

About the application

Application number: 2026/90911	
What is the application for?:	Erection of a building and change of use from car park (Sui Generis) for car val
Address of the site or building:	Bulay Villa, Bulay Road, Thornton Lodge, Huddersfield, HD1 3NH
Postcode:	HD4 5PP

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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Dear Planning Officer,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed seven-day car wash at the above address. As a local resident, I believe this development is wholly inappropriate for a residential setting for the following reasons:

1. Noise Disturbance and Residential Amenity

The proposed seven-day operation will generate constant, high-level industrial noise from pressure washers, vacuums, and idling engines. In a residential area, this represents a significant loss of "quiet enjoyment" of our homes. The lack of any respite on weekends is particularly unreasonable and will negatively impact the mental well-being of nearby neighbours.

2. Highways Safety and Traffic Congestion

The local road network is already dangerously congested due to existing garage-related parking. Adding a high-turnover business will result in further tailbacks, illegal idling on the public highway, and increased conflict between vehicles and pedestrians. This poses a clear risk to road safety, particularly if the site cannot contain the queue of vehicles within its own boundary.

3. Environmental and Public Health Concerns

I am deeply concerned about the environmental impact of the site's drainage and waste management, specifically regarding the existing local rat infestation. Increased water runoff and potential debris from vehicles risk exacerbating these public health issues, which have already been a cause of significant distress in the community.

4. Public Safety and Fear of Crime

The area has recently been subject to significant criminal activity and antisocial behaviour. Under Paragraph 96 of the NPPF, planning decisions must ensure that developments are safe and accessible so that "crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life".

A high-turnover, cash-based business like a car wash, operating until late in a residential area, creates a site that is difficult to monitor and may attract further illicit activity. Given the documented history of crime in this specific vicinity, introducing a commercial use of this nature—which often involves low-level surveillance and transient visitors—will exacerbate the existing "fear of crime" and pose an objective risk to the safety of residents.

Conclusion

This proposal represents an overdevelopment of the site that prioritises commercial gain over the safety and amenity of residents. I urge the planning committee to refuse this application.