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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

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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<p>As a resident of Redwood Drive, living in close proximity to the proposed property, I wish to register my strong objection to this planning application, not only as a resident but also as someone who has worked in the control rooms of the police and had dealings with care homes, on the following grounds:</p> <p>1. Detrimental Impact on Neighbouring Amenity.</p> <p>i) While I recognise that the children who may be placed here are vulnerable and in need of support, this location is not appropriate due to serious safeguarding concerns. The estate is home to many young children and teenagers. There is a real risk that the property could attract individuals such as groomers or drug dealers, particularly as the address has already been publicly shared on the Templar Hive website. Staff at the facility cannot realistically prevent these children from associating with such individuals, whether relatives or acquaintances, who may visit or meet them in public spaces nearby. This creates a serious risk for both the children in the facility and the wider community.</p> <p>ii) The children referred to such facilities often display antisocial behaviours, including carrying offensive weapons, substance misuse, and violent or aggressive conduct. The location by the property already struggles with some issues of drug use and antisocial activity, and placing this facility here will both expose these children to further risks and increase risk to local children on the estate. I am concerned that friends or associates of the residents will congregate near the property, causing nuisance, intimidation, and potential danger to children and adults alike. Personally, I walk past this property several times a day — I fear I will no longer feel safe to do so.</p> <p>iii) The local community centre and nearby woods are well-used by children and families. It is highly likely that residents of the facility and their associates will also use these spaces. This would deter families from accessing facilities that are intended to bring the community together, undermining one of the key reasons people move to this area.</p>	

iv) There is also a heightened risk of property crime, vehicle theft, vandalism, graffiti, and even arson arising from antisocial behaviour linked to this type of facility.

Our estate has historically been a safe and supportive environment for families and older residents. Many people, including ourselves, chose to move here for that reason. Establishing this facility risks destroying that sense of safety and community cohesion.

2. Lack of Safeguarding Awareness by the Applicant.

The applicant has already demonstrated poor safeguarding judgment by publicly advertising the property address on the Templar Hive website. This action places not only the vulnerable children themselves at risk but also the children of the estate. The website shows the children's play area which is inappropriate. The map pinpoints the wrong house as the location which is not only careless but also a safeguarding issue

3. Increased Traffic and Parking Pressure.

The operation of such a facility will bring a constant flow of additional vehicles: staff members, social workers, professionals, taxis, ambulances, and police. With the property situated at the end of the estate, all traffic will be forced to pass through residential streets, creating noise, congestion, and safety hazards. As I live nearby, this would have a significant daily impact on my household.

4. Adverse Impact on Community and Shared Facilities.

The cumulative effect of the issues above will be increased noise, loss of privacy, and a rise in stress and anxiety for residents, including children and the elderly. The community centre — funded by and for residents — will inevitably be affected, eroding its value as a safe, welcoming place for families.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I strongly object to this planning application. The proposed use of the property is incompatible with the character of Redwood Drive and would have a serious and detrimental impact on the safety, wellbeing, and amenity of residents.