



I wish to object to the above application for the following reasons. All properties on the Woodland Glade estate are subject to a deed of covenant that prohibits residents / owners for using their properties for business purposes. This application clearly breaches that covenant. The wording of the relevant covenant is as follows:

“Not to carry out any trade or business on the property or in or from the dwelling erected thereon.”

A further covenant requires owners / residents:

“To ensure that nothing at any time shall be done on the property or any part of the estate that shall be or become a nuisance annoyance or injury to any part of the estate or its occupiers.”

Opening a children’s home on the estate clearly breaches the above covenant for the following reasons.

The home will have a detrimental impact on the neighbouring amenity. There is a high likelihood of increased noise, antisocial and violent behaviour together with young people carrying knives and other weapons. Furthermore, there is the possibility of drug dealing and open drug use. Indeed, antisocial behaviour is already taking place in the area of the estate where the children’s home is proposed. If the application is approved, it will simply make the problem worse.

The home’s presence may also attract gang members seeking to recruit young people for their county lines drug operations together with sexual predators looking for vulnerable teenagers to exploit sexually. This will also put other children on the estate at risk of harm.

The home’s presence will also inevitably lead to an increase in vehicle traffic together with an associated increases in noise and pollution. This traffic will come from the vehicles belonging to: staff, social workers and other professionals, ambulances and the police. There will also be multiple taxis to deal with the school run and other appointments. There is only one entrance / exit to Redwood Drive, and the proposed home is at the far end, so traffic will have to pass through the whole estate. The presence of so much extra traffic will also lead to increased pressure on parking near the home to the detriment of its neighbours.

Finally, the address of the proposed home is already advertised on the Templar Hive website. This shows a clear lack of care for and awareness of safeguarding issues by the applicant. My concern for adequate safeguarding is not only for the children under the care of Templar Hive but also for the children, grandchildren and elderly residents of this estate if this application is approved.