

Address: 13 Swallow Hill Batley wf17 0qn

### 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	
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I would like to have my objections considered in light of the proposed change of use from a residential dwelling at 14 Harefield Drive Birstall Batley WF170QN to a Children's residential Home.

I believe the impact on this proposed change of use would be extremely detrimental to the area. Indeed I do not believe that there is likely to be any positive effects to the area, as a result of converting 14 Harefield Drive to a children's home.

This is a quiet residential area where many of the residents are elderly and/or have family's with small children who attend the local schools. It has been this way for over 40 years.

Parking at best is very limited on most days. The street is used for resident parking along with the use of the Launderette and Convenience store. It is also used for the pick up of children from the two local schools in the area which are located within a 2-3 minute walk from the proposed children's home.

I have read the proposal with regards to parking and "overflow parking" and can state that this is not a workable solution for the residents of this area. There is NO available "overflow parking" and I very much doubt that if this proposal was to be passed and the business up and running then any plans set out within the document with regards to parking would be adhered to. It would be every man or car from himself.

I also feel that the impact of further traffic in this area would have severe safety implications especially for our younger children and older residents.

I understand that there is a need to support our vulnerable children in society but I strongly feel that this residential area is not the right one for it to be homed in. Neither do I feel that a 3 bedroom house with only a back garden for recreational use appears to be suitable. I think this could cause much noise, and so create a lot of disturbance to the residents, especially the ones nearest to the property.

Of course. as yet we are unaware of the ages or problem's that any resident child within the home may have but I would think that any child with emotional challenges for instance would not be able to have their needs fully met within this proposed type of property.

My strong view is that the planning permission should not be granted. I feel that the local residents would be compromised as stated above, that the additional level of parking can only create more problems during the hours when children are delivered to, and picked up from, the local schools, and finally the property itself appears unsuitable for the purpose that is being requested.

As such, I strongly object to the planning request.