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

I would like to object to the application for change of use on 14 Harefield Drive to a residential children's home on the grounds that this area is unsuitable for a unit of this type. This is a quiet residential area , occupied by a mix of young families and elderly residents.

Whilst the application states that the children are likely to be supervised via mobile phone, which intimates that they will be teenagers rather than small children who are likely to play in the large garden described in the application. As a demographic teenagers, especially vulnerable/troubled ones are likely to be disruptive/possibly abusive within the community and I don't feel this is acceptable here. Whilst I appreciate they need to be housed somewhere, this should not be in ao quiet close knit community.

The other problem likely to be exascerbated by this application were it to be given the go ahead is the parking. Parking is already a problem in the area, which is aggravated at school start and finish times by parents parking any and everywhere at school drop off times. Parking at the property is being claimed as adequate for 2 vehicles parked in tandem. However with two members of staff on duty at all times and parking for staff changeovers required as well as visitors such as social workers and other health care individuals this is unlikely to be sufficient and as the property is on a bend in the road shunting cars back and forth at all times of the day and night is likely to cause safety issues to other passing drivers and pedestrians and elderly residents as well as noise and disruption to neighbours peace and enjoyment in their homes.