

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

### About the application

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| 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

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| Type of comment: An objection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |    |
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| <p>To: Kirklees Council – Planning Department<br/>Re: Objection to Proposed Private Day Nursery at The Silent Woman, Slaithwaite</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I wish to formally object to the proposed change of use of The Silent Woman, Slaithwaite, to a private day nursery for up to 50 children.</p> <p>I fully recognise the importance of childcare provision within the community. However, I believe this particular location is unsuitable due to the existing and well-documented pressures on traffic, parking, highway safety and residential amenity.</p> <p>The proposed nursery is situated directly opposite an established nursery within the community centre. The surrounding area already experiences significant congestion during nursery, school and commuter peak times. Nabbs Lane, Church Street and Howgate Road have limited road space, restricted visibility and substantial on-street parking. The junction and nearby bend are particularly constrained, with vehicles frequently required to wait for oncoming traffic to pass.</p> <p>The recent introduction of double yellow lines has already displaced parking into surrounding streets, while vehicles continue to stop or wait in restricted areas. Adding a second nursery would inevitably increase vehicle movements and demand for short-term drop-off and collection parking. With only two on-site spaces proposed, there is no convincing evidence that sufficient parking exists for staff, parents and visitors. Nearby public parking is already heavily used and cannot reasonably be relied upon to accommodate additional demand.</p> <p>The cumulative impact is particularly concerning because the community centre, church, school and nearby businesses already generate considerable vehicle movements and parking demand. Deliveries, waste collections, community activities, church events and existing nursery drop offs all contribute to limited road space</p> |    |

church events and existing nursery drop-ons all compete for limited road space. Additional traffic could also obstruct residential driveways and make access for residents increasingly difficult.

There are serious concerns regarding pedestrian safety. Two nurseries operating directly opposite one another would concentrate vehicle and pedestrian movements at the same times, increasing the likelihood of children and families crossing an already constrained road. Emergency access is another important consideration; congestion or inappropriate parking could potentially impede fire, ambulance or police vehicles.

I am also concerned that the submitted parking and traffic evidence does not reflect typical conditions. Photographs taken around 8:26am–8:36am cannot demonstrate the full extent of congestion during peak nursery and school activity, particularly where temporary restrictions or scaffolding may have affected available parking. A representative parking occupancy survey and traffic assessment should therefore be undertaken during normal peak operating periods and not during school holiday periods at 11am on Tuesday the 11th August 2026

Finally, the proposal would introduce sustained daytime activity, including outdoor play, arrivals, departures and vehicle movements, immediately alongside residential properties. The cumulative effect on residential amenity should be properly assessed rather than relying on comparisons with the former public house.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that Kirklees Council refuses the application. If the Council is minded to approve it, I ask that a robust independent Transport Assessment, representative parking survey and comprehensive noise and residential amenity assessment are undertaken before any decision is made.