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About the application

Application number: 2026/90387	
What is the application for?:	Temporary permission for 5 year period for use of land for leisure and recreatio
Address of the site or building:	Upper Mills, Canal Side, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5HA
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I would like to offer my wholehearted support for the planning application for IGLU Sauna in Slaithwaite. My heart sunk that it may not have a permanent home.

Although I live outside the village, I regularly make the journey specifically to visit the sauna and believe it is a genuinely valuable asset, not only for local residents but for the wider community across Greater Manchester and beyond.

I have worked as a Mental Health Nurse for over 25 years and understand the significant impact that stress, anxiety, loneliness and poor mental wellbeing can have on people's lives. Places such as IGLU Sauna provide something that is increasingly rare: a welcoming, inclusive environment where people can slow down, connect with others, spend time in nature and prioritise their wellbeing.

The benefits extend far beyond simply using a sauna. It encourages people to get outdoors, move their bodies, connect with nature and engage with their local community. In a world where many people are struggling with isolation, stress and spending too much time indoors or on screens, spaces like this play an important role in supporting both physical and mental health.

Personally, I have found visiting the sauna to be hugely beneficial. It provides a sense of calm, helps me manage stress, and encourages healthy habits that I know improve my overall wellbeing. I regularly see people of all ages and backgrounds using the facility, and the atmosphere is always welcoming, friendly and respectful.

As someone who travels to visit, I also spend time and money in the local area, often visiting local cafes, shops and businesses before or after my sauna sessions. I know many others do the same. The sauna therefore brings visitors into Slaithwaite who may not otherwise visit, supporting the local economy and helping showcase the area to a wider audience.

Importantly, I have always found the site to be exceptionally well managed and considerate of its surroundings. It complements the natural environment and offers a unique experience that enhances rather than detracts from what makes Slaithwaite special.

Facilities that genuinely improve people's wellbeing, encourage healthy lifestyles, support local businesses and foster community connection should be celebrated and supported. I believe IGLU Sauna does exactly that.

I sincerely hope this application is approved so that both local residents and visitors like myself can continue to benefit from this wonderful facility for many years to come.