

Glen Cottage  
Sheffield Rd  
Holmfirth  
HD9 7EL

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Dear Whom it may concern,

I am including a covering letter with my planning application to give more information about the details of my request.

I would like to use part of my garden to operate an outdoor stay and play group aimed at babies, toddlers, and pre-school children. This is a new venture; in fact it's a career change for me after closing my previous business during the pandemic.

My idea for the outdoor playgroup will be to create a safe, secure play space for children to explore as well as an opportunity for parents to meet – playgroups, as you may be aware, often provide a lifeline of support for many parents. The mental health benefits of being outdoors for both children and adults are infinite and I would like to encourage both to embrace all seasons by providing outdoor play opportunities throughout most of the year.

In regards to parking, I have spoken to the Finance Director of Glendale Mills, which is located directly over the road from my property, who has confirmed I am able to rent a section of their large car park to provide safe parking for the playgroup attendees. There is also a pedestrian crossing located roughly 25m from the car park to provide safe road crossing. In addition there's plenty of road parking on Sheffield Rd and two public car parks in New Mill village centre, which is just a short walk away so there will be no requirement for vehicles to go up the access path off Water Row.

As you will see from the plans, the access path to the entrance of the playgroup forms part of our deeds so we wouldn't be intruding on anybody else's land. I have spoken to the owners of both number 24 and numbers 26 about the plans.

In terms of operational hours, I envisage: Monday to Thursday from 10am until 11.30am, we would close completely for the months of January and February. The play sessions would be limited to a maximum of 20 children, and we won't be doing any group activities, or singing, dancing, music, etc. Instead, I would like to encourage exploratory play, through the use of mud kitchens, sandpits, and water pouring areas, creating den-building opportunities, and will have creative art/nature stations.

I will not be building any permanent structures that would require planning permission and as a mum of two small children so the equipment I will use for the playgroup are things I would likely have in my garden at some point anyway.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing your response.

Yours truly,

Victoria Filtness