

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 planning application for the change of use from a residential dwelling to a children's home accommodating up to two children aged between 7 and 17 years.

On the grounds that West Yorkshire police have already objected to similar proposal for a childrens home on Robin Hood road which is only 30 yards from Sylvan ridge. Also Kirklees Children's Services, who are committed to ensuring that children are cared for in the most appropriate setting to meet their individual needs, will Not support this application. They state the supporting information in the application does NOT demonstrate that the proposal has been developed in response to an identified sufficiency need

within Kirklees. Whilst the proposed home is relatively small, accommodating up to two children, there is insufficient evidence to demonstrate how the provision aligns with Kirklees Children's Services'.

There is already an significant over provision of children's homes in Kirklees that far exceeds our children's home placement needs. There is a significant growth in new children's homes opening over the last three years. The over provision of children's home provision in Kirklees leads to children from other local authorities being placed in Kirklees, this is not in line with government policy; Keeping children safe, helping families thrive - GOV.UK

There is no evidence that the proposed development meets an identified sufficiency requirement.

There is also a lack of alignment with Kirklees placement needs, which prioritise smaller homes for older teenagers.

The government proposes "as part of Ofsted's registration assessment for new provision, we are going to strengthen the location assessment by including a requirement for an application to register a children's home be accompanied by an endorsement from the relevant children's services team that they have determined that there is a local need for the proposed children's home. This will give local authorities a greater say on the type and quantity of provision they need in their area and will allow Ofsted to refuse registration where provision is deemed not needed."

Therefore, based on the information in the planning application, Kirklees Children's Service does NOT support this application.

Kind regards