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Submission: Objection

Comments: I wish to object to the proposed change of use of John Munroe Independent Hospital from C2 to C2a secure hospital. Previously the hospital operated under C2, during this period, there were staffing issues (due to location) relaxed security resulting in patients leaving the premises and wandering around local woods/ fields, running out in front of cars. The proposed change to C2a, would give current and future owners the option of housing prisoners, young offenders institution, detention centre, secure training centre, custody none of which are suitable in this location.

1. The site is not suitable, due to its proximity to Horton Lodge Special School, including Kiplings Residential Facility, Horton St Michael's. (First School and Nursery) Greenwood Forest School and Horton Playing Fields. We need to ensure the Safety of children, local residents & visitors to the area.
2. Vehicle access & no public transport, busy narrow country lanes, reliance on taxis/ private cars, causing more congestion and staffing issues (this was a problem in the past & see CQC reports)
3. Light pollution, from buildings and vehicles entering the site - disrupts wildlife and local neighbours
4. Noise pollution from vehicles stopping at gates and accelerating once the other side. Shouting and swearing from patients, Within earshot of children and neighbours, all hours of the day / night
5. Impact on local tourism and hospitality businesses.

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