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Comments: Is it acceptable to have a care home for such children in a residential area?

I would like to state on public record that I firmly object to the planning request for the Children's home for those with CHALLENGING BEHAVIOURS for the age of 7-17 years of age.

I live in close proximity to the address proposed with a young family and I fear for their safety and security if this planning application is passed and approved.

The types of children that would sadly due to their own unfortunate circumstances would likely cause the local area to suffer through behaviours often associated to children that reside at these premises. As local residents we are still unaware and have not been informed of the types of children likely to be staying at the property.... if this had at least been advised then as residents we could learn how best to approach the young children/adults.....

Why is a care home for young people with challenging and emotional behaviours being thought of near to an existing quiet residential area, next to a playground frequented by younger children... ?

Is it realistic and is it logical to re-locate young adults close to a neighbourhood that is likely to offer them little in the way of entertainment and activity to keep them occupied.

Furthermore, how long are these children that are relocated set to spend in this setting; is it a long term placement or a short term respite for these children..? This type of information is beneficial to both residents and the children themselves (obviously the fact that the residents can possibly be aware and assist upon contact). The unknown aspect causes an element for potential friction from the onset.

The area is currently quiet and safe for the young children. As a parent with young and impressionable children we are unaware of the types of children, and this is a big concern. My own children would suffer as they

currently frequent and use the younger children's parks that are directly behind the property in question.

I strongly fear that the property being located directly behind the park would just be a potential magnet for Anti social behaviour. The prospect for somewhere behind the property for the children to go could easily be turned into somewhere that would feel off limits for my children if anti social and unruly behaviour is occurring by these children at the play area.

The Anti social behaviour is likely to be in the immediate vicinity of the property and in the surrounding areas. I.e the young children's parks and the footpath and public footpaths that are directly behind my property and heading towards the adjoining estates.

The further potential negatives that this will lead to for the area is a potential upturn in crime,- its well documented that the area has no police patrol anyway so this isn't going to be of any comfort to the immediate community. This increases the chances of harassment and safety of older people living close to the property.

I am aware that these children young adults need to have safety and security, and need rehousing, I am aware that each individual is different however in a currently quiet and safe residential area this seems out of character. With respect to safety- this property is unlikely to be a 'secure' property for the children due to the nature of it being a residential property. This would then result in a potential increased footfall to and from property at all times of the day and night.

There are a few new housing developments in Cheadle currently being built, could consideration to the location be placed on one of these or at least on properties for sale on the edge of the town with very few neighbouring properties.

The reports that have been done seem to be very colourful with the truth in respect to hospital and police presence. The report advises the town has a walk in hospital and that there is a manned police station, perhaps the planners and researchers were thinking of Leek!!! They could perhaps find a property that's more suitable in the countryside with very few neighbours and surrounding elderly people to offend or cause potential for distress.

As residents the safety and increased volume of traffic in the area as a result of this property is also something that should be factored in to planning.... it is a standard size driveway however im sure that it doesn't factor the more than likely parking space that will be occupied by police cars or social workers returning these people following them trying to abscond to return home to previous areas.

The proximity of Staffordshire / Stoke On Trent is not really too hard for these poor children / young adults to try and return home or further more, attract associates from there previous residences to this area.

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