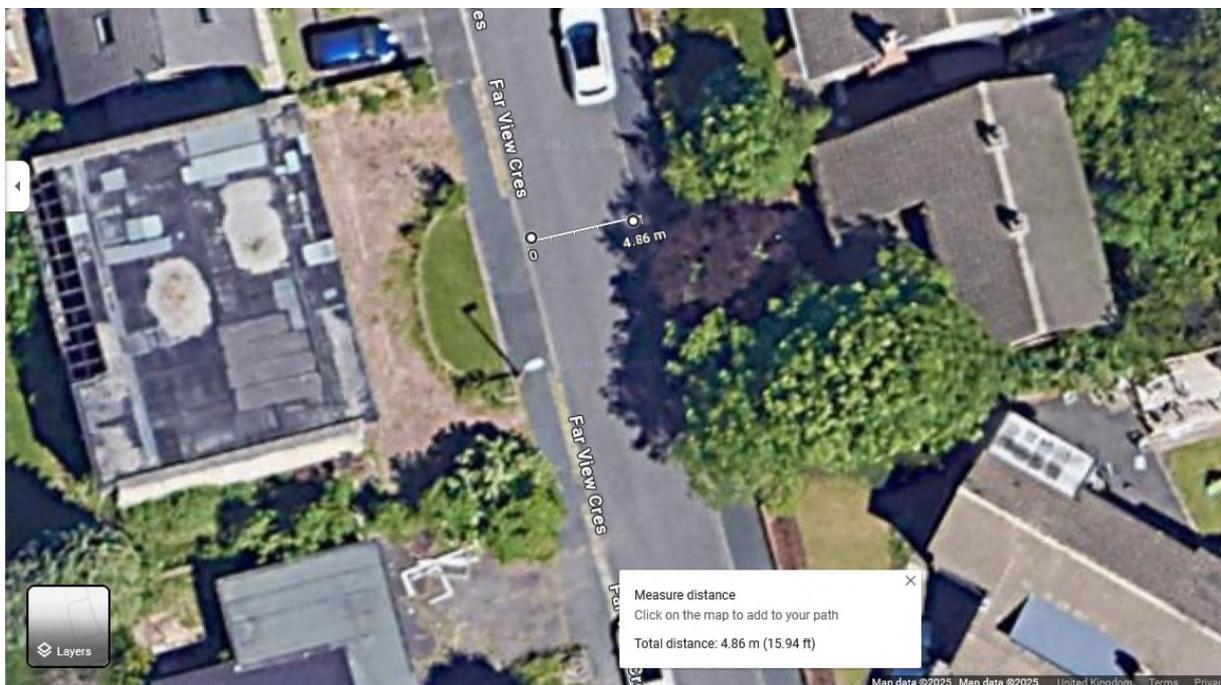


I would like to object to the proposal for the change of use of 17 Far View Crescent, HD5 8ER to a childrens home. The Far View Crescent/Far View Bank development was created in the late 1950s/early 1960s as a residential estate designed solely for domestic properties. At the time of the estates conception car ownership and usage levels were considerably lower than today and as such the planners created a road that is very narrow and only just sufficient to allow two regular sized cars to pass. Access can be very difficult when cars are parked on the roadside and if larger vehicles use the road (for deliveries/refuse collection/emergency services) access can be severely impeded.

The width of Far View Crescent is quite similar to Bradley Mills Road for which planning permission has recently been granted to widen it to around 6 metres as the current width (approximately 5 metres) is considered “too narrow by current standards” (Richard Barson – Kirklees Council 17/12/2024)

The road width outside 17 Far View Crescent measures approximately 4.9 metres (please see Google Maps image below) ,



and is strikingly similar to Bradley Mills Road measuring a little over 5 metres that is considered by Kirklees Council “too narrow by current standards” (please see Google Maps image below).



It would seem completely incompatible with Kirklees' professional opinion of Bradley Mills Road being "too narrow by current standards" that Far View Crescent could possibly even be considered as a suitable location for a commercial enterprise such as a children's home. It is quite clear to anyone even with only a vague knowledge of the estate that it simply cannot accommodate the additional parking needs associated with a children's care home and that the increased traffic flows puts residents at greater risk of injury.

The additional traffic created by a children's home with staffing, deliveries, visitors combined with the increased demand for parking (particularly at staff changeover and school-run times) simply cannot be accommodated on an estate designed for the traffic needs from around 65 years ago. I therefore urge Kirklees to reject not only this but any future applications to convert 17 Far View Crescent into anything other than a domestic dwelling. Kirklees Council have an obligation to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the residents of the Far View Crescent/Far View Bank estate, and permitting a change of use for commercial purposes would violate these obligations.