

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 Change of Use from C3 Dwelling to C2 Children's Care Home I wish to object to the above application on the following material planning grounds: 1. Severe parking congestion and unsafe access (LP22) Armytage Crescent already suffers from significant parking saturation, with most households owning multiple vehicles. On street parking is routinely obstructed, and emergency/waste vehicles already struggle to access the street. A C2 children's home requires 24 hour staffing, shift changes, visiting professionals, and service vehicles. This materially increases parking demand beyond what the street can safely accommodate. The proposal does not meet the requirements of Local Plan Policy LP22, and no parking strategy has been submitted. Kirklees has recently refused similar applications due to insufficient parking provision and unsafe access arrangements, including Ref 2026/90484, where two spaces were deemed inadequate for a C2 use. 2. Crime, anti social behaviour, and safeguarding risks (LP24) The local area has experienced high levels of drug related crime, and recent police operations have identified within the immediate vicinity. This presents a clear safeguarding risk for vulnerable children. The proposal fails to meet LP24, which requires development to minimise crime risk and ensure safe living conditions	

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No evidence has been provided of consultation with West Yorkshire Police Designing Out Crime Officers, which is standard for C2 applications.

3. Location unsuitable for vulnerable children (NPPF Paragraph 96)

Policy LP24 and NPPF Paragraph 96 require safe, appropriate environments for vulnerable children.

Given the documented crime levels, drug activity, and concentration of the location is unsuitable for a children's care home.

4. Over intensive use of a small residential property

The property and plot size are insufficient to support the operational needs of a C2 home, including staffing, supervision, parking, and outdoor space.

Kirklees has refused similar proposals due to over intensive use of constrained sites.

5. Harm to residential amenity and character (LP24)

A C2 care home introduces a materially different pattern of activity compared to a C3 dwelling, including:

- 24 hour staffing
- shift changes
- professional visits
- increased vehicle movements
- potential behavioural incidents

This disrupts the quiet residential character of Armytage Crescent and harms neighbour amenity.

6. No Operational Management Plan submitted

The applicant has not provided essential operational details, including:

- staffing levels
- shift patterns
- supervision arrangements
- visitor frequency
- behaviour management strategy
- safeguarding protocols
- parking strategy
- noise mitigation

Without this information, the impact cannot be properly assessed.

7 No evidence of consultation with West Yorkshire Police (Designing Out Crime)

No Secured by Design consultation has been provided.

8. Lack of demonstrated need for a C2 home in this location

The applicant has provided no evidence of local need or justification for placing a children's home in an area with elevated crime and safeguarding risks.

Kirklees has refused similar applications where need was not demonstrated.

9. Precedent risk

Approving this application would set a precedent for further C2 conversions in the area, worsening parking, crime exposure, and residential disruption.

Conclusion

For the reasons above—parking inadequacy, crime/safeguarding risks, location unsuitability, lack of operational detail, failure to meet LP22 and LP24, and over intensive use—I respectfully request that the application be refused.