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To: <local.development@kirklees.gov.uk>

Re: 11, Hoylake Avenue, Fixby Park, Huddersfield, HD2 2NT

Dear Sir/Madam

I object to the proposed care home on the following grounds:

A care home for children is about creating a safe sanctuary. Therefore, it should not be common knowledge that a group of vulnerable children reside there. It would be virtually impossible to provide anonymity and a safe, secure haven in this location and the proposed usage of the premises would stand out significantly from the rest of the immediate area, which consists largely of bungalows occupied by retired and elderly residents. It would be very easily identifiable, and could attract unwanted attention from unscrupulous outsiders, which would totally negate the safeguarding requirements of such an establishment in this location.

The safeguarding of children in care is very important to prevent grooming or any other unwarranted attention, and for this reason, other companies providing similar facilities for children and young people are often established in more secluded locations where the privacy, security and anonymity of the children can be ensured to avoid the unwanted attention of others.

Concerning proposed staffing levels, assuming this is a 24/7 operation, the stated number of employees is far below those required to carry out this business safely and consistently, especially taking into account holidays, sickness, training, parental leave etc. Such tight staffing margins would inevitably require bringing in contractors and continuity and safety would be further undermined.

In conclusion, due to the reasons highlighted above, I feel this proposal is totally unsuited to this location and would request permission is refused.

Yours faithfully

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