

About the application

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| 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 |

User comments

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| Type of comment: An objection | |
| Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| <p>I object to this Certificate of Lawfulness. The proposal constitutes a Material Change of Use from Class C3 (Dwellinghouse) to Class C2 (Residential Institution) due to the intensity of operation described below.</p> <p>1. Intensification of Traffic and Parking The application confirms a staffing ratio of 2-3 staff on a three-part rolling shift pattern (8am-5pm, 5pm-9pm, 9pm-8am). This necessitates up to 18 daily staff vehicle movements, with significant congestion during shift handovers when arriving and departing staff overlap. This traffic is further intensified by required professional visits from social workers, advocates, nurses, IROs, and PCSOs. This volume of movement on a quiet horseshoe street is materially different from a single domestic household.</p> <p>2. Institutional vs. Domestic Nature The property will not function as a single household as there is no permanent resident carer. It will operate as a commercial workplace for rotating shift workers. The installation of "external-facing CCTV," "access controls," and enforced curfews further defines the property as a secure facility rather than a standard family home.</p> <p>The high frequency of staff rotation, lack of permanent residency, and volume of external agency visits create an intensity of use materially different from a C3 dwelling. The Council should Refuse the Certificate and require a Full Planning Application to properly assess these impacts.</p> | |