

Application number
2026/62/90828/W

On reading the proposed application we object to the application based upon the following concerns:

- a. The police have recommended the application is rejected on safeguarding grounds. If the application is granted, it goes against the expert advice of the police.
- b. There will be a noticeable increase in traffic, from staff vehicles as well as those visiting the home, throughout the day and night. This will cause additional noise and air pollution, affecting the residents of nearby properties as well as increase in danger to pedestrians, walking passed the property driveway.
- c. Depending upon the amount of vehicles and staff, this may likely result in vehicles parking on the surrounding roads, leaving little space for residents, which is already very limited.
- d. The change of use application gives little information of the ages of the children that will be staying there, the extent of their behavioural issues and whether they have any criminal background. We, therefore, have serious concerns for the safety of our own children, who play out within yards of the property, ourselves and our property.
- e. The design and access statement within the supporting information says that the property has a large, secure and enclosed garden to the rear. However, this is not the case. There is no or little fencing at the back of the property which goes straight into the council owned woods, to the gardens of neighbouring properties and the main road.
- f. This is a residential area with no anti-social behaviour problems. We are concerned this change of use application will have a detrimental impact on this.
- g. We are also concerned that there will be a noticeable increase in noise and disturbance from the property throughout the day and night. We cannot see how two staff can prevent this or any possible antisocial or criminal behaviour.
- h. There have been many planning applications made over the past seven years for 90 Birchencliffe Hill Road (since 2019). Despite some being granted, we are not aware of any building working being carried out. We are concerned that if this change of use application is granted, this may lead to other change of use applications.