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About the application

Application number: 2025/93304	
What is the application for?:	Change of use from dwelling (C3) into a childrens home (C2) for 3 children
Address of the site or building:	Sty Mount, Long Causeway, Thornhill, Dewsbury, WF12 0RG
Postcode:	WF12 0RG

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
Do you wish your comments to be published on the website anonymously?	No
In line with data protection requirements, I do not consent to any of my personal details being made publicly available, including my name, postal address and telephone number. Longcauseway is a tiny / narrow street with just 5 buildings (6 houses) The proposal is out of character for such a small residential area and disproportionate to a street of its size. Cars already struggle to get up and down and turning is difficult due to the road being so narrow and it being a dead end. This is a quiet road with very little traffic, which is why we as residents chose this location. We have concerns that a children's home will bring excess traffic and noise levels, plus police visits if children are not back by curfew. The road is almost impossible to access or leave in the snow The street is often unusable in snow due to its steep and narrow nature and it is not on a gritting route. On foot, it is very steep and slippery in icy conditions, which has led to past injuries from residents. A children's home requires guaranteed access for staff shift changes, emergency services, social services, and safeguarding services at all times. This location does not meet this requirement due to limited access in bad weather. Parking and vehicle requirements exceed what the road can accommodate With three staff members and a manager on-site taking up the four spaces allocated and the property being adjacent to woodland at the bottom of a deadend, there is no on street parking close to the property for visitors, Responsible Individuals, Regulation 44 visitors, social workers etc. There is also a turning bay at the bottom of the road, next to the property, that cannot be blocked at any time by additional cars, as it is needed for ambulances to turn. The road isn't council-owned and is in poor condition with potholes - impacting highway safety.	

safety

A children's residential home will increase traffic on a road that is poorly maintained, especially with nine full-time staff members and visits from friends and family, social workers and a 'Responsible Individual' etc. This raises safety concerns for both residents and visitors, including school children who walk down the road to school.

Poor public transport links mean staff must drive

The location is hard to get to on public transport outside of Dewsbury centre. This means staff members must arrive via car, which increases traffic on an already unsuitable road.

There is poor lighting / safety concerns at the bottom of the street

The lower part of the street where the proposed C2 is located has poor lighting and is adjacent to woodland areas, making it unsafe for accessing the property at night for the young people.

I don't agree that "comings and goings will be no different to a normal family home"

A family home does not have: 3 staff arriving and leaving every 24 hours, a manager working 9-5, or social visits, 'Responsible Individual' visits, Regulation 44 visits and Ofsted inspections etc. This is over and above what is expected of a typical 'dwelling' and out of character for such a tiny residential street.

I believe the points raised clearly show that this location is not suitable for a C2 children's home. The access issues, parking limitations, safety concerns, inaccuracies within the application and the lack of any clear justification for choosing this site all present significant problems for a street of this size.