Reference- Planning application to change 14 Harefield Drive from a Residential dwelling into a care home for vunerable children

Dear Residents of Harefield Drive and surrounding areas:

This is a joint objection by residents to oppose the change of use of residential property on Harefield Drive to a childrens care home.

We the residents of Harefield Drive, Birstall, Batley and the surrounding neighbourhood strongly oppose the application for the change in use of No 14 Harefield Drive. This proposal not only threatens the safety of the families within our peaceful community but also its social values. We believe it would negatively affect our daily lives and would raise safeguarding issues with regards to children and the elderly within our close knit community.
The area is home to a number of schools and is a family focused residential area and residents and their families should be able to live without fear or disruption. The introduction of a Childrens home would most definitely jeopardise the safety and tranquility that we as a community currently enjoy. Statistically children in residential care aged between 13 and 15 are more likely to be criminalised (justiceinspectorates.gov.uk) which could see an increase in local crime rates. This is something we do not wish to see. We believe that children should have safe homes however there are more suitable areas that would not cause disruption to a residential area like ours. We strongly urge the council planning team to consider our concerns and protect the peace of the residents on or surrounding Harefield Drive. Please sign this objection if you share these concerns about maintaining our wonderful communities way of life.

Date: 19 : 1 : 2025

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