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Planning Department

Subject: Objection to Certificate of Lawfulness Application SMD/2025/0045

Dear Sir/Madam,

Werrington Parish Council formally objects to the Certificate of Lawfulness application (Ref: SMD/2025/0045) regarding the proposed use of land as a residential children's home for up to three children with care provided by up to three non-residential members of staff. Our objections are outlined below:

1. Inadequate and Unspecified Staffing Levels

The proposed staffing levels are not adequately defined, which raises serious concerns about the safety and well-being of the children. The lack of clarity on staffing provisions may lead to operational issues, resulting in unnecessary disruption to neighboring residents.

2. Insufficient Off-Road Parking

The property lacks adequate off-road parking spaces to accommodate staff and visiting support agencies. This could lead to increased on-street parking, causing congestion and inconvenience to local residents.

3. Change of Use to Commercial Activity in a Residential Area

The application effectively changes the use of the property from a residential dwelling to a commercial enterprise. Such a change is not in keeping with the character of the surrounding residential neighbourhood and could set a precedent for further commercial developments.

4. Well-Being and Safety Concerns for the Children

The property directly backs onto Meigh Road playing fields, an area known for significant anti-social behaviour issues. This environment is not suitable for vulnerable children, as it could expose them to risks and negatively impact their well-being.

Given the above concerns, Werrington Parish Council strongly urges the Local Planning Authority to reject this application. We trust that due consideration will be given to the objections raised in the best interests of both the

local community and the well-being of the children involved.

We would appreciate being kept informed of any developments regarding this application. Please do not hesitate to contact us if further information or clarification is required.

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