

About the application

Application number: 2025/GLD/93269/W	
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

Type of comment: An objection	
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<p>I am writing to formally object to the planning application referenced above.</p> <p>It appears that the dwelling is changing from a family home to a residential institution, operating as a commercial workplace for shift workers. This proposal would constitute a Material Change of Use from Class C3 (Dwellinghouse) to Class C2 (Residential Institution), as it would result in greatly increased activity and disturbance compared to a conventional domestic household. Furthermore, there have been no planning notifications put up next to the property to inform local residents of the planning application, so residents only found out by word of mouth. This contravenes the local planning authority's duty of transparency to inform the community about proposed developments (as per The Town and Country Planning Order 2015).</p> <p>My main concern with this application is that there is insufficient parking for a children's home, such as is proposed, which would impact on safety of local residents. This household has parking for 2 cars on its driveway, but any additional cars would need to be parked on the road. If there are 2 to 3 staff per shift, there will be double that at handovers, requiring parking for 4 to 6 vehicles at handover times, two to three times a day. Additionally, there would likely be frequent visits from family members and external professionals such as social workers, increasing parking requirements further.</p> <p>This is potentially dangerous, as the house is on a junction between Lydgate Drive and the A629 Wakefield Road, which sees heavy traffic during the day. Any cars parking on the road by the junction would greatly reduce visibility for cars and pedestrians using the junction, thereby increasing the risk of accidents and would also likely lead to increased queuing traffic on Wakefield Road as cars enter/exit Lydgate Drive at this junction. Additionally, cars parking at the junction would impede access to the street for emergency services and bin lorries as well as any other large vehicles needing access to the street.</p> <p>Overall, I urge Kirklees' Council to refuse the planning application as it stands in order to properly assess these impacts.</p>	