

# Comments for Planning Application DC/24/0123/FUL

## Application Summary

Application Number: DC/24/0123/FUL

Address: Airedale 26 Hamlet Road Haverhill Suffolk CB9 8EH

Proposal: Planning Application - change of use of dwelling (class C3) into children's care home (class C2)

Case Officer: Gregory McGarr

## Customer Details

Name: Mr S Bryant

Address: 48 Hamlet Road, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 8QQ

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Noise
- Parking issues
- Traffic or Highways

Comment:2000 chars?

While I have zero confidence, this or any other objection will achieve anything I feel the need to at least say something and place my comments on record.

Like many other residents of Hamlet Road, I went through the same process regarding the development application of 40 Hamlet Road but despite a plethora of objections from the community, the council allowed it to proceed.

Placing a 2nd children's home literally within metres of the other seems unbelievably short-sighted & leaves residents to question what happens when the next house comes up for sale, another children's home & another?

While I wholeheartedly understand the need for a safe & secure residence for vulnerable children, Hamlet Rd is just wholly unsuitable for their needs for a number of reasons.

Plans suggest the secure outside space where children could play to be taken up by car parking, accessed by a badly maintained single-track lane. Additional traffic over & above residential is going to make that worse for sure.

There is poor explanation how staff handovers will be achieved at 8am & 8pm. With 3 spaces

blocked by a 4th vehicle, I fail to see how staff can changeover without juggling cars causing disruption & noise to neighbouring properties. It will only be a matter of time before managers & staff just park in Hamlet Road.

This leads me onto one of my primary reasons for the objection which is the traffic on Hamlet Road & the problem we have with excess speed. I'm sure all residents of the street can testify that it often sounds more like a racetrack than a residential road.

What security will there be to ensure children in potentially heightened emotional states within this facility will not have access to the road? My concern is this is an accident waiting to happen.

As an emergency healthcare worker, I want my concerns about the danger of this road recorded. Let's just hope a tragedy doesn't occur as I'm sure most would agree - that will be down to your decision-making.