Address: Lowfield House, 10 Station Road Holmfirth HD9 4NL

About the application

Application number: 2025/90116	
What is the application for?:	Change of use from class C3 (dwellinghouse) to mixed use dwellinghouse and class
Address of the site or building:	42, Birmingham Lane, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9 5LH
Postcode:	HD9 5LH

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I am writing in support of the planning application for the continued operation of the childminding setting. This service is an invaluable asset to the local community, and its continued existence is crucial for many reasons.

Firstly, without this local childminding business, I would be forced to seek alternative care for my child, which is an incredibly challenging task given the severe lack of similar provision in the area. This is not only an inconvenience for local families, but also places additional stress on parents who are already managing busy schedules.

The setting also plays a vital role in providing local employment and training opportunities, particularly for younger members of the community. This is a key element in supporting the local economy and helping young people gain valuable skills and experience.

For me personally, the convenience of having this childminding business so close to my home is a significant benefit. If this application is not supported, I would be forced to travel much further afield for childcare, which would not only increase my time and expenses (such as fuel costs), but also contribute unnecessarily to environmental damage through additional car journeys.

Moreover, my child, along with many others, benefits greatly from the opportunity to forge friendships from an early age at this setting. This social aspect is crucial in a child’s development and contributes to a strong sense of community within the area.

Another important aspect is the childminding setting's close links with the local school, which facilitates a smooth transition for children when they start school. This connection supports the continuity of care and learning, which is vital for a child's emotional and academic development.

Finally, it is important to note that there is already a significant shortfall of childminding provision in this locality. If this planning application is not approved, the business will be forced to close, resulting in the loss of local jobs and vital services for families in the area.

I strongly urge you to consider the positive impact this childminding business has on the community and the potential negative consequences for local families and employment if it is not allowed to continue operating.