

About the application

Application number: 2023/93076	
What is the application for?:	External alterations to former bank building to form restaurant and takeaway, in
Address of the site or building:	former Lloyds Bank, 22, Carr Lane, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5AN
Postcode:	HD7 5UT

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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I would like to object to the application on the following grounds:

The application states there are no trees or hedges on the proposed site – there is a green area situated on the corner of the plot that includes a mature holly tree and other bushes and hedges that are a haven for birds and other wildlife and would be removed to accommodate the outside seating.

Excessive noise and smells and smoke from extractor fans that will not be limited to opening hours only and that will permeate directly into our property and prevent us opening windows due to the smell as the kitchen is to be situated backing on to Lewisham Road. The extraction fan will be directly level with the ground floor of our property, less than 10m from our boundary and the extraction system will be visible from the upstairs of our property. Having observed the amount of smoke and odour generated by the existing Rumpus in the village and the proposed siting of the extraction fan, Lewisham Road will be permanently in a fog of smoke.

Proposed outside seating area and the raising of an external wall and black railing will have an adverse effect on the character of the building and significantly effect the character of the area that backs on to Lewisham Road, along with the proposed extension that will alter the neoclassical style of the building, in what is a conservation area in Slaithwaite.

The outside seating area will also contribute to excessive noise being heard until late evening in our property. Highly likely that we will see an increase in rubbish not being disposed of by patrons.

Lewisham Road is a very busy road already due to Empire House, Physiotherapy Clinic and post office being situated on the street. The proposed application would significantly increase the amount of traffic and cars driving the wrong way up the one-way street (at least 3 or 4 per day already drive up the street in the wrong direction).

The application has no provision for parking for diners or persons collecting takeaways, Lewisham Road parking is already at a premium and is permit parking only that people already ignore due to it not being patrolled by traffic wardens, thus most cars that don't belong to residents, do not adhere to the one-hour limit for parking. The round car park opposite the site is a very busy car park and if patrons use this in the evening, then again, we will be subject to an increase in noise.

The bins at the current restaurant are roadside and overflowing, I do not believe the area allocated for bin storage in this is big enough and rubbish is likely to blow onto Carr lane and the adjacent property that is Cobweb antiques. In the summer this could become very smelly and attract vermin whilst spoiling Cobwebs courtyard area.

Taking all the above into consideration I believe the application should be refused.