**About the application**

| Application number: 2025/92872 | |
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| What is the application for?: | Change of use from residential dwelling (Class C3) to children's care home (Clas |
| Address of the site or building: | 24, Thornleigh Road, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, HD4 5PY |
| Postcode: | HD4 5PY |

**User comments**

| Type of comment: An objection | |
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| Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously? | Yes |

I am formally commenting to object to the above planning application for the development of a children's home at 24 Thornleigh Road.

While I recognise the importance of providing appropriate accommodation for vulnerable young people, this proposal is unsuitable for this location for the following reasons:

1. Unsuitability for a Residential Area:
The proposed site is situated within a quiet residential neighbourhood made up of family homes. The introduction of an institutional facility—however well-intentioned—would fundamentally change the character of the area. Residential zones are intended to provide stability, predictability, and security for local families, and this development would be inconsistent with the existing use and layout of the surroundings.

2. Existing Parking and Traffic Issues:
Parking on Thornleigh Road is already extremely limited. Residents regularly struggle to find safe and reasonable parking near their homes. A children's home would inevitably introduce additional staff vehicles, support workers, visitors, and delivery/transport services. This will increase congestion and create further pressure on an already overstretched parking situation, causing inconvenience and potential safety issues.

3. Concerns About Antisocial Behaviour and Noise Pollution:
Although not every children's home experiences such issues, there is a legitimate concern that an increased number of unrelated occupants with varying levels of need could lead to heightened noise levels and possible antisocial behaviour. The close proximity of neighbouring homes means even modest disturbances would have a significant impact on residents' quality of life, particularly in the evenings and at night.

4. Failure of Proper Notification Procedures:
I am also concerned that the proper statutory process for informing local residents has not been followed. Several neighbours, including myself, did not receive any direct notification of the application, despite living in the immediate vicinity and being clearly affected by the proposed development. This lack of consultation undermines confidence in the fairness and transparency of the process and has denied residents an adequate opportunity to respond within appropriate timeframes.

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly urge the Council to refuse this planning application. The proposal, while well-meaning, is inappropriate for this specific location and poses genuine concerns for the living conditions and wellbeing of existing residents.