

### 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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Whilst I appreciate children in care deserve a safe & secure family unit I do not feel the area is suitable for such a care home & infact safe for the children. In the area we have seen a significant increase in antisocial behaviour especially on the howden clough estate & the football rec. please see cllrs Josh sheards post HOWDEN CLOUGH ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

This afternoon, along with Cllr Liz Smaje, I met with Safer Kirklees, West Yorkshire police and West Yorkshire Fire Brigade to address the serious concerns of on going anti social behaviour mainly taking place on the Leeds Road playing fields.

Today, we have set out the foundations of tackling this ASB issues and created an action plan on how we will achieve that. In the coming weeks/months, councillors for Birstall & Birkenshaw will be working in cordination with the above stakeholders to:

- Establish the Howden Clough Safety Partnership Committee: This will allow residents to attend meetings with councillors, police officers, fire brigade and Kirklees's community officers to express concerns and then charter away forward along with updates from key services on how we are tackling this issue.
- Greater Police Presence: WYP will establish further patrols in the area both in vehicles and on foot monitoring hotspots.
- Engagement: In partnership with safer Kirklees community officers will regularly speak to residents and conduct community walk abouts monitoring for signs of ASB. West Yorkshire fire brigade will also conduct fire safety and engagement days with local youths and schools.
- Enforcment: Along with greater policing presence, enquiries for greater CCTV in the area are ongoing to catch criminals vandalising and committing arson attacks. Under aged selling of alcohol, Tabacco and vapes by local businesses will now also be closely monitored and the law enforced.

Myself, Liz Smaje and Mark Thompson as councillors will remain in contact with relevant officers and coordinators to ensure that the action plan is being carried out, and ensure clear success metrics are being met. This is a plan that will also work cross border with police and the fire bridge in the leeds council district and schools in Morley.

Further information for the safety partnership will be released in due course.

Also there have been a number of sexual assaults & assaults in recent times, all documented on the public WYP website, on the hill-head drive & burnside close area, again is this really acceptable to have young vulnerable teens around, who are new to the area in a care setting?

I therefore ask the council seriously consider the above since safe guarding will be high priority regarding vulnerable children & reject the proposed application.