Objection to application 2025/93043 - change of use from commercial/business/service to 4 dwellings

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to raise an objection against the proposed planning application.

Firstly, the comment regarding adequate childcare provision in the area is incorrect. It would take 5 minutes to walk around the area and verify that there are few providers in this area and the ones that are available are at capacity or cannot provide the hours that so many working parents need. This contrasts with the report from 2022, that is referenced, which cannot be surprising considering we are almost 4 years removed from then. There is no other available building or site that can accommodate the provision in this area, which is not only central but close to the schools as well. I believe if this going to be a central argument for why the loss of the childcare setting would not be devastating, it should at least be accurate, up to date and reflect reality.

Secondly, I am not entirely sure what the plan is here? The childcare setting that is an integral part of the community and has a large number of developing young people of all ages, should be closed down with no alternative, to create yet more flats in a town overflowing with flats and developments , so that the income generated can be used to source young people and teach them music, who may or may not then join the band? Is it right to deprive a number of young people of a vibrant, caring setting that they are already in, in favour of a lot of what ifs and coulds with no guarantees of positive outcomes unlike the services provided at Shape?

I would also like to address the parking comments. The application states that 30-40 vehicle movements will be reduced to just 4 movements twice a day. Anyone in the area can comment that this is completely inaccurate. The application ignores the fact that there are two popular and successful schools across the road and regardless of the day nursery, Holly bank Road is full of vehicles. There will not be any significant reduction in vehicle movement with the loss of the setting. Also, you cannot guarantee what the potential residents of these flats would be doing as an occupation or recreationally, so the assumption that there would few vehicle movements is just that, an assumption.
To conclude, this application should not be approved. The proposed residence is nothing unique, nor will it have any positive effect on the community, where as the loss of the childcare provision would be detrimental to staff, parents and caregivers across Lindley and beyond and most importantly the young people who utilise the space to learn and develop and make friends.

Regards,