day at the moment crossing the road, particularly as a large number of school children who cross daily.