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Application Reference No. : SMD/2020/0193 Site Address: Furlongs Cheadle Road Blythe Bridge Staffordshire ST11 9PW Stoke-On-Trent Comments by: Dawn PlantForsbrook Parish Council
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Submission: Objection
Comments: The property currently sits well in its position and surroundings. Creation of additional parking space (6 stated) would have a visual impact on both the appeal of the property and its setting.

The location is inappropriate for care provision as there is little public transport available and therefore an increased reliance upon vehicular movement.

There is little to no pavement from the location to Blythe Bridge on the same side of the road, the road is extremely busy and given the traffic and speeds on this roads further foot traffic would increase risk of harm.

The application states that there will be little change to that of a dwelling, this is not the case. In order to meet legislative requirements of various bodies a number of changes will need to be made in order to meet the requirements of such bodies HSE, Food Standards Agency, Waste Management etc - a lot of this will require increased vehicular movement and access.

Many children in care do not attend the local schools as they tend to be retained in their familiar environment. Again there is no school bus provision and therefore taxi's are likely to be used, a further increase in vehicles.

The Department for Education's Children's Homes Datapack (Dec. 2014) (England) shows that more than 75% of care-home residents were between 14 and 17 and predominantly (two thirds) male. The majority of placements are for less than six months, suggesting that the dwelling environment is far from similar to the "family" model claimed by the applicant. 9% of children on average "go missing" from children's homes (vs 1% from foster care) representing a significant drain on Police resources. This appears quite typical from a simple web search, and Police forces have often objected to such applications given increasingly limited personnel numbers. Criminal activity for

children's home residents is around 20% - roughly 2-3 times greater; and rates of substance abuse are again at 13-19%, 2 -3 times greater than that of other "looked after" children (ages 13-17).

The change of use may have some devaluation consequences to the vicinity.

This type of care provision would be better suited to an area with sustainable transport and various amenities better suited to this age group.

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