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Planning application no 2025/900003/E

I strongly object to no 14 Harefield Drive being changed to a children's care home.

- \* No previous experience of children's homes or social care needed by the director
- \* Director doesn't necessarily need to be DBS checked
- \* Responsible individual will not need to be registered with Ofsted
- \* Responsible individual having no previous experience of how a children's home operates
- \* What qualifications and training does the responsible individual have to say that they are competent and qualified?
- \* Will the manager be registered with Ofsted?
- \* Has the manager worked for 2 out of the last 5 years in a role that is relevant to residential care of children?
- \* Has a location risk assessment of the community been done? (Crimes/sexual offences/community thoughts)
- \* Are there adequate resources (activity rooms /therapy rooms) and security and adaptations at the address?
- \* Will staff have completed any specialist training with regards to complex needs and challenging behavioural problems?
- \* What safeguarding policies are in place for the child and the wider community?
- \* Are there any ways in which children will be privately able to report abuse?
- \* How will children be monitored and safeguarded whilst in the community unsupervised (grooming gangs, abuse, drugs anti social behaviour)?
- \* Are rules and regulations to be in place and adhered to?
- \* What regulatory agencies will be visiting the site and how frequently?
- \* What multi agency networks will be involved and visiting to safeguard?
- \* How often will Ofsted and any other regulatory agencies do checks?
- \* Who is funding the adaptations needed and the work needed on the house? Council or applicant?
- \* Who will be liable for any injuries or damages caused in the home or to residents and their properties?
- \* Is this a tax avoidance scam?
- \* What agreements will be made with regards to extensions/modifications at the property?
- \* Have any of the children got criminal records?
- \* Has any consideration been given towards people in the community like myself who suffer with anxiety disorders and panic attacks as to the well being on our mental health?
- \* Has any consideration been given towards safeguarding the elderly, the vulnerable and children already living in the area or do we not count?

- \* There could potentially be 5+ adults (if not more depending on situations) at the address at once. Where are they expected to park?
- \* House is on a bend and opposite a junction (so legally under traffic and highways acts cannot park in these locations) and is also next to a substation requiring access at all times. There is no overflow car parking and residents drives should not be blocked and spaces outside the shops should not be taken as parking is needed for the launderette and paper shop are used by many of the elderly residents.
- \* Have any other locations more suitable that are not in a close knit, tranquil residential area been considered?
- \* Changing the use of a residential home in this area would be materially different from its lawful use (under its covenant) as a conventional dwellinghouse
- \* Applicant started a company (Alma Care) in 2018 which has been dormant since registering? I would not class this as experience in a social care setting.
- \* Increased traffic and noise causing disturbance of the peace
- \* The house owner has had many people registered at her home address or has it been used basically as a PO Box? Will these all be checked with regards to safeguarding in case they too are to be at the home?
- \* Why is there no record of the company You 'n' us Residence Ltd on Companies house/Internet?
- \* Why has the applicant amended/changed wording in the application for example deleting the word teenagers and now saying the property is infact unoccupied and not inhabited as previously stated by herself?
- \* Are the applicant and owner being advised and helped by kirklees to ensure that this is passed at whatever cost?
- \* How come residents were not notified until 2 weeks after the application was submitted and only happened once objections were raised?
- \* Has planning already in theory approved this proposal and is just going through the motions and having a total disregard for the community?
- \* This proposal is of economic value to the applicant/owner only and not to the wider community who if anything will suffer in the long term
- \* Should local ward councillors remain biased and not take into consideration the views of their constituents to follow their own agenda?
- \* Increase in insurance premiums and house prices devaluation in a very sought after residential area
- \* is this what the government calls a profiteering childrens home that puts money before the safety of children?
- \* As these childrens homes are bankrupting local councils why is money not invested to open disused council properties (old care home in Ravensthorpe for example) to run as childrens home as this would be cost effective to the council and the tax payer.
- \* A childrens home in a residential house will not be the same as a family home as this isn't fostercare this is different staff members coming and going and may not always be the same people which could actually cause more harm to a child's disposition and mental health as there is no security and stability. Effectively they will be changing 'parents' every other day.
- \* What procedures are in place to ensure these 'children' will not be at increased risk of physical, emotional or sexual abuse?
- \* Quality of care will be inadequate and costs extortionate
- \* Social Work and preventative measures could fail these children due to the councils lack of financial resources

Please withhold my personal details from my objection