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 to express my strong support for the continuation of the childminding service as outlined in the planning application. My child currently attends this service, and I've witnessed firsthand the positive impact it has had on our family and on the wider community.

1. A Lifeline for Local Families: As a working parent, finding quality and reliable childcare has always been a top priority. The childminding service provided has been a true lifeline for my family. It offers the flexibility and peace of mind that allows me to focus on my career while knowing my child is being cared for in a safe and loving environment. Many families in our area are in a similar situation, and this service provides essential support for them too.

2. High-Quality Care and Support: The childminder has created a warm, nurturing environment where children are not only cared for but also encouraged to grow, learn, and thrive. My child loves attending and has developed so many new skills—social, emotional, and academic—thanks to the thoughtful activities and attention to individual needs. I'm consistently impressed by the level of care and attention the childminder provides, always going above and beyond to ensure the children's wellbeing and development.

3. Minimal Impact on the Neighborhood: The childminding service operates on a small scale with a limited number of children, meaning the impact on traffic, parking, and noise is minimal. I live locally, and I've never noticed any significant disturbances or congestion caused by the service. The drop-off and pick-up times are staggered, and parents are considerate of parking, ensuring there are no disruptions to the local community. The service blends seamlessly into the neighborhood and poses no threat to its residential character.

4. Community and Parent Support: As a parent, I feel well-informed and supported by the childminder. There is always open communication regarding my child's progress, and I can tell that the children are genuinely cared for and valued. I've spoken with other parents, and we all agree that the service is indispensable. It's not just a childcare provider—it's a cornerstone of our community. Without this service, many parents, including myself, would struggle to find suitable, flexible childcare.

5. Safety and Regulation Compliance: The childminding service is fully registered and operates in full compliance with all necessary health and safety regulations. As a parent, it's reassuring to know that all legal and regulatory standards are met, and that my child is in safe hands. The childminder ensures that the environment is always clean, secure, and appropriate for the children, and I have complete confidence in the level of care provided.

For all these reasons, I wholeheartedly support the continuation of the childminding service at this property. It provides invaluable support for local families, including mine, and I truly believe it enhances the sense of community in the area. I hope all points will be considered when reviewing the application, as maintaining this service will be in the best interest of the families who rely on it.