

DC Admin

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Sent: 25 January 2025 00:03
To: DC Admin
Subject: OBJECTION: PLANNING APPLICATION 2025/62/90003/E - 14 HAREFIELD DRIVE, BIRSTALL, WF17 0PQ

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I WISH THE FOLLOWING OBJECTION TO BE ADDED TO THE COMMENTS AND OTHER OBJECTIONS ON THE PLANNING APPLICATION PORTAL. PLEASE REDACT ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION BEFORE ADDING TO THE SITE.

I wish to express my grave concerns and object to the proposed change of use of 14 Harefield Drive, Birstall, WF17 0PQ to a children's residential home.

Harefield Drive is a densely populated area with an already existing issue in relation to parking congestion and safety in terms of local residents. At one end there is a small parade of shops which currently generates inconsiderate parking (particularly from the launderette). Cars are virtually abandoned in highly dangerous spots ie. on bends, on pavements directly opposite the junction with Rectory Drive etc thus creating a safety hazard for pedestrians. There is also transient parking from those collecting children from the local schools which causes many issues. Again with numerous cars being ditched over driveways and on pavements. My concern is for the vulnerability of any children housed in this location due to this.

I have concerns in relation to the additional parking congestion this proposal will create - residents have already noticed that visitors to this property are parking carelessly blocking neighbouring drives and parking on pavements. It is unlikely that this situation will improve if the owners are not adhering to sensible rules before this facility is opened. I enclose photos of some of the irresponsible parking in question for evidence. On this particular occasion I was unable to walk on the path due to the overgrown bushes from this property so had to walk on the road to get past. I believe parking on the pavement is illegal!!! The property is on a bend and this creates massive issues for anyone having to drive around these cars as visibility is very limited. We are in the application assured there is enough parking on site - so why are the owners not using it?

This area offers nothing for the proposed occupants of the house in terms of recreation activities. Any parks are at least a mile away. The property has an electricity sub -station almost in the garden and there is already anti -social behaviour activity which surely doesn't lend itself to an area suitable for these children.

I believe that this application should not have been considered by anyone let alone gain council approval - it would be an irresponsible decision to allow the go ahead for this and harbour potential for accidents or worse.

ATTACHED PHOTOS WERE TAKEN AT 17.04pm on Friday 24th January 2025.

I am happy to give the personal details required for processing this form. I understand that they will be stored for 2 years.

I understand that they will only be used to process this request and will not be shared with anybody other than Kirklees Council.

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