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Application Reference No. : SMD/2026/0250 Site Address: John Munroe Independent Hospital Reacliffe Road
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Submission: Objection
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Planning Application: Proposed Change of Use and Redevelopment of the Former John Munroe Hospital, Horton
Road, Rudyard & Change of Use from Class C2 to Class C2A Secure Residential Institution

To: Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

I wish to object to the above planning application for the proposed redevelopment and change of use of the former John Munroe Hospital from a Class C2 Residential Institution to a Class C2A Secure Residential Institution.

Although i am not a resident of the area I have family and friends who live there. I also frequently visit the lake to run/walk. I strongly feel that this location is entirely unsuitable from a safeguarding perspective as it is extremely busy with walkers/runners/cyclists and families and most importantly has two schools immediately adjoining the site. These schools educate very young children together with children who have additional educational needs and vulnerabilities.

The application presents the proposal as the reopening of an existing hospital but in reality the application seeks something entirely new and different- a material change from a Class C2 institution to a Class C2A Secure Residential Institution which means that the facility is intended for secure accommodation where occupants are subject to restrictions on their liberty. It is fundamentally different in planning terms from the previous use of the site.

Aside from the issue of safeguarding this facility will also generate an increase in traffic to an already busy village that does not have the infrastructure to accommodate large volumes of traffic.

Given the points made here I request that Staffordshire Moorlands District Council refuses this application.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that planning permission be refused.

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