

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

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Dear council,

I am writing to formally raise concerns to the planning application for the proposed new private day nursery in our village.

My primary concern is the significant impact this development would have on road safety due to where it is situated. The proposed site is directly opposite an existing family run private day nursery, which already generates a substantial volume of traffic and pedestrian activity during peak drop-off and pick-up times. These periods regularly result in congestion, vehicles stopping or parking in unsuitable locations, and an increased number of parents and young children crossing the road. I have first hand seen incidents between cars during these moments.

Introducing a second nursery directly opposite the existing one would inevitably increase both vehicle movements and pedestrian crossings. This would create an even greater risk for young children, who are among the most vulnerable road users. Many children attending nurseries are toddlers with limited awareness of road dangers, and the increased traffic would heighten the potential for accidents.

In addition to the safety concerns, a further increase in traffic would have a detrimental effect on local residents. Congestion, noise, parking pressures, and reduced visibility for motorists would all become more significant issues. The existing infrastructure is already under strain during nursery operating hours, and I do not believe it is capable of safely accommodating the additional demand that another nursery would generate.

While I appreciate the importance of providing childcare facilities for families, I do not believe this particular location is suitable for another nursery. Planning decisions should prioritise public safety, particularly where young children are involved. I respectfully ask that the planning authority gives careful consideration to the cumulative impact of two nurseries operating opposite one another and the increased risks this would present.

I therefore urge the planning committee to consider these issues when reviewing this application on the grounds of highway safety, increased traffic congestion, and the potential danger posed to young children and other road users.

Thank you for considering my concerns.