

## 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
<p>I strongly object to the change of use of 14 Harefield Drive from a residential dwelling to a children's home. This is a quiet, residential street with families and elderly people. It is not a suitable property for institutional use and approving this application would set a precedent for other unsuitable developments in the future.</p> <p>My main concern is for the lack of parking with the application stating that any overspill from social workers, visitors etc could park on the street. There is already very limited parking on the street and 14 Harefield Drive is situated right on the bend. This is already a blindspot when trying to negotiate between parked cars on both sides of the road as it currently stands. I worry that even more cars will be a problem for emergency vehicles getting through as well as dangerous for pedestrians, many of whom are children, who use the pathway through to Burnside Close and onto Windmill Lane, to get to and from Windmill School.</p> <p>I'm also concerned about a possible increase in anti social behaviour in the area due to the proposed establishment. The residing children, potentially coming from disruptive backgrounds with behavioural issues could cause disruption to our quiet neighbourhood and I worry that their supervision will not be adequate with the staffing levels mentioned in the proposals.</p> <p>I hope the planning committee take the residents comments seriously and urge the council to reject this proposal in the interests of preserving our quiet, residential community.</p>	