Address: 14, Yew Tree Road, Huddersfield, HD3 3QT

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'm writing to show my objection to the proposed change of use at 14B Holly Bank Road, HD3 3JE, from a nursery to 4 flats.

I was extremely disappointed to hear about this planning application. Early years at Shape and the out of school care they provide are vital in this community. There are no other locations in the area that offer such flexible hours of care, and early years and wrap around care for children up to 11 years at the same setting. They provide an excellent level of care and education for all of the 120+children that attend the setting. As there doesn't appear to be any other locations for the nursery to move to in the local area, closure would be inevitable, leaving 80 families with no childcare. The other local nurseries are mostly at capacity with long waiting lists, and there are few other options for wrap around care for the children attending Lindley CofE Infant school and Lindley Junior school.

Personally, for us as a family whose children attend we feel that if this setting were to close it would severely impact our livelihoods and the education and wellbeing of our children. No other local nurseries have the flexibility to offer the hours we need to be able to attend our jobs.

There are also limited places available locally for wrap around care. We also feel the possible break and change in early years care would be detrimental to our child's emotional, social and educational development. This would be the same for all the children in the care of the nursery if they end up having to find new settings.

One point raised on the planning application was that it would reduce traffic and congestion in the area. I disagree with this as a lot of the families using the provision at Shape are also bringing children to and from the local schools across the road. So the decrease in traffic would be negligible.

In the HD3 area there has been a number of housing developments that have been built in recent years, which have increased the local population, but no extra amenities or infrastructure have been developed to support this increase. Taking away a provider of quality childcare and education that is vital to this local community is a backwards step. On top of that, adding 4 more flats is only adding to the burden on the already stretched local amenities.

In summary, the benefits of 4 new flats doesn't come anywhere close to outweighing the benefits of keeping the nursery and out of school club that serves the local community in such an important and beneficial way.