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Submission: Objection

Comments: I object to this planning application on the grounds of

Safety

Environment

Traffic

And lack of detail

Safety - the change of category will alter the use of this building to a secure unit. The building is old and under its former use - was criticised by the CQC for being unsuitable and out dated - there is no detail to say this has been addressed.

With higher risk patients comes security measures like flood lights, gates and 24 hour security. All this will impact on neighbouring homes and more importantly the two schools which lie adjacent to the site.

Environment - this building lies within a conservation area. The impact a 24 hour operation will have on the surrounding countryside needs to be considered - noise, lighting, traffic

Traffic - The lanes which lead up to the site are narrow - increase in staff traffic and visitor traffic will impact on the already busy lanes which are used during rush hour as a cut through to major towns.

Lack of Detail - the former facility was closed after two damning CQC inspections. The owner blamed the rural setting of the facility as a factor in its closure - and more importantly its failure to find staff willing to travel there. The rural setting should be a reason why this application should be refused.

There is no detail here to show improvements would be made, that the safety of the schools and residents have been considered and that an increase in traffic to the site has been addressed.

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