

About the application

Application number: 2026/91869	
What is the application for?:	Change of use of dwelling (Use Class C3) to childrens care home for up to two ch
Address of the site or building:	4, Armytage Crescent, Lockwood, Huddersfield, HD1 3TY
Postcode:	

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Objection to Planning Application 2026/91869 4 Armytage Crescent, Lockwood, Huddersfield Proposed change from a residential house (C3) to a children's care home (C2) I wish to object to this planning application for the following reasons: 1. Not enough parking and concerns about access Armytage Crescent already has a serious shortage of parking. Many households have more than one car, and vehicles are regularly parked along the road and sometimes in ways that make it difficult for other vehicles to get through. There are also a large number of vehicles parked up on the street who are staff members from mount pleasant school. Emergency vehicles, bin lorries and other larger vehicles can already have difficulty accessing the street. A children's care home would likely have staff working around the clock, with different staff coming and going during shift changes. There could also be visits from social workers, healthcare professionals, family members and other professionals, as well as deliveries and other service vehicles. This would create additional traffic and parking demand on a street that already has limited space. I understand that Kirklees Council has recently refused similar applications where there was insufficient parking and concern about access, including application 2026/90484, where two parking spaces were considered insufficient for a C2 use. 2. Concerns about crime and the safety of vulnerable children There are concerns about levels of crime and anti-social behaviour in the local area	

There are concerns about levels of crime and anti-social behaviour in the local area, including drug-related crime.

There are also concerns about the number of people with serious criminal convictions living in the surrounding area. These concerns are particularly relevant because the proposed home would accommodate vulnerable children who require a safe and suitable environment.

I believe the Council should carefully consider whether this particular location is appropriate for children who may already be vulnerable and require additional safeguarding.

3. Concerns about whether this is a suitable location for vulnerable children

This is currently a residential street made up primarily of ordinary family homes.

The Council's planning policies require developments to take account of crime prevention and the safety of people living in and using the development.

Given the nature of the proposed use and the vulnerability of the children who may live there, I believe the suitability and safety of this particular location should be carefully assessed.

4. The property may not be suitable for this level of use

The property is a relatively small residential house and plot.

A children's care home would have additional requirements compared with an ordinary family home, including staff, supervision, parking, visitors and suitable outdoor space.

I am concerned that the size of the property and the available space around it are not sufficient to accommodate these requirements without causing problems for the occupants or neighbouring residents.

5. Impact on neighbours and the residential character of the street

A normal family home is likely to generate a relatively limited amount of traffic and activity.

A children's care home would operate 24 hours a day and would involve staff working in shifts, meaning people and vehicles would be coming and going throughout the day and night.

There could also be regular visits from professionals, deliveries and other service vehicles.

This would result in a noticeable increase in activity and traffic compared with the current use of the property.

I am concerned that this would affect neighbouring residents and change the quiet

residential character of Armytage Crescent.

Conclusion

I respectfully ask Kirklees Council to refuse this application.

My main concerns are the existing lack of parking, difficulties with access, the additional traffic and activity that would be created by a 24-hour children's care home, the suitability of the location for vulnerable children, and the potential impact on neighbouring residents and the character of the street.

I ask the Council to take these concerns into account when considering application 2026/91869.