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Good afternoon. I am contacting you today after we have yesterday found out about a planning application that was put into to change the use of a neighbouring home into a childrens home for troubled teens. As you can imagine we as a community are extremely concerned as to the negative impact this will have on our tranquil little community and the social and economic consequences which would follow should this change be allowed to go ahead. I have done an online comment to my objection as has my partner however I'm not sure why they are not showing on the application. If you could advise that would be great. The area is a community where people have lived all their lives and has a lot of elderly residents and also lot of impressionable young children. It beggars belief that the applicant believes this would be a viable property to manage as a childrens home and I truly believe their interest is more in the monetary gain they would receive rather than the welfare of children. The noise and disruption and dangers that would come with this move would be at the cost of lifelong residents who have built they're homes here over generations losing the security and safety which they have at present. It would be detrimental for the community as we don't know these teenagers backgrounds whether it be county lines/drugs/grooming or violence. We don't know who will be turning up to this house on a daily basis as it could be drug dealers or angry parents of the teens. This would also mean that police would most probably be a frequent occurrence which as a community we do not wish to see. Our priority is the safety of the people in our community. I've also noticed a few non truths in the application. The applicant states that the house is currently lived in however the house has been sat empty since it was purchased last year. I honestly feel that this house was purchased for the sole purpose of opening a childrens home for their own monetary gain and where does it stop if it is granted. We both know that once they have the change in place there will be plans to expand or even change use again further down the line. The inside of the house is also in dire need of modernisation as it has not been changed for many many years so is not suitable. She states that it will be of economic value to our community. This is not the case as she wouldn't be employing anyone from the local community as she has stated she will neither need to increase or decrease her staff. Also it states there is room for parking which if you have been to the property you will see only 1 car will be parkable on the drive. This will exasperate the problem of parking even more as it can already be a struggle without causing hazards to pedestrians (this is the walking route to the local primary school which is less than 2 minute walk from the property) or blocking other residential drives/access. The road is also used by parents of Batley girls high school as a rat run which is

already a big problem we are dealing with at school times. Next to the application address we also have a substation which would also limit parking as access is required by the electricity board at all times and I'm not sure what the implications of having a childrens home next to this would be. There is also the economic impact on the community of house prices devaluing. Residents have spent their lives looking after their homes and investing in them for their and their families futures. It is a proven fact that if the childrens home was allowed the houses prices on Harefield Drive and the neighbour roads would see a dramatic drop.

I also find it highly suspicious that there is no record of You 'n' us residence ltd on companies house or anywhere on the internet which again leads me to question the validity of the application. All in all I hope that you can see how concerned we are about the impact on our community especially our elderly and children. If this is passed it would be terrible if the people in our community felt that they couldn't enjoy their daily lives as they have always done and if isolation ment their mental health could suffer due to the consequences should this be allowed. Who is going to be held accountable should something happen to one of our neighbours or our children in our little close knit community? The council? The applicant? These are real concerns that we as a community have. Protecting the residents is paramount.

Thank you