

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 should like to object to the application for change of use to a nursery on the grounds of parking, traffic and road safety.

Since the introduction of paid parking in Slaithwaite, parking in the area of Church Street, Nabbs Lane and even Howgate Road has increased dramatically. People are now using Old Bank car park, Church Street and Nabbs Lane for all day parking. There is little or no opportunity for people to park for short periods. This affects many people including valuable services such as Meals on Wheels and the toddlers group at the Community Centre. The situation is exacerbated during 'drop-off' hours as there is a nursery opposite, an After School Club and children's activities in the Community Centre. The result is that people park on double yellow lines in both Church Street and Nabbs Lane. This leads to traffic problems and makes crossing the road very difficult and dangerous.

There is often a build-up of traffic at the junction with cars trying to turn left into Nabbs Lane from Church Street, cars waiting to go up Bank Gate due to traffic coming down, cars coming down Bank Gate and trying to turn right into Nabbs Lane. Parking on Nabbs Lane means that often only one car is able to pass and hence the impasse and queue of cars waiting to turn. This situation is often worse when children are going or returning from Two Gates School and there is more traffic.

The double yellow lines on one side of Church Street have helped the situation but the double yellow lines (barely visible) between The Silent Woman and the junction are regularly ignored and vehicles are parked there.

I feel strongly that the situation would only be made worse by having another nursery in the area. In the application they state that parents/carers will be encouraged to walk or cycle to nursery. This is an ideal situation but in no way reflects reality. The majority of parents/carers drop off children by car on their way to work. The photograph submitted of the junction does not reflect the reality of the situation. The consultation period is taking place over the holiday period so any photo taken now cannot reflect the true situation.

I therefore consider that this application should be rejected. Please also forward these comments to the Highways Department who are a statutory consultee.