

About the application

Application number: 2025/93269	
What is the application for?:	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed use of dwelling as children's home
Address of the site or building:	1A, Lydgate Drive, Lepton, Huddersfield, HD8 0EN
Postcode:	HD8 0EN

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<p>I wish to object to the above planning application on the following material planning grounds.</p> <p>1. Loss of Residential Use and Impact on Local Character The proposal would change the use of a single dwelling (Use Class C3) — a quiet family home — to a residential institutional use (Use Class C2). This represents a significant intensification of use compared with its existing residential function, and it would be out of keeping with the predominantly domestic character of Lydgate Drive. Policies within the Kirklees Local Plan require development to respect the character and amenity of existing residential areas. The street is mainly occupied by bungalows and family homes and is characterised by low noise levels and minimal vehicle movements. The introduction of an institutional use with shift-working staff and associated activity would materially harm the established residential character</p> <p>2. Harm to Residential Amenity The proposed use, which will require regular staff presence, shift changes, deliveries, and visitors, would result in increased activity, noise, and disturbance. This would detract from the quiet residential environment that current residents — predominantly vulnerable elderly people and young families — reasonably expect. The intensity of comings and goings associated with a children's home is materially greater than that of a single household, and therefore the application should be assessed against Local Plan criteria for amenity protection.</p> <p>3. Inadequate Parking Provision The property does not have sufficient off-street parking to accommodate the staffing requirements of a children's home. Based on the applicant's own information, at least three staff members would be present at any one time on a shift-working basis. As a result, staff vehicles would be forced to park on the public highway. This would lead to increased on-street parking pressure on a street that was not designed to accommodate this level of demand and would materially harm the living conditions of neighbouring residents</p>	

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4. Highway Safety and Junction Location

The application property is located at the mouth of a junction. Any regular on-street parking outside or adjacent to the property would significantly reduce visibility for drivers entering or leaving Lydgate Drive.

This creates a clear and unacceptable highway safety risk, particularly for pedestrians, children, and vulnerable residents. The likelihood of staff vehicles parking close to the junction, due to the lack of on-site parking, would exacerbate this danger and conflicts with highway safety objectives within the Local Plan

5. Unsuitability of Location for an Intensified Use

Lydgate Drive's quiet residential nature, low traffic levels, and demographic profile make it unsuitable for a use involving continuous staffing, shift patterns, and increased external activity. The proposal would be an over-intensive use of a modest residential property and incompatible with neighbouring domestic properties.

For the above reasons, centred on the protection of residential character and amenity, parking provision, and highway safety, I respectfully request that Kirklees Council refuse planning permission for application ref: 2025/CLD/93269/W.