



I strongly object to this application on several grounds and hope that you pay keen attention to the comments shared by myself and others.

1) Woodland Glade is a quiet family development where many young children reside, converting one of the properties to a children's home, will create both anti-social behavior as well as other issues that were well documented at Copthorne House. These issues will directly impact upon other children residing on the development.

2) From an Ofsted report from 2023, it is clearly documented that children's homes directly lead to issues leading to the requirement for Police callouts which simply reinforces the point I made in bullet 1.

3) From the same Ofsted report mentioned in point 2, children who reside in care homes are 15 times more likely to be criminalized compared to their peers and 25% of prison inmates are care experienced. Again, these reinforces my comments about the impacts to other children residing on the development.

4) The location directly provides multiple opportunities for residents to abscond with extensive woodland located in the immediate vicinity, this is a key issue for children's homes, also addressed in the Ofsted report. Children absconding directly leads to the need for police call outs that will disturb the peace of the development.

5) The homes located in the immediate vicinity will be directly impacted in terms of both noise and property devaluation. It is clear that given a choice, no one will chose to buy a house next door to a children's home.

6) On top of the points mentioned above, when children's homes have been located in residential developments in other parts of the country, there are statistically significant links to increased levels of crime, including but not limited to vandalism, theft, drugs and unexplained disappearance of pets.

7) Change of use for a residential property in a housing crisis for the country simply doesn't feel like the right thing to do, there already are not enough residential houses available for families within the UK or the immediate area.

8) Finally, I believe that if this change of use is approved it sets a dangerous precedence for the development that any house can be bought and converted to a children's home leading to a greater concentration of the items mentioned above instead of a family oriented development where it is a safe place to raise a family.