

About the application

Application number: 2026/91738	
What is the application for?:	Change of use from retail to retail coffee shop and bar with alcohol
Address of the site or building:	6, Station Road, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield, HD8 9AU
Postcode:	HD8 8DL

User comments

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As a local resident in close proximity the premises I can see the pros and cons associated with change of use of this building to a licensed premises.

Reiterating comments of some concerned residents, there is very little amenity for vehicle parking local to the premises. Numerous supporters of the application don't seem to live local to the premises, which would imply that there will be a significant increase in traffic and parking requirements if the supporters of the application are to become customers of the new establishment. I can confirm that at certain times, parking within the vicinity of the premises already exceeds the current capacity, with drivers willing to park inconveniently and inconsiderately, restricting access to the road and paving and increasing the risk of road incidents. Numerous vehicles already park in this area in association with Grove Pub, which no longer has sufficient parking space on its premises. An extra licensed premises can only increase the parking requirement in the area. I park on the road as little as possible, and even then, parking congestion has lead to my own vehicle being hit twice in the past while parked on this stretch of road.

Throughout the day the education hub at 2 Station Road has a regular stream of children arriving and leaving, often being dropped off and collected by their parents / carers etc. putting further strain on space for parking and drop off.

Over the last 10 - 20 years three other licensed premises within Skelmanthorpe have been required to close and it seems incongruous that on that basis a new licensed premises is now required. Admittedly the new premises may well offer a different and attractive venue, that the previous establishments did not, but the refurbished building on the site of the old Windmill pub is still vacant a number of months after completion which potentially highlights a lack of demand.

In light of the building's proximity to residential buildings it is encouraging to see that the proposal is for a 10 pm closing time. It would seem inevitable that at times the noise of people leaving the premises, late at night, could disturb residents. it would therefore be beneficial if continued licensing could be based on the provision that disturbance to local residents does not happen and that licenses later that 10 pm cannot be permitted. While the current applicant may have strong character references in this respect, once the change of use has been granted there is no guarantee that future custodians of the premises will necessarily have the same character. There is also no guarantee that the current applicant will remain the custodian of the premises for any particular length of time.

Much of the above would seem to align with an objection to the change of use but this is not entirely the case as I can also see the merits of a new social venue which offers something different to other establishments in the area, if that is to be the case.

I merely ask that the above comments are considered in the review and ask what provisions the applicant could make to ensure that traffic problems in the immediate locality are not exacerbated further.