DC Admin

Sent: 12 April 2026 17:01

Subject: Re: Application No. 2026/90840

I refer to the above planning application in relation to the change of use of dwelling for 9 Bow Street, Huddersfield HD1 4BJ (the "Property") to a house of multiple occupation.

I have lived in Bow Street for over 50 years. Bow Street has a long and proud history of being a street that has been home to families for generations. It is a quite and family-friendly street with different generations of the same family living in the same house over a period of decades.

Approving the change of use for the Property would, in my view, lead to a number of significant problems.

Spring Grove infant and junior school is located at the end of Bow Street. There is already severe vehicle congestion and related problems on Bow Street at least twice a day due to parents dropping and picking up their children from the school. This often results in residents struggling to find a parking spot on the street due to the heavy school-related traffic. Allowing the Property to be converted into a house of multiple occupation is likely to add to that traffic problem on Bow Street.

A house of multiple occupation means that there are likely to be a variety of potential occupants. The Property was previously tenanted and was raided by West Yorkshire Police around 2022 due to it being used as a cannabis growing facility. As you can appreciate, this whole episode came as a tremendous shock to the residents of Bow Street and lead to some serious concerns about how such a quiet and traditional street had become the centre of such an operation. As I said, there is real concern that there could be a repeat of such a situation in the event that the Property is permitted to be converted to a house of multiple occupation.

One other property on Bow Street is currently also a house of multiple occupation.

As I said, this has caused a tremendous amount of headache and problems for the other residents of Bow Street and is not something any of us would wish to see replicated.

If possible, I would welcome the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Kirklees planning committee and to make the representations set out above to you in person. There is strong community opposition to the proposal and we hope that our concerns, as decades long residents, are taken into serious consideration when considerating the application.

Regards,

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