

Wallnooks Grove,
Wallnook Lane,
Cumberworth,
Huddersfield
HD8 8YB

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Application Ref 2021/91682

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing to object strongly against the proposed change of use planning application for Wall Nooks, Wall nook Lane, Cumberworth, from a C3 dwelling house to a C2 residential care home.

I reside on Wallnook Lane close to Wall Nook, the property proposed to have the change of use to a children's home. We moved into the area in the year 2000 because of the rural location and the small number of houses in the small quiet hamlet, which made it an ideal location for keeping horses. As the area is remote and away from bus routes it made it ideal for this purpose but n hmg8-fzzc conversely would be completely inappropriate for a children's home due to the lack of amenities such as parks and sports facilities and needed to provide stimulation to children of this age and with behavioural issues. My partner has worked for many years with children who have a range behavioural issues and knows the challenges faced in keeping them engaged and occupied. The property is close to several equine facilities and farms with large livestock, farm equipment and many other dangers, one such livestock farm backs directly onto Wall Nook. With no facilities to occupy the children they will find ways to occupy themselves and with the proposed low staffing levels, lack of facilities, and the age range of the children, continuous monitoring of the whereabouts and activities will virtually impossible.

Wall Nooks over the past twenty-one years, we have lived in the area, has been providing respite care for manly adults with long term illness, learning difficulties or physical disabilities, getting benefit from the incredibly quiet rural surroundings. The proposed change of use would house children between 7 and 18 years of age, all from different backgrounds and with different behavioural problems. This would bring with it a range of antisocial behaviours such as noise, trespass, vandalism, verbal abuse of which at present there is very little. The home would only have 2 full time staff to supervise these children which is completely inappropriate.

Many of the residents in this hamlet are elderly people, some of which live alone, who at present feel safe in the close-knit community. I am concerned that this not be the case if the change of use were to be allowed and children with behavioural issues and friends and associates are present.

I feel that a care home of this type for all the reasons stated above is completely inappropriate in this location. For the past 21 years we have resided in the hamlet, the respite care home has existed in harmony with the local community as both appreciate the quiet rural surroundings. I cannot see any benefit to the local community in having a children's home of this type at Wall Nook.

