

Dear John,

Re: 2026/90840- Change of use of dwelling to House of Multiple Occupation and internal works at 9 Bow Street, Springwood, Huddersfield, HD1 4BJ

Thank you for your request for consultation regarding the above application. The comments are made with the intention of reducing opportunities for future crime which addresses our collective responsibilities outlined in Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, by creating safe and secure developments where people will want to reside, visit or work.

The comments and recommendations are supported by the following guidance:
NPPF National Planning Policy Framework (Section 8. Promoting healthy and safe communities) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

Kirklees Council Planning and development policy

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-and-development.aspx>

Kirklees Development Plan <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/local-plan.aspx>

Secured by Design www.securedbydesign.com

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

I have reviewed the application and supporting documentation available via the Planning Portal as well as liaised with the Huddersfield Neighbourhood Policing Team. The proposal is to convert 9 Bow Street to an 8-bedroom House in Multiple Occupation. Proposed parking provision appears unrealistic, impractical and incompatible with a large household of non-related occupants, with the majority of vehicles effectively blocked in by others.

Moreover, there are already 2 HMOs in close proximity to this location.

In my opinion as a Police Designing Out Crime Officer, this proposal is likely to have a negative impact on local community cohesion, residential amenity of existing occupants and highway safety as well as contribute to crime and antisocial behaviour-related issues in the immediate vicinity.

Additionally, I note the presence of numerous neighbour representations which raise concerns and objections to this proposal.

West Yorkshire Police do not support this application.

Kind regards,

Agnieszka Boryn
Designing Out Crime Officer
Kirklees District