

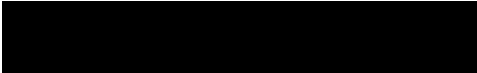


Application Reference No. : SMD/2026/0250 Site Address: John Munroe Independent Hospital Reacliffe Road
Rudyard Staffordshire ST13 8RU Leek Comments by: Katie Hodgkinson

From:

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Submission: Objection

Comments: "I am writing to formally object to the planning application for the Change of Use of John Munroe Hospital from C2 to C2a (Secure Residential Institution).

"Having grown up in Rudyard, I know this village intimately. My parents still live here, and my toddler niece is looked after at their house several times a week.

My objection is based on the following material planning grounds:

"Unsuitable Location & Impact on Residential Amenity:

Rudyard is a quiet, rural residential community and a popular area for young families, walkers, and visitors. Reacliffe Road is a narrow lane heavily used by pedestrian traffic and local children. A secure residential facility (C2a) carrying higher security parameters and potential emergency services responses is completely out of character with the peaceful, open nature of the area.

"Public Safety and Proximity to Vulnerable Local Residents:

The site directly adjoins public rights of way and sits in close proximity to family homes and local facilities, including Horton Lodge Special School. Having a young child frequently cared for right in the village, I have serious concerns about the safety and peace of mind for local residents and young children outdoors.

​Highways and Traffic Concerns:

Reacliffe Road is narrow and ill-equipped to handle the increased vehicle movements, high staff turnover, secure transport, and potential emergency service visits that a secure C2a facility demands.

​For these reasons, a secure C2a institution is entirely inappropriate for this location. I urge the Planning Committee to refuse this application.

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