

Address: 4, UPPERFIELD DRIVE, GOLCAR, HUDDERSFIELD, HD7 4PJ

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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Objection to Planning Application I wish to object to this application on highway safety, traffic and parking grounds. I have no objection in principle to childcare provision; my concern is whether this particular location can safely accommodate another nursery. The proposed development would introduce concentrated vehicle movements during morning drop-off and afternoon collection periods. With parents arriving with young children, prams and sometimes siblings, vehicles may need to stop for longer than a normal passenger drop-off. Where adequate space is unavailable, this could result in vehicles waiting, manoeuvring or parking on the surrounding highway. The cumulative impact of nearby facilities is particularly important. There is already a nursery operating from the centre on Church Lane, Slaithwaite C of E Primary School at the top of Holme Lane and an out-of-school club operating from the community centre. These facilities already generate additional vehicle and pedestrian movements, particularly at peak times. The proposed nursery would add another regular demand for access and parking within the same area. The community centre is also used for a range of activities and events, meaning parking demand is not limited to nursery and school hours. The out-of-school club creates additional drop-off and collection movements, while deliveries and service vehicles to local businesses and community facilities also require access and space to manoeuvre. There are also occasions when parking arrangements are affected by church events, including funerals, festive events and other services or community occasions. At these times, parking availability can be significantly reduced and additional vehicles may be required to use surrounding roads. The impact of these occasional but foreseeable events should form part of the assessment rather than assuming that existing parking provision is consistently available.	

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I am concerned that the combined effect could lead to congestion, vehicles stopping in inappropriate locations, obstruction of footways and reduced visibility for both motorists and pedestrians. The presence of young children makes this particularly significant, as children and families using the surrounding pedestrian routes would be required to negotiate an area with increased vehicle movements.

There is also a need to ensure that emergency vehicles, refuse vehicles, deliveries and local residents can continue to access the surrounding roads without obstruction.

I therefore believe that the true highway impact cannot be established from theoretical traffic figures or observations made outside the busiest periods. I respectfully request that Kirklees Highways undertakes a site assessment during genuine nursery and school drop-off and collection periods, as well as considering periods when community centre activities, church events, funerals, festive events and deliveries place additional pressure on the area.

Until the cumulative impact has been properly assessed under these real-world conditions, I do not believe it has been demonstrated that the proposal would provide safe and suitable access for all highway users.

I therefore respectfully request that the application is refused on highway safety grounds, or that a comprehensive peak-time highways assessment is undertaken before any decision is made.