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Application number: 2026/92385	
What is the application for?:	Change of use from ground floor and basement education centre (D1) and first flo
Address of the site or building:	51, Broad Lane, Dalton, Huddersfield, HD5 9BY
Postcode:	HD5 9BY

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1. Existing Unauthorized Use and Traffic Impact

The site is already being used without planning permission for Friday prayers and group gatherings. Residents are therefore directly experiencing the real-world operational impacts of this proposal: sharp, high-volume surges of vehicle arrivals in short windows. Granting official change of use will formalize, expand, and entrench these severe negative impacts on the local road network.

2. Severe Traffic Congestion and Bottlenecks on Broad Lane

Broad Lane is an essential, heavily used connecting corridor between Dalton, Moldgreen, and Wakefield Road (A629) that already suffers from daily queuing. Unlike commercial businesses with steady customer turnover, peak prayer and gathering times generate sudden, concentrated traffic spikes. This causes immediate gridlock, tailbacks, and hazardous drop-off activity directly on a busy carriageway.

3. Direct Danger to School Children and Pedestrians

The site is located near Moldgreen Community Primary School and a local parade of shops, resulting in high pedestrian footfall from children, parents, and shoppers. Concentrated vehicular arrivals, double-parking, and frequent turning maneuvers directly outside 51 Broad Lane create a severe, direct collision risk for vulnerable road users navigating footpaths and nearby crossings.

4. Inadequate Parking Capacity and Dangerous Street Overspill

The building lacks sufficient off-street parking to accommodate attendees during peak services. As is already evident, overspill vehicles park along surrounding residential side streets and shop customer bays. This blocks sightlines at junctions, obstructs driveways, restricts footpaths, and impedes emergency vehicle access.

5. Impractical Location for High-Density Traffic

The change of building use should not come at the expense of public safety. The constrained nature of this plot on a major road makes it inherently unsuitable for high-density assembly use.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the council to refuse planning permission.