

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

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Highway Safety and Parking Concerns One of the most significant planning concerns relates to traffic and parking provision. The property currently provides only two off-street parking spaces. However, the operation of a children's home would likely involve: • Multiple staff members working across shifts • Visiting social workers • Ofsted inspectors • Family members visiting residents • Support staff and service providers Research from the Department for Education (DFE-RR201, 2010) indicates that children in care homes often maintain regular contact with family members, with over half receiving weekly face-to-face visits. This would likely generate significant additional vehicle movements and parking demand in an area already experiencing congestion. Church Lane is a busy road with a bus stop directly opposite the property. The combination of buses stopping, vehicles attempting to park, staff shift changes, and visitor parking could create a serious traffic bottleneck. This will conflict with highway safety objectives contained within the NPPF and the Kirklees Local Plan, which require developments to provide safe and suitable access arrangements.	