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About the application

Application number: 2026/90484	
What is the application for?:	Change of use from dwelling to C2 for 4 children, erection of first floor extens
Address of the site or building:	143, Church Lane, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4QN
Postcode:	LS27 7HB

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No
Please do not publish my personal details (name, address, contacts) in any way. I write to formally object to planning application 2026/62/90484/E. My objection is based on the extreme safety risk posed by the development and its parking arrangements. Access to the property for cars and pedestrians is on Church Lane, within <10m of the junction to The Coppice, directly opposite a bus stop (no layby) and an electricity substation. Church Lane has a 30mph speed limit but vehicles travel on the road at upwards of 45-50mph regularly – the police are aware. The development proposes 2 off-road parking spaces. It claims there will be 4 children resident and will be staffed on a 1:1 basis. It is fair to assume that more than 2 cars will be used by staff present and with insufficient off-road parking, it is likely there will be at least 2 further cars parking outside on Church Lane (on the road, on the pavement). Furthermore, it is likely that there will be regular visits to the property in addition to the 1:1 staffing/4 cars stated – social workers, health/care workers, Ofsted, maintenance and management staff and other visitors/guests. This could easily see upwards of 3-5 vehicles parking on Church Lane, right on the junction with The Coppice. This poses a considerable and unacceptable safety risk. As we have seen with existing/past residents and the current contactor working on site there are regular 3-5 vehicles parked in the location. The risks this poses are: 1. Reduced/completed obscure visibility of traffic coming down Church Lane turning into The Coppice – this puts pedestrians crossing The Coppice at risk of being unseen and hit by vehicles. We have already seen many near misses. 2. Reduced/completely obscured visibility for vehicles leaving The Coppice and turning	

2. Reduced/completely obscured visibility for vehicles leaving The Coppice and turning onto Church Lane – vehicles cannot see and are having to unsafely edge out into Church Lane's fast moving traffic, risking them being hit by vehicles. We have already seen many near misses.

3. Pedestrian access along the footpath is reduced to impossible – people with prams, dogs, wheelchairs cannot safely pass the parked cars and have to walk in the road to pass We have already seen many near misses.

4. When buses are stopped at the bus stop and/or substation maintenance vehicles are present, Church Lane is reduced to 1-way traffic with cars pausing to wait for others to pass – the road becomes almost impassable with cars parking outside 143 – this causes drivers to increase aggressive behaviour, edge past parked vehicles, significant traffic build up on Church Lane (already a significant problem), ignore pedestrian safety and makes points 1 and 2 even more dangerous.

5. Having vulnerable children living outside all of these risks isn't appropriate and is placing them in immediate dangerous access/egressing the property (as well as staff and visitors)

Approving this planning permission is Kirklees and Ofsted accepting these risks. It is a matter of when, not if, a pedestrian is injured or killed and/or there is a serious vehicle accident.