

I am once again writing to formally object to the proposed change of use from a domestic dwelling to a children's care home at 17 Far View Crescent. I have significant concerns regarding the proposed change of use in this particular location. A change of use to a children's home would lead to an increase in noise levels and traffic, particularly due to the greater number of residents (children and staff) in the home.

There are no suitable play facilities in the area for the children to enjoy, and as the company say they have challenging disorders and behaviours surely they need a good recreational area and not to be stuck inside the house ?

This 3rd application submitted has reduced the main staff from 4 to 3 and they are saying the daily manager will work remotely, but as they say on their application surely a manager managing young people with challenging disorders and behaviours will be needed onsite 24/7.

They also state that 3 staff, 2 staying over but one going home every night at 23.00 and then returning at 07.30 every day (this is very unsociable hours for local residents) but all 3 staff to handover every 2 days so that means 6 people 6 cars at 07.30 in a morning every 2 days (also very unsociable for local residents). I've worked shifts all my life and shift handovers are noisy. Cars arriving/departing, doors banging, colleagues talking/smoking outside the property, all of this at 07.30 and 23.00 this will be over a weekend.

This type of business would not be in keeping with the quiet and peaceful nature of the surrounding residential area. Also shift patterns can change over time so what assurances do we have that if they do succeed with this application that they then change to different times of handover ?

We still have the problem of deliveries all day long, food, laundry, social workers, offstead, therapists, getting the children to school and back again, doctors appointments
family visits, taxis (all hours)

The increase in traffic could also lead to congestion and safety hazards for the children themselves and elderly residents as this is a very narrow cul de sac and most households have 2 cars some have more, so cars already have to park on the pavements to allow traffic to pass.

This forces people to walk on the road which is dangerous especially for elder residents and the children themselves.

The change of this property into a childrens care home would introduce a change in character of the area, creating potential disruption for existing residents.

For the above reasons I urge the council to reject the application for a childrens care home.