



How many times can residents be asked to say the same thing, this is now the third planning request that Lighthouse have put in to operate a children's home for vulnerable children in a quiet residential neighbourhood which is totally inappropriate.

This company have been trying to push their application through despite the detrimental effect it will have on the residents, who are mainly elderly, and have lived here for many years, although it is good to see that families with younger children have recently moved into the area, but they have now voiced valid concerns on what type of effect the behaviour of these vulnerable children may impact upon their children, as they are moved into the area with whatever behavioural issues or social issues which deem them to be vulnerable will manifest themselves.

The ink was barely dry on the refusal of the change of use to a residential home heard on 28th March, then another application was listed on the 4th April giving very little time for any serious consideration being given by Lighthouse to residents concerns other than the only change appears to be one less child and perhaps less staff, and the first application which was put in as a residential children's home prior to this was withdrawn by Lighthouse, who obviously thought it wouldn't succeed so opted for the change of use route which has been rejected, so what has changed to make it appropriate now for it to be considered as a residential children's home and the answer is nothing.

I cannot see how looking after 3 children is going to be commercially viable the property concerned, which was listed initially for sale as a 6 bedroom family house, at a figure of £650,000 is going to take some paying back and my concern would be if this application was approved for 3 children, how soon is it going to be before requests for change of use to more children are put forward for it to be commercially viable, once the door is opened there is no going back

The road still remains narrow and any increase in vehicles to and from the premises which will be the the same for 3 children, as it was for 4, and which has already been rejected still stands ,and there will still be the same impact for anti social behaviour and noise disruption as before.

The whole character of the residential area is going to be disrupted at the expense of people who have lived here quietly and happily for years, and I wholeheartedly hope and urge the planning committee to stand by the decision already made on the 4th April and to reject this application too, and not to cave in to Lighthouse who seem determined to push through what suits them as a company with no consultation or consideration for residents, and now have to make something work as they have ownership of the premises, when perhaps some research may have suggested it was never going to be appropriate in this location.