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Submission: Objection

Comments: I am writing to you to let you know that I OBJECT to this application, and that I find it quite disturbing that Staffordshire County Council also do not OBJECT. I am a local resident with a young family with children that go to the local primary school at Horton St Michaels. I am concerned for my children's safety. I am also concerned for the future of the school, as a school that struggles to get numbers being rural, this will put many parents off putting their children here and could ultimately lead to a closure of yet another rural school. I am also concerned about traffic that would be caused on the small roads and lanes leading to the premises from workers, food lorry's and detentions vans. Furthermore, I would like you to take into consideration the main reason the premises closed previously - staff shortages. When there is bad weather, such as snow it makes it impossible for staff to get there and be present for the resident's, this will affect duty of care- and would cause neglect of already struggling patients. I would also like you to take into consideration, that Rudyard Lake is a Natural Place of Beauty, and having camera's and secure fencing will put a strain on that. I would also like you to consider the public right of way that goes passed there also.

Another thing to consider is Noise and Disturbance, before when residents were there, there were a number of occasions local residents would hear screaming and shouting through the day and night time which was a high disturbance.

Another thing to consider is Parking and Highway safety, opening the hospital up as this, will create a lot of traffic on the already busy small roads and lanes, opposite two schools which could open up problems for health and safety and road safety for pedestrians and other road users.

I would also like you to consider the possibility of the loss of light or privacy, there are many homes that live very much next door, and if secure fencing is built it will block natural light to these homes, also if there are CCTV camera's put up, it could also affect the privacy of the homes nearby.

I would also like the Schools to be considered, both of them being rural school's, that already struggle for numbers, this could very much impact the schools numbers which could run the risk of closure.

However first and foremost what must be taken into account is Children's safety and wellbeing. There are three young children's schools next to this site -Horton St Michaels First School, Greenwood Growth Forest School, which runs in the forest part of Horton St Michael's grounds, and Horton Lodge Special School. These schools play a vital role in the community, working with early years pupils, toddlers and SEN children. The proposed site is in range for children to hear aggressive language, shouting, screaming, crying. This will have a huge impact on children's mental health and could cause PTSD, anxiety, and other lasting problems for sensitive, young children.

I also have concerns that, because of the close proximity to the school's and young children, if there was to be an escapee patient that would pose a huge safety concern for the children nearby.

Children's safety must come first and foremost, and this application pose's a huge safeguarding risk, the location is NOT suitable and I am requesting that the application be denied.

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