

About the application

Application number: 2025/90003	
What is the application for?:	Change of use from dwelling (C3) to children's residential home (C2)
Address of the site or building:	14, Harefield Drive, Birstall, Batley, WF17 0PQ
Postcode:	WF13 2DH

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	Yes

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I am writing to express my objections to the above property being changed into a childrens care home and find it appalling that this has been done under the radar without residents being made aware. When it comes to these homes there will be a large network of people that will be involved in the childrens care whether it be 2 children or 10 it makes no difference to the negative impact it will have on our community. This will dramatically increase the traffic and immediate parking on the street as the property has only space for 1 parked vehicle without causing a hazard on the footpaths. This is a route to the local primary school which is less than 2 mins walk away from the property. Another concern is the level of disruption and noise that this will bring to our tranquil close knit community. This proposal could permanently affect the safe stable environment which our community has worked hard to achieve over the years. Such changes could see a decline in the quality of life for residents and could alter the neighbourhoods character for generations to come. It could also increase anti social behaviour and require police attendance which are both things we as a community do not want. We want our elderly residents and our children to be able to enjoy their daily lives without the worry of the troubled teenagers lashing out, hurling abuse or participating in criminal activity in the community. No one knows these teenagers backgrounds so there could be some unsavoury chatacters frequenting our community putting long term residents and their families at a higher risk of danger. This is a residential street and this change of use could negatively impact the quality of life that current residents have enjoyed for many years. Turning a residence into a business venture for monetary gain where teenagers with emotional and behavioural difficulties are to live poses serious questions about the utilisation of resources and space and the level of care. I believe this property has been chosen over the price rather than any suitability for such a home. There is no value towards our community in granting this only monetary gain for the applicant.

Another reason is the effect such a move would have on property values of immediate properties aswell as in the broader community and could potentially have irreversible consequences for homeowners. For these reasons i ask you reject the above proposal.