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Submission: Objection

Comments: I am writing as the next door neighbour to the property applying for a change of use to a home for children needing a high level of care, who have been subject to neglect, trauma and abuse to say I strongly object to the proposal.

I have read the documents provided and my first point is that after reading the good neighbour policy which states: that staff and managers should address ongoing practices: which include, keeping in touch with neighbours, checking on their views and wellbeing and inform them of developments. I feel this should have been implemented at the beginning of the process and they should have informed immediate neighbours and surrounding community about the the planned changes they wanted to implement. No notices have gone out, not even a letter to close neighbours.

The policy also explains about plans that will be in place on how to respond to incidents that occur , including responses to the child been abusive or causing damage to others, and to inform neighbours of the sanctions to be imposed or to get the young person to apologise. This reads as they will be expecting this behaviour. Considering that I am only a few feet away from the property and have only a fence panel between myself and the property in my garden, I feel I will be vulnerable and at a higher risk of incidents occurring.

I will not feel relaxed or safe in my own garden.

One document also states that children will be assessed re having time within the local community on their own and they will be taken out for weekly activities, this means a lot of time will be spent at the property and in the garden. The garden is not very big, especially for four children to play in. Again I feel this would put myself and family at risk and would heighten noise levels. My husband works nights and sleeps in the day.

I'm also concerned about the detrimental impact on the value of my property and the resaleability, as I'm very close to retirement and was hoping to downsize.

Also I feel there will be a large increase to the activities and movements each week if the change goes ahead. At present 3 adults live at the property, the changed proposal will have up to 3 adults and four children.

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