



# WHALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Stephen Kilmartin

Planning Application No: 3/2025/0122

Grid Ref: 372732 437409

Proposal: Regularisation of change of use from B1 to sui generis for animal therapy/welfare.

Location: Unit 40 Mitton Road Business Park Whalley BB79YE

Whalley Parish Council formally object to the application seeking the regularisation of the change of use from B1 to sui generis for animal therapy/welfare.

The original permission for Unit 40 was granted for B1 use (light industrial). This permission was based on specific assumptions about the type of activity that would occur within the building, and on the whole site, which is typically associated with lower-impact industrial activities. The introduction of Sui Generis use for animal therapy and welfare is a significant deviation from this.

The Parish Council believes this change of use is contrary to the original planning permission for the site and that any change of use from light industrial to commercial should not be approved without thorough review and proper application. Regularising the change of use after it has already occurred undermines the integrity of the planning process and could set a precedent for other property owners in the area to bypass the planning process, potentially leading to further unauthorised changes of use.

The Parish Council believes it is essential that all developments in the community adhere to established planning regulations to ensure that the integrity of the local environment is maintained. We believe that a new application is necessary to ensure that the development meets the needs of the community and aligns with the original planning intentions.

Yours sincerely,

*EK Haworth*

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