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Dear Maya,

I am writing to formally OBJECT to the above planning application regarding the proposed change of use from Class C3 to Class C2.

While I understand the vital need for children's care services, this specific site is entirely unsuitable for a commercial residential institution.

There are already a number of children homes in Longridge and neighbouring villages.

The conversion would severely impact local residential amenity, highway safety, and the character of the immediate neighbourhood.

Severe Impact on Highway Safety and Inadequate Parking:

A standard C3 family home on Monks Drive has low-intensity vehicle movements. In contrast, the operational plan for this proposed C2 facility introduces an intense, commercial shift-pattern workforce (4 employees staff change over twice a day, plus other visitors)

Increased Traffic Volume:

The home will require 24-hour continuous care, introducing rolling staff handovers, social worker visits, Ofsted inspectors, independent therapists, and family contact visits.

Intensified Boundary Noise:

While the building is detached, the proposed creation of two additional parking spaces moves heavy vehicle activity directly up to the property boundary lines will cause disruption by creating and using a much larger, commercial-style parking zone right next to neighbouring property boundaries.

Commercial Operations:

The constant cycle of staff shift handovers and early-morning arrivals and departures will happen immediately outside neighbouring windows. The noise of car engines idling, doors slamming, car headlights in people's windows and staff conversations at anti-social hours (esp Sunday at 8am) will cause a severe, continuous loss of residential amenity that would never occur every day of the year with a normal family.

Inadequate Layout and Turning Circles:

The applicant acknowledges that a standard residential layout is insufficient by proposing to squeeze two additional parking spaces onto the site. However, creating four parking spaces on a domestic driveway leaves zero room for vehicles to safely turn around.

Dangerous Reversing:

Vehicles, including staff cars, social workers, and delivery vans, will be forced to reverse blindly out of the driveway onto Monks Drive. This creates an unacceptable hazard to highway safety, pedestrian traffic, and nearby drivers.

Loss of Drainage and Urban Greening:

Converting the existing front garden into parking spaces conflicts with local policies on climate resilience. There will be loss of Mature Habitats and Damage to Street Scene, removing a permeable green space with gravel increases localized surface water runoff and flooding risks on the street and excess gravel on to the public footpath as 4+ cars move on and off the driveway, 2 times a day, every day of the year.

Ref the new hedge that has been proposed in-between 2A and 2, there is no mention of the very large iron manhole that situated where the hedge is planned. Will this manhole be moved or bypassed to plant a hedge ensuring the roots do not interfere with any utilities/drainage underground?

Loss of Residential Amenity (Noise and Disturbance):

The fundamental operation of this property will no longer emulate a typical, quiet residential household.

Shift Handover Disruption:

The commercial shift patterns require staff rotations during early-morning hours. The slamming of car doors, headlights, greetings, and transition meetings at these sensitive times will create a constant cycle of sleep disruption for immediate neighbours 7 days a week.

Material Change and Intensification of Character:

The introduction of another business operation on a small road fundamentally conflicts with the domestic character of this established residential area.

Crime, Disorder, and Management Deficiencies:

Under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Council has a strict duty to ensure developments do not introduce or exacerbate local crime or anti-social behaviour.

Flawed Management Plan:

The applicant's submitted operational statement fails to provide a robust risk assessment regarding how potential community disturbances or missing-person episodes will be mitigated.

Proximity to Vulnerable Neighbours:

The application site is situated immediately adjacent to elderly neighbours and 2 high schools making the potential for unmanaged anti-social behaviour or regular emergency service call-outs highly detrimental to the safety and peace of mind of the local population.

Conclusion

For the reasons detailed above, the proposal represents an inappropriate and unsustainable intensification of use that cannot be accommodated on this site without causing significant, permanent harm to the road.

I strongly urge the Council to protect our residential amenity and road safety REFUSE planning permission.

If this change of use is agreed, strict conditions must be legally imposed to limit the maximum number of people arriving and departing 2A.

Restrict to 1 adult:1 child per shift, this would ensure there would only be 2 cars moving at proposed 8am and 5pm, 7 days a week rather than 4 cars which is not 'normal' household traffic for a house on this road.

Suggested shift handover times would be better at 9am and 6pm this would ensure early morning noise would be limited on weekends and would not clash with the opening time of the Vets where the road is already busy without an additional 2-4 cars moving in and out of a staff car park/driveway.

Mandate on-site parking for all visitors and staff with no reversing out on to Monks Drive from the property due to restricted view of the road and the volume of moving and parked cars at peak times of the day.

Yours faithfully,

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