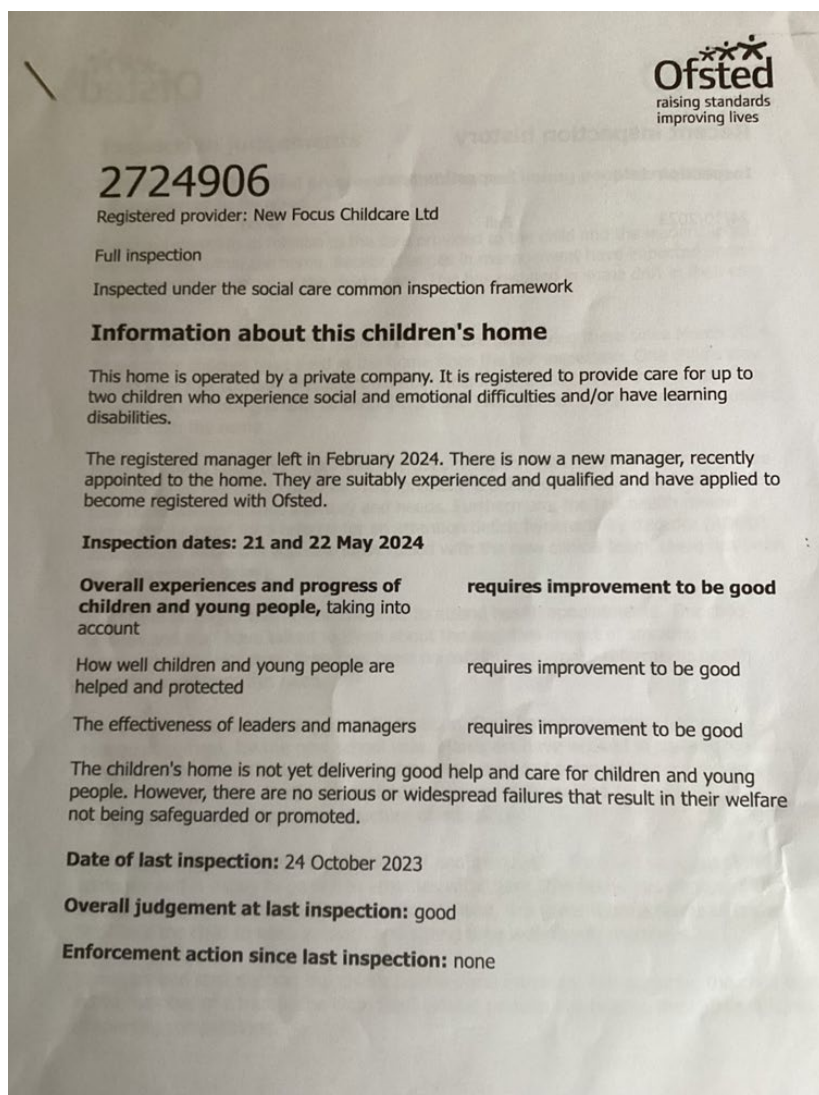


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Certificate of Lawfulness- Proposed change of use

This application was discussed at length at Endon with Stanley Parish Council meeting on Tuesday January 14th. There was an overwhelming conclusion, both by the council and by the numerous members of the public present, that this proposed home was totally inappropriate for the needs of the children/young people intended for this setting.

In support of this conclusion we forward the latest Ofsted inspection report for a similar setting with this private provider - New Focus Childcare Ltd

Residents also asked,

- 1) Why a property, situated on the A53 with such a heavy volume of traffic daily should be considered to be safe for children with emotional and learning difficulties.
- 2) Endon already houses two children's home plus one more in neighbouring Brown Edge (pupils from BE attend Endon High School) These homes are only a short walking distance from this setting. Is there no cap on how many homes our neighbourhood and our schools must support given the limitations of SEND funding.
- 3) Home Schooling, it is stated, that this, when needed is undertaken by members of the team of carers. Experience and the qualifications of those delivering much needed Special

Education is alarmingly questionable when reading the Ofsted report.

4) The area of the setting is often flooded so removing the front boundary wall and dropping the kerb leave both this property and the adjacent one vulnerable.

5) In addition the car parking facilities will certainly impact on the next door neighbour who shares the drive and needs reversing space to access the busy A53

Opposition Letter: Planned Children's Home

To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Objection to Proposed Children's Home in Endon, 173A, Leek Road.

I am writing to formally object to the planned children's home at 173A, Leek Road, Endon,

for several reasons that pose significant concerns to the local community, especially considering the proximity to my family home and its potential impact on the neighbourhood.

1. Lack of Parking and Traffic Congestion

- The proposed location has insufficient parking facilities, which will exacerbate the already

limited parking situation in the area.

- Being near Endon High School, the area is already heavily congested during peak hours. Additional visitors and staff will increase traffic and could result in vehicles stopping inappropriately, further compromising road safety.

Shared driveway impacting on current residents ability to use their driveway as required

2. Proximity to Family Homes

- The children's home is in close proximity to my residence, where I am raising my young family of four children. The increased activity and potential risks associated with visitors to the facility pose serious safety and security concerns.

- Noise levels from the home and its visitors, combined with its location on a busy main road, will disrupt the residential environment and affect the peaceful enjoyment of our property.

3. Requires improvement Ofsted Rating

- According to the May 2024 Ofsted report, the institution is rated as "requires improvement to be good," indicating a lack of proper management and oversight.

Establishing such a facility in our community raises questions about the capability of the organisation to maintain a safe and well-regulated environment.

- This raises serious concerns about the potential for mismanagement and its impact on local residents, particularly those with young families.

4. Safety Risks from Visitors

- The nature of the home will inevitably involve visits from individuals who may not always

be appropriately monitored. This presents a potential danger to children and families living nearby, as there is no assurance regarding the behaviour or background of these visitors.

Given these issues, I strongly urge the planning committee to reconsider the approval of this

development. While the need for children's homes is acknowledged, it is vital that such facilities are located in areas with sufficient infrastructure, proper oversight, and an environment that does not negatively impact the safety, well-being, and quality of life of the

surrounding community.

I kindly request that my concerns be considered during the planning process and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

K.L.Berrisford

Dennis Boulton, Clerk, Endon with Stanley Parish Council