

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

Type of comment: An objection	
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While the prospect of another bar could be appealing for the few times that we might want to go there, the negative impact on the daily lives of neighbouring residents very much outweighs this.

This is a residential neighbourhood with several families with young and school aged children. The proposed closing time of 10pm is therefore not much use to families trying to get children to sleep at an earlier bedtime if there are people drinking, laughing, talking and no doubt swearing loudly outside, particularly in this heat when windows need to be open.

Peaceful weekend afternoons and evenings will also be affected by loud drinkers. I know some of the people who are supportive of the bar, and I know that they are not quiet drinkers.

Most of the supporting comments would appear to be from people outside of the village, who frequented the bar in its previous location (which was not close to any residential properties and had parking spaces along the road), so where will people park if they are not local? Has this even been considered? Station Road is already dangerous for cars and pedestrians. At busy pub times, people already park on both sides of the road and often leave cars over-night, making the junction onto Commercial Road a bottle neck, with cars queuing past Strike Lane to try and get to the junction and cars not able to pull into the junction, clogging up the main road. Parked cars also make it difficult for people to pull out safely from Northfield Lane, Wood Street, Strike Lane, Holly Tree Grange, driveways directly onto Station Road, The Foldings and as far down as Gib Lane. Around teatime and rush hour there is the added hazard of parents dropping children off at the Education Hub which also causes chaos. Another venue will only exacerbate the problem. Even if patrons don't drive, they would presumably be getting a taxi, which again causes extra congestion at drop off and pick up times.

There is, of course, already a pub on this stretch of road, and another just across the main road. We surely don't need another one at this end of the village, especially when there is a whole building already renovated and sitting vacant at the old Windmill Pub. The impact on custom at the Grove should also be considered, especially at a time when the hospitality industry is already stretched due to high rents and rising costs of living. It seems pretty unfair to them.

The 'notice' itself has also not been positioned in an obvious place. These are usually put on lampposts so that they can be easily spotted and read, but this has been put in the window where residents have not noticed or read it until recently. It all feels rather backhanded.

The most guiling thing though, is that work has already begun on the conversion, (documented publicly on the previous bar's Facebook page), before change of premises permission has been granted, and before the public consultation is even over. This demonstrates an arrogant assumption that permission will be granted before neighbouring residents' opinions have even been considered, showing a complete disregard for our concerns, complete lack of consideration for our views, and an arrogance that it will go through despite any local opposition. Perhaps it would have been courteous for the new tenant to speak to local residents before applying for this, and certainly before starting noisy, disruptive works, before objections have been received and considered.