



My property directly adjoins the application site, and therefore, I would be most affected by the development. I am writing to confirm my full support for the change of use of the pub to a community centre/prayer room. For me, the change represents a much-welcomed relief from the disorderly and extremely noisy pub that I have had to live next to for more than a decade.

Over the years, my family and I have had to endure many sleepless nights due to the loud music emitted from the pub, which would be played into the early hours of the morning. Anti-social behaviour outside the pub was also the norm, with fights breaking out between drunken revellers a common occurrence. On occasions, these fights would spill over into my and my neighbours' gardens, and the police having to be called out to restore peace. For years leading up to the closure of the pub, I had been fearful of leaving my wife and kids at home at night due to this anti-social behaviour. The closure of the pub has brought much-welcomed relief for myself and my neighbours, and we now enjoy relative peace and quiet. I welcome the proposed application, as it is a far less intensive use than the pub, and noise levels from the activities in the 'community centre/prayer room' is unlikely to cause significant disturbance.

I have read through some of the objection comments, and I note that traffic, parking, and highway safety have been mentioned as issues. I have lived next door to the pub for over 10 years and have observed that traffic speed leading up to the junction of Leeds Road and Soothill Lane is fairly slow, with vehicles slowing down on approach to the traffic lights. The slow speed of the traffic, together with the adequate visibility at the access point to the car park, ensures that vehicles can safely enter and exit the car park. In all the time I have lived at my home, I have not witnessed an accident involving vehicles pulling out or coming into the car park.

I note that only the ground level of the building is proposed to be changed in use and that the ground floor is fairly small. This means that the proposed use will not be intensive, with only a handful of people likely to be using the building at any one time. Therefore, the proposed number of parking spaces available in the car park would be more than adequate to meet the parking demands of the proposed use.

I hope the council agrees with me that the proposed use is far more compatible with the neighbouring residential properties and would not raise significant highway safety or parking issues. I, therefore, feel that this application should be approved.