

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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Potential Increase in Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime Research into children's residential care has demonstrated that many residents have experienced difficult backgrounds and may display challenging behaviours. For example, Sinclair and Gibbs (1998) found that in a study of 48 residential homes, approximately 40% of residents without previous criminal records obtained one after staying in residential care for six months. Church Lane is currently an extremely low-crime residential area. Key Crime Data from 2026 indicates approximately 40.5 incidents per 1,000 residents. Introducing a facility where residents may statistically have a higher likelihood of behavioural issues could increase demands on local policing and create concerns for neighbouring residents. While this issue must be handled sensitively, it remains a legitimate planning consideration when assessing the suitability of any location for a particular use, including this one.	