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Submission: Objection

Comments: I am writing to formally object to the planning application seeking to change the classification of John Munroe Hospital from Class C2 (Residential Institution) to Class C2A (Secure Residential Institution).

We live in Rudyard , with our two young children , and we are extremely concerned by the plans to change the current John Monroe Hospital to a C2A . We are planning to send our little girl and boy to Horton First School but will not be doing so if the plans go ahead. To have such a close vicinity to both the first school , and the Horton Lodge Community Special School.

We have been given no information until very recently regarding this which is very underhand when this immediately affects the entire village who have lived here for years . To just be found out via hearsay - is very very disappointing . Especially when it's affecting our children. Absolutely zero transparency.

We regularly use the lake for walks / runs - often alone - which now we will question and also makes us question living in this area. We are a young family living here and it makes us rethink whether we want to continue to do so , when we need to protect our children . We love this village and have felt safe here until this has come to light . We would not feel comfortable allowing our children to play out etc .

Alongside everything I've highlighted of a personal concern of safety , there is issues surrounding the impact on this rural area , the businesses would definitely suffer , the residential amenity & I could go on .

I strongly urge the planning committee to refuse this application for the future of Rudyard .

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