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Further to consultation with all members of the parish council, the following strong objections and concerns have been raised.

1. there are errors on the application form :- the form incorrectly states that the application does not involve a change in non-residential floorspace as the Care Home counts as a commercial class C2 ; the form also incorrectly states that there is no change in employment on the site, but the Planning Statement says up to 10 staff will be caring for 3 teenagers, whereas it has been a private home previously
2. The proposal involves the use of a semi-detached chalet bungalow for accommodation for residential institutional fostering of 3 'teenagers' (age range 10 -17) by 10 staff working in shift teams on a 24-hour basis. In the research undertaken all other care homes have been situated in their own detached buildings, whereas this building is shared with an unrelated aged couple in the contiguous other half of the same building.
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Concerns have been raised that as these children and staffing numbers, will be accessed 24 hours per day, this is a semi detached property and any emergency / out of hours fostering would disturb the neighbours.

4. The proposed care home would invade the privacy of the existing neighbours' garden, because the first floor chalet windows would directly overlook their garden. There could be noisy intrusions at all hours from the institution through the dividing wall or through the fence.
5. The application shows 3 car parking spaces in the front garden, but this is not much of an increase, because the existing garage has been demolished retrospectively to be replaced by one of two new bedrooms, the other being again a new extension with no permission. With there being a shift system of carers working at the bungalow, 3 car spaces will definitely be needed, though there should really be additional space to enable cars to enter the main Whalley Road in forward gear.
6. The plan shows 5 bedrooms in the semi-detached chalet bungalow care home on the two floors, but there are two rooms on the first floor that have no designated name attached. Potentially, if the permitted change of use was allowed, these rooms could also be turned into bedrooms, making an overly intensively used building with 7 bedrooms.

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