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Proposed application request: - Change of use from C2 Residential Institution to a C2a Secure Hospital at John Monroe Independent Hospital, Rudyard, Staffordshire Moorlands.

We are formally writing to object to the above planning application for the following reasons: -

1 Proximity to two primary school settings 1 this raises a number of safeguarding concerns, none of which have been mentioned or addressed in the planning application. It is already evidenced in previous documentation sent to Staffordshire County Council that patients have absconded onto school property and been heard swearing, shouting and screaming.- 01/03/2016

2 This application has also been submitted at a time whereby the schools are closed for the summer holidays and therefore cannot be fully consulted with, as part of this process. This does not follow correct protocol to allow public consultation on proposed changes.

3 Highway and pedestrian safety has not been considered. This is sited in a rural location with narrow roads and no pedestrian crossings. Increased traffic to the location will impact on the local area especially around the school drop off and pick up times.

4 Previous John Monroe operations were placed into special measures following CQC assessment, on further inspection areas of concern had not been addressed and as a result the facility was permanently closed February 2022. CQC highlighted Safety Concerns and Patient Care Failures. The premises were reported to be found to be unsafe for the patient group. This report also highlighted issues in staffing due to the remote and rural location. There are no public transport links. The application does not address any of these issues.

5 This application provides no information on how it will be adequately staffed, what the access arrangements will be or how the site will be managed safely.

6 Although the request is for change of facility to a C2a it does not specify which area of care will be the focus for the hospital. This needs to be transparent in order to request a change of proposed use for the current site.

We ask that the planning authority refuse this application.

Mr and Mrs J.D.Smith

Parents of children at Horton St Micheals School and residents of the local area.

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