

About the application

Application number: 2026/91547	
What is the application for?:	Change of use of residential dwelling (Use Class C3) to childrens care home for
Address of the site or building:	28, Sylvan Ridge, Huddersfield, HD2 1ZH
Postcode:	HD2 1ZH

User comments

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I wish to object to the proposed change of use from C3 residential dwelling to a C2 children's home at 28 Sylvan Ridge (2026/62/91547/W). The application does not adequately address the impact of introducing a regulated 24 hour care facility into an established residential neighbourhood. 1. Unsuitable property The house is a standard domestic dwelling and does not meet the operational, safety, or regulatory requirements of a children's home without major alteration. 2. Traffic and parking impact A 24 hour care home involves shift staff, social workers, therapists, emergency services and inspectors, creating continuous vehicle movements and additional parking pressure on a narrow residential street. 3. Harm to residential amenity Increased footfall, staff rotation and professional visits would materially alter the quiet residential character of Sylvan Ridge and reduce neighbours' privacy and tranquillity. 4. Noise and disturbance Children with complex needs may generate noise, late night activity and emergency interventions. A domestic house lacks the sound insulation required to prevent disturbance. 5. Safeguarding concerns The location presents risks due to visibility, proximity to busy roads and potential exposure to antisocial behaviour. The application provides insufficient detail on safeguarding and incident management. 6. Over intensification The proposed use exceeds what the property and surrounding infrastructure can reasonably support.	

7. Inadequate outdoor space

The garden and boundaries are not suitable for secure recreation or therapeutic use.

8. Policy conflict

The proposal conflicts with Policy LP1 of the Kirklees Local Plan and NPPF Chapters 8 and 12, which aim to protect residential amenity and ensure appropriate locations for institutional care.

9. Relevant recent decisions

Kirklees Council recently refused a similar application at 2 Robin Hood Road (2024/91803), with safeguarding concerns confirmed again at appeal (APP/Z4718/W/24/3356783). This application presents comparable issues and lacks the required operational detail.

10. Cumulative impact

Bradley already hosts multiple children's residential facilities and an OAP home. Additional saturation risks harming community cohesion. Previous foster placements on Sylvan Ridge caused significant disruption and repeated police attendance, demonstrating the street is not suited to institutional care uses.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Council refuse this application.