

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	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
I wish to object to this planning application due to the significant impact it is likely to have on highway safety, parking, traffic congestion and the local community. There is already an established nursery directly opposite the proposed site, and neither setting has dedicated parking for parents. At drop-off and collection times, parking is already a major issue. Vehicles frequently stop on double yellow lines and, at times, in the ambulance access area serving the community centre. This creates unnecessary risks for pedestrians, particularly young children, and could delay emergency access if required. The community centre is a busy hub used throughout the day and evening for a wide range of activities, including Meals on Wheels, baby groups, phonics clubs, after-school clubs, Scouts and many other community events. These activities already generate significant traffic and parking demand. The road is situated on a dangerous bend where it is often only wide enough for one vehicle to pass at a time. Visibility is limited, and traffic regularly becomes congested. Introducing another nursery at this location would increase the number of vehicle movements during peak drop-off and collection times, further compromising road safety for children, parents, pedestrians and other road users. While I appreciate the need for childcare provision, a waiting list at one nursery does not necessarily mean there is a shortage of nursery places overall. Nursery occupancy depends on children's ages, attendance patterns, funded hours and staffing ratios, and demand can fluctuate throughout the year. Waiting lists alone should not be taken as evidence that this is the most suitable location for another nursery. I respectfully ask the planning authority to carefully consider the cumulative impact of this development on highway safety, emergency access, parking, traffic congestion and the continued safe operation of the community centre before making a decision.	