Address: 4, Cressfield Road, Huddersfield, HD3 3EF

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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To: Kirklees Council Planning Department

From: HD3 3EF

I am a resident of Lindley (HD3 3EF), and a local business owner. I write to formally object to planning application 2025/93043, which would result in the closure of SHAPE Lindley – our village's essential wraparound childcare facility. This proposal would significantly and negatively impact my family and the wider community, and directly contradicts Kirklees Council's policies on sustainable transport and protection of community services.

Impact on My Family:
As a working , I rely on SHAPE Lindley for safe, quality wraparound care in particular, after school. My attends Lindley School and has thrived at SHAPE due to its caring environment and close integration with school routine. Removing this provision would disrupt stability and well-being. has specific educational and social needs, and the experienced SHAPE staff have helped support emotional and practical development.

Without SHAPE, I would struggle to meet my professional commitments, as no equivalent alternative exists in Lindley. Finding emergency care would be extremely difficult, directly threatening the viability of my business.

Community Role of SHAPE:
SHAPE Lindley is more than a childcare provider – it is a vital part of our local infrastructure. Dozens of families rely on it for affordable, accessible childcare and after-school activities. It supports working parents and provides a safe, enriching environment for children.

Its closure would create a significant gap in provision and force families to seek care outside the village. Kirklees Council's Local Plan stresses that community facilities

outside the village. Kirklees Council's Local Plan stresses that community facilities should only be lost where there is no ongoing need or a suitable alternative exists. Neither applies here. There is clear demand, and no comparable local option. This proposal is in direct conflict with the Council's policy to retain essential local services.

Walking, Traffic and Sustainability:
My and I walk daily – to school, SHAPE and my workplace – to avoid unnecessary car use, reduce congestion, and minimise pollution. This lifestyle aligns with the Council's Environment Strategy, which targets 60% of journeys to be made by sustainable modes by 2030.

Schemes like School Streets demonstrate the Council's commitment to cleaner air and safer roads. SHAPE supports this by providing childcare within walking distance of local schools. If SHAPE closes, I will be forced to drive to another provider outside Lindley, resulting in extra car journeys that increase congestion and emissions – directly undermining the Council's transport and climate goals.

Conclusion:
The proposed development would harm local families, disrupt established routines, and remove a valued community asset. It contradicts Kirklees Council's own policies on sustainability, active travel, and service provision. I respectfully urge the Council to refuse application 2025/93043 and protect SHAPE Lindley – for the good of our children, our community, and our environment.

Yours faithfully,