

## About the application

Application number: 2024/93438	
What is the application for?:	Change of use from dwelling (use class C3) to residential care home (use class C
Address of the site or building:	340, Birkby Road, Birkby, Huddersfield, HD2 2DB
Postcode:	HD2 2DB

## User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes
<p>I am writing to raise my concerns with regards to the change of use of 340 Birkby road from a residential dwelling to a children's care home.</p> <p>While I understand the need to support vulnerable children. This is an established residential area, I feel it is inappropriate to add a business in this area as it will increase traffic in an already busy commuter route and increase noise. This busy commuter route is also hazardous for the children. Entrance to the car park is planned to be from a bridal way at the side of the property which is currently used by walkers, dog walkers and horse riding. Residents of the area pay some of the highest rates of council tax in return we expect clean, peaceful and safe surroundings.</p> <p>The applicants planning consultant claims there is no increase in crime however the Office of National Statistics report found 15% of looked-after children had a custodial sentence by the age 24 years, compared with 1% of children who had not been in care. Furthermore analysis of Ofsted data by the BBC found serious incidents are more common in for-profit children's homes in England compared with those of not-for-profit providers. There is also a disproportionately higher number of complaints from often concerned staff members. This is concerning considering I Children's Solution was only incorporated on 28th September 2023 and has been dormant since suggesting very little if no experience in this sector.</p> <p>I feel it will be beneficial to hold a meeting with the applicant so the residents concerns can be addressed as the application is very vague and lacking detailed drawings.</p>	