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Kirklees Planning Department

Re: Planning Application 2024/62/93479/W

Change of use of 11 Hoylake Avenue from private dwelling to residential children's home

Dear Sir

It is with total disbelief that I learn of the above planning application. I live on nearby Gleneagles Way in a two bedroomed bungalow similar to 11 Hoylake Avenue. It is difficult to think of a building more unsuited and impractical as a residential children's home.

The bungalows on Gleneagles, part of Formby Avenue and Hoylake have two bedrooms. I notice that the planning application does not include the very important information of how many children would be housed in the proposed 11 Hoylake children's home. One or two, at the most?

I presume the full-time staff would occupy one or even both bedrooms. Where would the children be housed? In tents in the garden?

In my personal and professional - as an ex-teacher - opinion, this proposed change of use of 11 Hoylake is bordering on nonsense. Besides the unsuitability of the premises, the residential demographic of the area offers nothing to a group of youngsters. The majority of residents in the surrounding dwellings are single or couple retirees.

The locale is badly served by public transport and during periods of snow is isolated. Snow ploughs never venture up Cowcliffe Hill making the adjacent streets to Hoylake Avenue impassable during periods of for days at a time. Hardly an ideal siting for a children's home.

A few years ago, an application was submitted to you by 11 Hoylake to add another floor to the premises making the property a full-blown house in a sea of single storey dwellings. The application was rejected. Now we have an application to change the use of the same property to a children's home. I do wonder what is going on here. I wonder what is at play.

When I moved to Gleneagles Way over 40 years ago, I was informed by Thornhill Estate that properties on Fixby Park could not be used for commercial purpose. It presume that this edict still stands.

Thank you for considering my objections to the present planning application to change the use of 11 Hoylake. I am willing to discuss these with any member of the planning committee.

Yours faithfully