

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 strongly object to the application for change of use from C3 residential home to children's home at 28 Sylvan Ridge [2026/62/91547/W].

1. Kirklees council refused a similar application [2024/91803] at 2 Robin Hood Road on the advise from West Yorkshire police regarding safeguarding concerns in the area especially concerning vulnerable children in care. The application was again refused on appeal [APPZ4718/W/24/3356783]. Considering this property is a stones throw away from 28 Sylvan Ridge all the relevant safeguarding issues would still be applicable.

In addition the rear garden of 28 Sylvan Ridge backs directly on to Lower Fell Greave Wood that in turn is connected to Bradley Gate Wood, Dyson Wood and Screamer Wood. This large dense wooded location provides increased safeguarding risk due to hidden areas for child sexual or county lines drug exploitation to vulnerable children away from public view. Also easy access to the vast wooded area could be opportunity for absconding and danger posed by the terrain. Emergency access for police and other emergency service would be difficult to deal with in a crisis.

2. The application contains incorrect and misleading information regarding the existing outside of the property and surrounding area. One of the plans submitted showing the location of the property is not the correct street, although it states it is Sylvan Ridge the property highlighted on the plan is not 28 Sylvan Ridge, this is very misleading as it does not show the property backs directly onto Lower Fell Wood. There are other inaccuracies in addition.

3. The application does not adequately address the issues regarding the increase of traffic and noise on a narrow residential street. There would be 24 hour shift staff, social workers, inspectors, therapists all increasing vehicle movement.

3. Kirklees Children's Services do not support the application and state there is a significant over provision of children's homes in Kirklees already that far exceeds children's home placement needs. The application does not align with Kirklees placement needs therefore does not support it.

I therefore request this application is dismissed and not approved on the safeguarding and other issues outlined.