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I live at 59 Robsons Drive, Huddersfield, HD5 9JW.

I would like to object to the above planning application 2023/CLD/90695/W on the following grounds:

Single Household

Dwellings on Robsons Drive were built with the intention of residential use only not commercial organisations albeit with the intention of providing care; this is confirmed through property deeds and something the Applicant will be familiar with.

Comments of Justice Collins in North Devon District Council (2003) are noted, specifically that children “need to be looked after. They cannot run a house. They cannot be expected to deal with all the matters that go to running a home ... children are regarded as needing fulltime care from an adult, someone to look after them, someone to run their lives for them and someone to make sure that the household operates as it should.”

The distinction between the above authority and application is this in this case comes down to staff

remaining overnight on a rotational basis. Carers will not be permanent residents, as one may expect in a single household, but likely to be interchangeable.

There is likely to be changes in occupation, as one may anticipate when a child reaches the age of majority.

The Applicant's submission that there is "little material difference between the current and proposed use.." is simply unfounded. The Applicant currently resides at the property with his family and this has been consistent for almost two decades. Replacing this with staff and children who will come and go, is, in my view extremely different.

Welfare of Children

Dalton has one of the highest crime rates in Huddersfield, the Applicant has failed to state whether children will require medical care, whether they have been removed from the family setting for their own safety or whether they live with some form behavioural difficulties. This must be at the forefront of anyone considering this planning application and I suggest areas such as Lindley or Fixby, which are quieter and slightly more rural and better locations for any such setting.

It is noted that these concerns are shared by West Yorkshire Police who have submitted an objection on 17 March.

Children require space, particularly when away from their family environment or live behavioural issues, the outdoor area at number 57 does not cater for this. The house caters for a family, as it has the applicant and his family.

Noise / Disturbance / loss of amenity and enjoyment

Robsons Drive has for many years attracted young families or young professionals, it continues to do so.

Should this planning application be approved, I have the following grave concerns:

1. The driveway at number 57 has space for two vehicles. There will be a change of vehicles as expected with those working shifts.
2. There are communal parking spaces, it has however been difficult for resident to secure parking in such spaces (when skips have occupied driveways etc).
3. There will be comings and goings from professionals such as Occupational Therapists, Social Workers, Emergency Services as well as staff.

The above is not at all in keeping with a residential dwelling and will cause extreme issues for residents of Robsons Drive.

4. Whilst detached, properties are in close proximity as well as gardens. Should children residing at the address live with behavioural issues I am concerned the noise levels will be a problem.

Robsons Drive has always been a quiet residential street, I am very concerned proposals as contained in this proposal will result in additional thoroughfare of vehicles, professionals and young people, which is inherently unfair for residents. The applicant has lived on Robsons drive for almost 2 decades, it is noteworthy that this application is only being made now the applicant intends to leave the area.

I would be grateful if I could be kept fully apprised of developments. I would like to be present in any meetings, which ought to be held in a public setting with an air of transparency, which has been lacking thus far.

Regards