Address: 164, New Hey Road, Huddersfield, HD34BZ

About the application

Application number: 2025/93043	
What is the application for?:	Prior notification for change of use from commercial/business/service to 4 dwell
Address of the site or building:	14B, Holly Bank Road, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3JE
Postcode:	HD3 3JE

User comments

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I am writing to formally object to the proposed change of use of the existing business dwell into four residential apartments. This nursery provides an essential early years service to families within the local ward, and its closure would have a significant and detrimental impact on children, parents, and the wider community.

The nursery currently occupies one of the very few spaces in the area that is suitable for early years provision. There is no alternative location for the nursery to relocate to, and as a result, approval of this application would effectively force its closure. At a time when additional housing has been developed in the area—bringing more families and young children—the removal of one accessible childcare setting directly contradicts the growing needs of the community.

If the nursery is forced to close, many children may be left without a place in another local early years setting. Existing nurseries in surrounding wards are already at capacity, and many parents rely on having childcare within close proximity to their home. Losing this facility risks children being displaced, forced into longer travel times, or in some cases, left without a placement at all—disrupting their development and causing unnecessary distress during a crucial stage of learning, development and socialisation. This would also disrupt valued relationships that have been built between the children, parents and nursery staff as children do not adapt to change very well.

Early years education is not interchangeable; it is foundational. Continuity, stability, and familiarity are essential for children to thrive. Removing their nursery could lead to emotional upheaval, disrupted routines, and missed opportunities for early learning—all factors that can have long-term developmental effects.

The impact on parents would also be significant. Many rely on this nursery to maintain employment, education, or caring responsibilities. The lack of available alternatives may result in parents having to reduce working hours or leave work altogether, creating financial strain and reducing the economic resilience of families in the area. For single parents and low-income households especially, the closure of the nursery could have severe consequences.

This nursery is not merely a building—it is a valued and trusted community asset. Its closure would leave a substantial gap in early years provision at a time when demand is increasing. By approving this application it would prioritise additional housing units over the fundamental needs of children and families, undermining the wellbeing and future prospects of the community. There is no evidence to suggest that this nursery is no longer needed in the area which conflicts with policy PLP 48.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the planning department to reject the proposal and protect a service that is vital to local families both now and in the future.