

Consultation Response from KC, Highways Development Management**2022/91283 Waverley United Reformed Church, Waverley Road, Huddersfield, HD1 5NA****Change of use of former church building (Class F1f) into soft play facility with ancillary cafe (Class E) [within a Conservation Area]****Date Responded: 25/07/22****Responding Officer: J Turner****Responding Ref: K5-5SE/36**

This application seeks approval for the change of use of former church building (Class F1f) into soft play facility with ancillary cafe (Class E) [within a Conservation Area] at Waverley United Reformed Church, Waverley Road, Huddersfield.

The proposal would see the former church converted into a soft play facility with ancillary café. There are no external alterations to the building proposed.

The site is approximately 300m from the recognised town centre of Huddersfield and 500m from both the main bus and train stations. As such, the development will be well-served by sustainable transport facilities.

Whilst no external works are to be carried out, it would seem likely that the change of use would generate more traffic by way of deliveries and servicing and may also create a greater requirement for refuse capacity.

As such, whilst the previous use is taken into account, as is the proximity to the town centre, Highways DM would still ask for the off-street parking and access provision plus bin storage and collection points to be shown on a plan. Highways DM has no concerns regarding parking numbers as it is apparent that there are pay and display car parks within easy walking distance of the building, but the on-site provision should still be shown, including any spaces designated for disabled drivers.