

About the application

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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I am writing to support this application. Having reviewed the objections regarding parking shortages and vehicle displacement, I believe these concerns do not reflect how the site will actually operate and are countered by the applicant's robust management plan.

1. Reduced Demand via Staggered Sessions

The peak Friday attendance will be split into two entirely separate, non-overlapping sessions, each strictly capped at approximately 40 people. This halves the simultaneous parking demand at any given time, ensuring vehicle numbers never reach the large number of cars suggested by objectors.

2. Active Management and Mitigating Short-Term Parking

Trained, hi-vis traffic marshals will actively manage vehicle arrivals during peak periods. Their presence will explicitly prevent vehicles from blocking residential driveways, junctions, or corners. Furthermore, the maximum duration for any overspill parking is exceptionally brief - lasting at most 20 minutes during the transition between sessions.

3. Clarification on Pavement Parking & Pedestrian Access

While a very small number of visitors may park partially on the pavement due to the nature of the local highway, it is important to clarify that pavement parking is not inherently illegal under Kirklees or national highway law outside London/Scotland, provided it does not cause an obstruction. The pavements immediately surrounding the site are exceptionally wide. Vehicles parking partially on the kerb do not create a barrier; ample room is maintained at all times for wheelchair users, visually impaired pedestrians, and pushchairs to pass safely without being forced into the road. This short-term, considerate parking conforms entirely with established local highway practices on surrounding streets. The visitors are not parking any different to how existing neighbours park! Besides any obstruction or inappropriate parking can be and should be dealt with by the Police. Any enforcement action will soon mean everyone gets the idea!

4. Sustainable Transport Links

A significant portion of the congregation resides within a 5-to-10-minute walking distance (Dalton/Moldgreen areas), and the site is exceptionally well-served by major local bus routes. Independent transport modelling demonstrates that off-site parking demand will be minimal, which the surrounding roads have more than enough lawful capacity to absorb during these off-peak daytime hours.

For these reasons, the highway impact will be negligible, and the application should be approved.