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re: Change of use of 1 Parklands, Biddulph Moor from dwellinghouse to C2 children's home and associated works.

This application went under our radar, as we received no formal notification, but having discovered that the timescale for comments has been extended, we wish to take advantage of this opportunity and make a strong objection ourselves to this change of use of 1 Parklands, as we live nearby, and can actually see this property from our house. This property is totally unsuitable to house youngsters with behavioural and emotional problems, who have much greater needs than the average child in a family. The chances of recreational activities and social interaction would be very restricted indeed in such an environment.

Biddulph Moor only has a first school, and out of school activities for children of any age on the moor, are accessed via "taxi of mum and dad", something we did when our children were young, as it was the price we were happy to pay for living in a lovely quiet rural village. Bus service is only to Biddulph and back on an hourly basis during the daytime, nil in the evening or at night. A car is essential, as all routes from the Moor are via country lanes with blind bends and no pavements and therefore pretty dangerous to navigate. Amenities for young teenagers are nil, and presumably these children with behavioural difficulties will need to be picked up and taken everywhere by the carers or taxis - all adding to the vehicle access down Parklands. A house such as 1 Parklands is not big enough to provide recreational activities to keep such children occupied happily, especially with restricted outdoor space.

Parklands is a cul-de-sac, and most residents have been there for years, and are therefore "older generation". I would imagine that many of them are extremely worried and upset at the prospect of constant disruption and noise disturbance, either from extra cars coming and going due to staff handover, therapy staff, taxis etc but also from potential alarm systems going off at any time of the day or night. There is also the added risk of bored teenagers behaving as such !

I've seen other comments, including those from people very experienced in the care of such children, and these highlight that there is adequate care available elsewhere with far more suitable amenities to best suit their needs. This application is feeding a system which seems to be based on greed rather than care, and as such we would request that it is declined.

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