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Application Reference No. : SMD/2021/0290 Site Address: Nab Hill House Nab Hill Avenue Leek
Staffordshire ST13 8EF Leek Comments by: Lynne Burton

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Submission: Objection

Comments: We wish to register our objection to this planning application. The location of this residence is completely unsuitable for a care establishment to house 6 residents/adolescents with behavioral challenges as it is central to a quiet residential area. I have working experience of employment in this type of environment and this client group, 2 staff on duty is woefully inadequate to supervise this number of young people especially if they become distressed, agitated and/or abscond. Leek doesn't even have a well staffed police presence to respond to any request for support, with any help most likely being sent from the potteries so a minimum of 30 minutes delay in response to crisis situations at least. My research into the company suggests they are not good employers with a reluctance to use agency staff when necessary resulting in employees being expected to cover additional shifts with little concern for their work/life balance. There also appears to be a significant turnover of staff. Compass offers accommodation for individuals with issues re sexual behaviour, there are 4 schools in close proximity to Nab hill house and I am concerned about the potential risks to local children the care home residents may pose. Increased traffic would also be problematic as traffic is often congested on both Nab Hill Avenue and Hillswood avenue as both roads only have capacity for single lane traffic. The submission references frequently to the fact that it could be a care home without seeking planning permission but this would restrict the number of residents to 4 and the planning seeks permission to accommodate 6 individuals plus staff. This is obviously a commercial decision and is not 'family life' at all, its just another institution desperately trying to justify itself. I would suggest the council officers look at other establishments run by this company and note the number of incidents the police and emergency services have had to respond to since opening and the chaos this has caused to those living in close proximity. Please refuse this application.

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