

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 this application on highway safety, traffic and parking grounds. I have no objection in principle to the provision of childcare, but I have serious concerns about whether this site and the surrounding roads can safely accommodate another nursery. The proposed nursery would create concentrated vehicle movements during morning drop-off and afternoon collection. Parents will need to stop, park, unload and collect young children, potentially creating significant short-term congestion and parking demand. This is particularly concerning given the constrained nature of Nabbs Lane and the limited space available for vehicles, pedestrians and safe manoeuvring. If the site's parking capacity is insufficient, there is a real risk of vehicles waiting or parking on surrounding roads and footways, obstructing traffic and creating conflict with pedestrians. There is also an important cumulative impact which I believe needs consideration. There is already a nursery operating from the centre on Church Lane, as well as Slaithwaite C of E Primary School at the top of Holme Lane. Both generate additional vehicle and pedestrian movements, particularly around school and nursery drop-off and collection times. The proposed nursery would therefore add another concentration of traffic to an already busy local area. The combined impact could include: *insufficient parking and drop-off capacity; * overspill parking onto Nabbs Lane and surrounding streets; * vehicles stopping or waiting on the highway; * obstruction of footways and pedestrian routes; * reduced visibility for pedestrians and drivers;	

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- * vehicles manoeuvring or reversing in a constrained area;
- * conflict between vehicles and vulnerable young pedestrians;
- * congestion during the concentrated morning and afternoon peaks; and
- * maintaining unobstructed access for emergency vehicles, refuse vehicles and residents.

The cumulative impact of the proposed nursery, the existing nursery and Slaithwaite C of E Primary School, including their overlapping peak arrival and departure times needs to be considered.

Assessing the proposed nursery in isolation does not reflect the actual conditions that residents and pedestrians are likely to experience. This is particularly concerning because the users of the proposed development are young children and families, making safe pedestrian movement essential. Parents may also be managing prams, babies and more than one child while vehicles are manoeuvring nearby.

Kirklees Local Plan Policy LP21 requires development to provide safe and suitable access for all users and to avoid detrimental impacts on highway safety. The National Planning Policy Framework also requires unacceptable impacts on highway safety to be avoided.

I also request that Kirklees Highways carries out a site assessment during actual school and nursery peak times, rather than relying solely on theoretical figures.