Address: 15 Sunny Heys West Holmfirth HD95PA

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 have two young children that attend Sticks n Stones and they have thrived in this environment. The family business provide a safe and loving setting for them. I am self employed and do not drive so to have childcare within walking distance is vital for me to be able to work. My husband works away so it is essential for me to be able to have childcare that is local to the school. My 4 year old receives wrap around care and my 1 year old attends too. If I were to lose the wonderful Sticks n Stones business I would be forced to give up working as there is no other childcare available locally to me. I find it disgraceful that this business is under threat when they have already done all they can to appease the (frankly) ridiculous complaints they have received. Their business is run during working hours, it's not as if they are running a nightclub until the early hours! If the business were to close it would not only affect myself but countless other children and working parents. The staff there have been trained to the highest standard and received fantastic Ofsted reports and to think that they will lose their jobs is heartbreaking, especially for the younger members of staff who have worked so hard to provide such wonderful care to all the children they love so much. I can honestly say my children and myself would be devastated, we consider Sticks n Stones a second family and the friends my children have made there have been so important to their development (and mine as a parent) We are a little community of parents who want the best for our children and the bonds that have been formed between us have helped so much with our mental health, knowing that our children are happy and safe together in this setting is worth more than it's weight in gold. I know that all the children that attend are so close and love each other and to break them up would be so upsetting for them, how do you explain to small children that they can't see their best friends any more? Please do not let this (absolutely essential) business close, it would be a huge loss to the parents and children of Meltham.