

I am writing to formally object to the above planning application. While I understand the importance of providing appropriate accommodation for children in need, I believe this specific proposal raises serious concerns which should be considered as part of the decision-making process.

1. Traffic & Parking Impact

The property is located within a private residential estate designed for family dwellings. A Children's home will inevitably involve a higher volume of staff vehicles, visitors, professional services, and delivery traffic compared to a standard household. This could create congestion and increase road safety risks on roads not designed for such intensity of use.

2. Noise & Residential Amenity

A home accommodating children aged between 7 and 17, alongside rotating staff is likely to generate higher and more irregular levels of noise and disturbance than a single-family dwelling. This would have a negative impact on neighbouring residents and the overall quiet character of the estate.

3. Suitability of Location

The estate is a private residential development with shared community facilities, it is designed for low-impact family use. Introducing an institutional use of this nature risks undermining the established character of the area, setting a further precedent for further non-residential uses, and altering the balance of our community.

4 Over-intensification of Use

The change from a single household to a staffed residential institution represents an intensification of use beyond what is reasonable and appropriate in this location.

5. Prematurity of Operation

It is also concerning that the applicant is already advertising the property as a Children's home on a website www.templarhive.co.uk despite approval not yet being granted along with another address -1 Grantley Place. This raises questions about compliance with the planning process and future adherence to conditions, should permission be given.

6. Safeguarding and Welfare Considerations

The estate has shared community facilities, including a swimming pool, gym, sports pitches, and a licensed bar, which are used by resident families and children. The introduction of an institutional use accommodating children who may be particularly vulnerable raises safeguarding concerns in relation to unsupervised access to these facilities. Equally the welfare of existing resident children must be considered. This location does not appear to provide an appropriate or safe environment for the integration of such a use without significant safeguarding measures, which have not been addressed within the application.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application be refused.