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Submission: Objection

Comments: I wish to object to planning application SMD/2026/0250, which seeks to change the use of the former John Munroe site from C2 to C2A.

My objection is based on the following,

The proposed site is located in close proximity to two schools in Horton. The roads serving the area are already heavily used during school drop-off and pick-up times, creating congestion and potential safety issues for pedestrians, cyclists, school buses and other road users. The application does not appear to demonstrate that the increased vehicle movements associated with a C2A use, including staff, visitors, service vehicles and emergency vehicles, can be accommodated safely without worsening existing conditions.

Also I have great concerns over the noise that the children at these schools may be exposed to, screaming, shouting and swearing could be heard on a regular basis when it was previously a C2 and surely a C2A will be no better if not worse. I feel that this is something young children should not be exposed to whilst at school.

The surrounding area is a small rural community centred on Rudyard, with a road network that already experiences significant traffic pressures. Any increase in traffic has the potential to adversely affect highway safety and the amenity of local residents.

I am also concerned that the application has not adequately demonstrated that a C2A use is compatible with the character and setting of this rural location. The Council should be satisfied that any change of use would not result in unacceptable impacts on neighbouring residents or the wider community and that appropriate management and operational arrangements are in place.

Given the site's sensitive location, I respectfully request that the Council gives careful consideration to the cumulative impacts on highway safety, residential amenity and the suitability of introducing a C2A use in this location before determining the application.

For these reasons, I ask Staffordshire Moorlands District Council to refuse planning application SMD/2026/0250.

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