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To the Planning and Licensing Committee,

RE: Objection to the Reopening of John Munroe Hospital, Horton Road, Rudyard

I am writing to formally and strongly object to the proposed reopening of the John Munroe Hospital site on Horton Road. As a local parent whose daughter, Aria, attends [Horton St. Michael's First School](#), I am deeply concerned about the severe risks this proposal poses to the children in our community.

The location chosen for this healthcare facility is entirely inappropriate. The hospital site sits directly adjacent to Horton St. Michael's First School, a nearby special educational needs provision, and the [Greenwood Growth](#) forest school program which operates on the grounds.

My primary objections are as follows:

- **Safeguarding and Child Safety:** Young children, including pupils with special educational needs, require a secure, calm, and predictable environment. Reopening a complex psychiatric and long-term mental health rehabilitation facility immediately next to an active primary and special needs school compromises the immediate physical safety and emotional well-being of the children.
- **Disruption to Educational and Forest Provision:** Greenwood Growth relies heavily on the tranquil, natural woodland setting to deliver outdoor learning, tool use, and campfire activities. An influx of clinical traffic, construction, noise, and institutional activity will destroy the peaceful environment essential for these vulnerable learners and young children.
- **Past Regulatory Failings:** The facility previously faced severe scrutiny and was placed into special measures by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) prior to its closure due to safety and leadership failures. Reintroducing a high-risk operation of this scale back into a quiet rural educational hub without regard for the surrounding schools is unacceptable.

I urge the local council and health commissioners to reject any applications or proposals to bring this site back into clinical use at this specific location. The safety, peace, and educational future of Aria and her peers must take priority.

I look forward to your prompt response outlining how these serious safeguarding concerns will be addressed.

Yours faithfully,

Caroline Lycett-Wallett