

About the application

Application number: 2026/91118	
What is the application for?:	Erection of two storey front and side extensions with perimeter fencing, access
Address of the site or building:	Upper Soothill Community Centre, 1039, Leeds Road, Woodkirk, Dewsbury, WF12 7HY
Postcode:	WF12 7HY

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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Having read the Supporting information of the Planning Statement for the Soothill Islamic Centre as stated on the Planning Application, elsewhere named the Community Centre?

The Planning Statement has several Assumptions about the extension saying it would be sympathetic with the surrounding area which is 99.9% residential and the centre is being converted for Commercial use and gain. With a lot of the planned work and the already installed fencing is all usually for commercial installations.

The glass and metal work of the extension is a very expensive way to conserve heat & energy and not even in keeping with the stone of the main building or neighbouring housing.

The original change of use stated on site parking would be adequate for it's intended use which has been far exceeded with regular use of parking on the neighbouring Post Office dedicated parking spaces, kerbs, footpaths and grass verges causing daily obstruction and congestion on the already very busy junction.

It is clearly a lie about vehicle access to and from Leeds Road as is repeatedly stated. Due to the already installed fencing and a shipping container positioned on a parking area, used to calculate available parking on site, and was the only vehicle access to Leeds Road. Plus the instalment of several parcel lockers for collection and delivery by the Post Office and DVD, that park on the footpath to access the installation. (I have photographic proof)

Another alteration already completed is the double garage doors have been replaced with a personnel door and small window not on any planning consent to date.

There must be a limit to expanding property to the extent it will become obscene and is still inadequate and still unfit for purpose as is the case with this property.

Last but not least a large majority of residents anticipated and are affected by the added inconsiderate, probably illegal, parking of vehicles and extra footfall especially at school run times that was not taken into account for in the original change of use of the building. We have all voiced our objections but most feel it pointless making a statement to the Planning Department after being ignored with the previous application for this government funded establishment.

Regards,

One of many concerned Residents.