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Comments: I object to the application on the basis of there has been no consultation and I have serious concerns about the suitability of the premises and location. It is clear from the application that the applicants are not familiar with the town and the application contains multiple inaccuracies some of which have been called out on comments submitted by others. The property is located in a residential area and the proposed use is a business. Surely as the applicant is being paid to house and care for the children involved it is a business use and therefore should go to full consultation and planning committee with full consultation with the community who have many concerns. I have read the supporting statements which are meant to allay concerns however they are inaccurate and in some cases incorrect eg at shift changeover there will not be only 3 vehicles on site there will be 6 plus any other professionals who may be there at the time (social workers, doctors, police, counsellors etc). The road is fairly narrow, the house is situated on a bend and traffic issues are already present without adding to the situation.

The local community is not best placed for this type of establishment; public transport is poor, there is no walk in centre as mentioned in supporting documents and public services are already stretched.

Cheadle has seen an increase in crime and anti social behaviour with no manned police station and police resource stretched to the limit. There are many local concerns already and these will increase with this establishment as by admission in the application it states that the children have behaviour issues already. This undoubtedly causes concerns to the community and the lack of consultation adds to these concerns.

The 'home' will be staffed by carers which again is an under resourced field of employment. It is NOT the same as a family home. If there are issues the community will either need to speak to the staff on site which due to high turnover could be different people on a regular basis or speak to third parties off site which creates other issues. Of course any household could have problem children but this is complicated by the situation (managed by 3rd parties with no local ties, no emotional tie or responsibility for the children concerned).

If this application is not rejected immediately then it needs to go to full consultation with residents, interested professional parties (police, health professionals etc). This cannot just be classed as a simple change of use despite reasons stated in the application. This is a business wanting to operate in a fully residential area with already stretched resources and poor support.

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