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Application number: 2025/CLD/92297/W	
What is the application for?:	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed change of use from dwelling (use class C3
Address of the site or building:	102, Redwood Drive, Bradley, Huddersfield, HD2 1PW
Postcode:	HD2 1PW

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Concerns Regarding Proposed Children's Home on Our Estate.

I wish to raise serious concerns about the proposed children's residential facility at the end of our estate. The following issues highlight the potential risks and negative impact on both the children in care and the wider community:

Safeguarding and Safety Risks

- Individuals known to target vulnerable youth for sexual exploitation may loiter in the area, posing a threat to both girls and boys.
- The location may become a hotspot for county lines drug recruitment.
- The facility will attract a constant flow of professionals—staff, police, ambulances, social workers, taxis—resulting in heavy traffic for school runs and appointments.
- Family visits may include individuals with a history of abuse toward the child resident.
- There is a risk of theft from properties, including the targeting of pets.
- Graffiti, vandalism, and even arson are potential outcomes.
- Antisocial behaviour such as shouting, swearing, and public disturbances may increase.
- Incidents of violence, self-harm, and suicide could occur.
- The smell of cannabis and open drug use is already present and may worsen.
- Drug dealing and trading are known issues in the area.
- Young people have been seen carrying knives and other dangerous weapons.
- Groups of teenagers loitering and intimidating long-standing residents are a growing concern.
- Overall noise levels on the estate are likely to rise.

Community Impact

- The facility's location at the far end of the estate means all traffic must pass through residential areas, increasing congestion and disruption.
- The address of the proposed home has already been publicly listed on the Templar Hive website, raising serious safeguarding concerns.
- The safety of our own children, grandchildren, and vulnerable residents—including the elderly—is at risk.
- Antisocial behaviour, including drug use and sexual activity, is already occurring near the proposed site.

Planning Considerations

We urge the planning committee to consider the following key points:

- Negative impact on neighbouring amenity, as outlined above.
- Increased traffic and parking pressures throughout the estate.
- Higher noise levels, disrupting the peace of the community.
- Loss of privacy for nearby residents.
- Erosion of the family-oriented character of the neighbourhood, with long-term consequences for community cohesion.