

About the application

Application number: 2026/91886	
What is the application for?:	Change of use from (C3) dwelling to House in Multiple Occupation (within a Conse
Address of the site or building:	108-110, Halifax Old Road, Birkby, Huddersfield, HD2 2RW
Postcode:	HD2 2HS

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I've lived on Halifax Old Road for over ten years, so I thought it was worth sharing my perspective as someone who actually knows what the street is like day to day. I'm in favour of this application, and I hope the Council approves it. Our road has always been busy — it's a main route with a mosque, the medical centre and schools nearby, and yes, Friday afternoons around prayer time can get busy with parked cars. But that's been true for as long as I can remember, and it's caused by worshippers and visitors coming and going for an hour or two, not by the houses on the street. Life settles down again straight after, and the community here is one of the friendliest I've known. I don't think an extra well-run house is going to change that. On parking, I'd actually say this application helps rather than hurts. The plans include twelve off-street spaces — more than the current arrangement — plus a proper cycle store, and the kind of people who live in this sort of shared housing in Birkby are mostly students and young workers who walk, cycle or get the bus. There are regular buses right on our road into town, so it's not as if we're talking about twenty-two extra cars appearing on the street. I also think it's good for the street itself. These two Victorian houses are great looking buildings, and the plans keep the outside exactly as it is. The alternative — two big family houses that sit half-empty or fall into disrepair — isn't better for anyone. I remember reading a few years back that Historic England had flagged Birkby's conservation area as being in poor condition; buildings only stay beautiful if they're lived in and looked after.	