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Submission: Objection

Comments: I live next door to Brown Edge Chip Shop and opposite Brown Edge Community Centre, which is run as a Pre-School playgroup and at weekends is a dance studio. In Sandy Lane there are also three businesses runs as hairdresser salons. On the entrance to Sandy Lane from Endon Road is also a Workshop that is has been leased and a business is ready to move in. The car park entrance to the Nisa supermarket is also in Sandy Lane. So already within 100 yards I have seven businesses close to my property, adding another is going to bring about further traffic disruption in and around my home.

Pedestrian movement is already hazardous as there is no footpath on the side of the proposed children's home and a very small and narrow footpath on the opposite side of the road to the children's home. During busy times, such as when the chip shop is open and certain times the Pre-School is open the traffic is chaos, to the point my drive gets blocked and sometimes cannot egress from my property with my car due to all the visitors visiting the businesses in Sandy Lane.

I Believe that the highway will become dangerous with the addition of traffic that will be visiting the children's home. Given that it will be a 24-hour facility requiring attendance of support staff working shifts or visiting in emergency situations, Ofsted visits and maintenance teams such as gardeners. It will increase the number of vehicles requiring egress and access from the property. It will create further disruption and disturbance potentially at any time during the day or night. It will clearly also increase noise in the area throughout the day and night. The property's driveway is not suitable for use by multiple cars daily.

I believe that planning is not intended to deal with problems such as anti-social behaviour by the occupants but should take into account the increase of traffic in the heart of a small village and its effect on the community and the residents in close proximity that a children's home will create. Any further disturbance by yet another business in Sandy Lane would be detrimental to the quiet enjoyment of the local population.

The application is very silent on the on the range of services and support that will be needed and I urge the planning committee to view the property on site to see first-hand the problems already encountered at certain times of the day and evening with traffic and pedestrian movement in the locality of Sandy Lane.

The request to allow change of use of the property from a dwelling to a children's care home is clearly changing the use of the property from residential to business and I believe that we already have too many business properties in Sandy Lane without adding yet another. Yet another business will erode the character of the area and the village environment.

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