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Millers View
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Objection to Application: SMD/2024/0241 Variation of Condition 3

Location: 4 Millers View, Cheadle

Proposal: Application for Variation of Condition 3 in relation to application SMD/2024/0241 to change the age range of children accommodated from 8 - 16 years to 0 - 18 years

We are writing to object to this variation on the following grounds:

The application states that, 'this variation will not materially affect 'the impact on the surrounding area'. However, some local residents will have further concerns regarding the impact of noise from the property, particularly those with gardens nearby, should children in the 0 to 7 age range be accommodated. Equally, some residents will have concerns over the greater potential for antisocial behaviour to be an issue in the 16 to 18 age range. Hence, the original Condition 3 stated that provision was to be only for the 8 – 16 age range and that this was made 'in the interest of protecting the character and amenities of the area'.

Undoubtedly, this change to Condition 3 would 'better reflect the operational needs of the proposed use' and 'enable the facility to meet the needs of a broader group of children'. Removing the age restriction would certainly be advantageous to the company who will have far greater flexibility in the service they can offer. Therefore, local residents will question why the original application was not made for children of this broader age range, since it was only made such a short time ago. If it had been, then there would have been the opportunity for residents to express their additional concerns in an open forum such as the planning meeting.

The application states that one reason for the requested change is to ensure alignment with 'current childcare regulations and statutory frameworks'. However, there are no references to specific changes in these that have apparently occurred since the original application was made. As such, this application for a variation in a planning condition made so close to the original application will only serve to compound local residents' concerns and scepticism regarding the level of transparency evident during the development of this property.