

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	
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Security and Safeguarding Concerns The property layout raises concerns regarding safeguarding and resident safety. For example: • Upper-floor windows that should function as fire escapes could allow residents to access a flat roof and exit the property into neighbouring gardens on The Coppice with ease • Boundary fencing between neighbouring properties is currently low and easily climbable • The property is located directly opposite a bus stop with frequent services to Huddersfield and Leeds. Research by Biehal and Wade (2000) found that children in residential care are significantly more likely to go missing compared with those in foster care. Government research (DFE-RR201, 2010) reported that 60% of residents in surveyed homes had gone missing within a six-month period. Given these statistics and the above shortfalls in the property as well as the location of the current bus stop, the proposed site raises concerns about whether adequate safeguarding measures can realistically be implemented and significantly increase the likelihood of the possibility of residents going missing.	