

About the application

Application number: 2026/91972	
What is the application for?:	Change of use from public house (Sui Generis) to children's day nursery (Class E
Address of the site or building:	Silent Woman Hotel, Nabbs Lane, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5AU
Postcode:	HD7 5AG

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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I wish to object to the proposed change of use of the former public house into a children's nursery. My objection is based on the following material planning considerations: 1. Highway Safety and Traffic Impact The proposed nursery is likely to generate a significant increase in vehicle movements during peak drop-off and collection times. These periods often coincide with existing commuter traffic, resulting in congestion and increased risks to pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. The surrounding roads already experience parking pressures, and the additional demand for short-term parking could lead to vehicles parking on pavements, near junctions or in other unsuitable locations. This would reduce visibility, obstruct access and create avoidable safety hazards, particularly for children and vulnerable pedestrians. 2. Parking Provision The proposal does not appear to provide sufficient on-site parking to accommodate parents and carers dropping off or collecting children. As a result, overspill parking is likely to affect neighbouring streets and nearby facilities, causing inconvenience to residents, visitors and existing community users. 3. Noise and Impact on Residential Amenity A nursery inevitably generates outdoor play noise throughout the day. With an existing nursery already operating nearby, the cumulative impact of two nurseries in close proximity could substantially increase noise levels over extended periods. The regular use of outdoor play areas by children, together with animals and	

The regular use of outdoor play areas by children, together with arrivals and departures throughout the day, has the potential to adversely affect the amenity enjoyed by nearby residents and users of neighbouring premises.

4. Cumulative Impact on the Local Area

The planning authority should consider the cumulative effects of introducing a second nursery in such close proximity to an existing one. The combined impact on traffic, parking, highway safety and noise is likely to be greater than considering each facility in isolation.

I also note that the neighbouring community centre already accommodates a nursery. While I appreciate that commercial competition is not, in itself, a planning consideration, the existence of another nursery nearby reinforces concerns about the cumulative impacts on traffic, parking demand and noise within the immediate area.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Council refuses the application. If the Council is minded to approve it, I ask that a comprehensive traffic and parking assessment, together with a detailed noise impact assessment, be undertaken and that appropriate conditions be imposed to minimise the impact on neighbouring residents and the wider community.