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

Type of comment: An objection	
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I am writing to formally object to the above planning application proposing the closure of the existing childcare nursery in order to redevelop the site into residential flats.

This proposal would have a highly detrimental impact on the local community for the following reasons:

1. Loss of an essential childcare service
The nursery provides a vital service for families in the area, particularly for parents who rely on stable, high-quality childcare in order to work. Childcare is a sensitive and specialised profession, and not all staff or facilities can simply be replaced. Removing an established, trusted nursery will leave many families without suitable alternatives.

2. Negative impact on children, especially babies
Young children—particularly babies—depend on routine, stability, and secure attachments to their caregivers. Forcing the closure of a nursery where children are already settled will cause significant emotional disturbance. Many parents have expressed that their children are happy and thriving in this environment. Disrupting their early development for the sake of redevelopment is unacceptable.

3. Loss of experienced jobs and skilled staff
The proposed closure would result in the loss of employment for dedicated and trained childcare professionals. These staff members provide an important service to the community and contribute to the local economy. Replacing a functioning nursery with flats offers no equivalent benefit in terms of local employment or community value.

4. Insufficient justification for the redevelopment
There is no reasonable justification presented to show that converting this nursery into flats offers greater community benefit than retaining an essential childcare service. Demand for childcare places in the area is already high, and removing an operational nursery will only increase pressure on other settings.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the planning committee to reject this application and to protect the continuity, stability, and wellbeing of local children, families, and staff.