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Submission: Objection

Comments: I am objecting to the planning application to change from a C2 to a C2A category. There are 3 school settings within close proximity of the site. There are safeguarding issues linked to this. Its a conservation area so I'm concerned about the impact that a 15 ft high fence that C2A facilities require. However on the application made it states " All works onsite are internal alterations, rewiring, improvements to the heating system and decorations." This adds risk to people escaping and security as a whole. Previously several patients escaped the grounds putting residents and school children at risk. Staff were seen chasing patients down the lanes around the area and a patient frightened my neighbour when they were found in their garden. We often heard foul language and cries for help, being shouted by residents which school children could hear. The previous owners were running the facility as a C2A without the proper planning and could not contain the patients. This also adds to the fear of this facility reopening. Its also a concern that if planning is secured and the building is sold off in the future that it could be turned into a Prison, Young Offenders Institution, Detention centre or Custody centre.

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