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Resident of Redwood.

I am writing to formally object to the above planning application for the change of use of 102 Redwood Drive into a children's home. Whilst I recognise the importance of providing care for vulnerable children, I have serious concerns about the suitability of this location for such a facility. My objections are based on the following planning considerations:

1. Impact on Residential Amenity

The proposed development is located within a quiet residential area with a lot of shared facilities that would be impacted and comprised. The use as a children's home has the potential to generate significantly higher levels of noise and activity, both during the day and night, compared to an ordinary family dwelling. This is likely to cause disturbance to neighbouring properties and undermine the character of the area.

2. Parking and Traffic Concerns

The property does not appear to have sufficient off-street parking provision to meet the needs of staff, visitors, and professionals who would regularly attend the home. This will result in increased on-street parking, congestion, and road safety risks for residents and children in the area.

3. Over-Intensification of Use

The property was designed as a single-family dwelling, not for multiple occupancy by staff and residents on a shift basis. The scale and intensity of the proposed use represent a material change that is not in keeping with the residential nature of the area.

4. Precedent for Future Change of Use

Approving this application could set a precedent for similar commercial-style uses in what is currently a residential neighbourhood, leading to a gradual erosion of the area's character.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that the Council refuses this application. Whilst I fully support the need for appropriate facilities for children in care, I believe this location is unsuitable and would have a negative impact on the local community.