

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 register my objection to the proposed nursery development on the grounds of the impact it will have on the parking, the increase of traffic and safety for local residents. Nabbs Lane already experiences congestion throughout the day, particularly during peak times associated with the existing nursery in the Community Centre, traffic using Nabbs Lane to access Slaithwaite C of E Junior and Infants School and businesses along the Canal. Nursery parents and staff, members of the public attending other groups at the Community Centre like Meals On Wheels and people attending the Church either for funerals, weddings or in general, routinely park along the road, reducing visibility, restricting vehicle movement, and creating challenging conditions for pedestrians. At certain times of the day crossing the road at the end of Nabbs Lane is nigh on impossible and crossing further up in not practical due to the lack of pavement on one side of the road. This in turn will have a knock on effect on Howgate Road with the on street parking been used by the same groups of people mentioned above using Howgate Road as overflow parking when Nabbs Lane is at capacity. Howgate Road does not have any pavements at the end that meets Nabbs Lane and additional parked cars will make the road more dangerous for residents and pedestrians as well as make traffic movement more difficult. I note that the application states the Nursery will have parking but I find it hard to believe that 2 spaces will be enough for the staff who will need to be there all day, as well as additional visitors who will need to attend the business. This will mean extra cars trying to park on street taking spaces away from residents and causing more congestion and potentially dangerous traffic issues. The position of these two spaces will mean vehicles have to stop on the road to reverse into spaces or reverse out on to the road while parents are trying to drop off holding up traffic, increasing hazards for pedestrians and also the parents trying to drop off. Parking issues have increased since charges were introduced in the local car parks with on Street Parking now been used by both shop staff from the village centre and their customers parking along Church Lane creating a knock on effect to Nabbs Lane and Howgate Road. It is typical for the small car park at Old Bank to be full with an average of 80 vehicles by early morning with many cars arriving and having to turn	

average of 20 vehicles by early morning with many cars arriving and having to turn round leave to seek space on streets as it is already beyond capacity. This indicates that the car park at Old Bank does not have capacity to serve existing needs without an additional increase in demand. Howgate Road is also currently used by people visiting the businesses along the canal and in Upper Mills to avoid having to pay for parking in the Upper Mills car park. The current usage of the area shows that people will not pay for parking if a free space can be found and this should not be at the detriment of residents by either taking away their options for parking or creating unsafe roads as the current roads were not built for this volume of traffic.

The public consultation dates for this application run from the 21st of July to the 11th of August which fail to give anyone observing the conditions a true picture of the current traffic issues for the area as it is currently the school holidays. The roads both for volume of vehicles, parking and pedestrians using the paths are substantially quieter than normal during this period and therefore make it difficult for anyone looking at the area to appreciate how busy it actually is. Additionally while the work had been carried out there have been cones placed at the edge of the road on a number of occasions to stop cars parking, therefore showing a picture with no cars is hardly representative. As someone who lives on Howgate Road and walks down Nabbs Lane every morning (and other times during the day) I can say the chances of getting a picture during an average day with no parked cars is no way typical of parking in the area and not my experience.

In summary, I appreciate there may be a need for additional Nursery provision in the village but feel very strongly that this is not a suitable venue. Resident's safety should not be reduced and any new venue should be able to accommodate the level of traffic it will create. There is a limited number of parking spaces available and any additional vehicles will add to the already congested roads, impacting on the traffic flow which is down to a single lane most of the time. The safety of pedestrians, traffic flow as well as the ability to park should come before any new development.