



## 1. Impact on the Character and Appearance of the Area.

The proposed change of use is out of character with the Woodland Glade Estate, which is a predominantly quiet residential area consisting of family homes and a private sports facility. The introduction of a residential institution of this nature, with an expected increase in comings and goings of staff and visitors, would fundamentally alter the residential character of the estate and members club.

## 2. Increased Traffic and Parking Issues

The application states that there will be 3 children and 3 staff members. This will inevitably lead to a significant increase in vehicle movements throughout the day and night due to staff shift changes, visiting professionals, and visitor traffic. Redwood Drive is not designed to accommodate this level of activity, especially as the property is situated at a dead end, and the increase in vehicles will lead to traffic congestion and a serious lack of on-street parking for residents. This poses a risk to road safety and a significant loss of amenity for neighbours.

## 3. Noise and Disturbance

The operation of a children's home will result in a level of noise and disturbance that is not in keeping with the surrounding area. This includes noise from increased vehicle traffic, people arriving and leaving the property at various times, and general activity associated with a commercial institution. The situation of the house means it would be necessary to drive through the entire estate to reach the property. This would be particularly disruptive during evening hours and at weekends, affecting the peace and quiet that residents of the Woodland Glade Estate currently enjoy.

## 4. Loss of Amenity and Privacy for Neighbours

The nature of the use, with a number of staff and children, could lead to a loss of privacy for neighbouring properties. The increased activity and potential for overlooking would reduce the residential amenity for those living in close proximity.

I believe that the proposed development would have an unacceptable impact on the residential character and the living conditions of the local community. I urge the council to refuse this application on the grounds of the negative impact it would have on the amenity of the area.

I trust that you will take my concerns into full consideration when making your decision.