

# 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 Martin Delisa

Address: 50 Elmhurst Close, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 8EQ

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Noise
- Other
- Parking issues
- Traffic or Highways

Comment: Whilst I am in agreement that young vulnerable people do need suitable & safe accommodation, I completely disagree that Hamlet Rd is a suitable area. There is already one children's home, and also Heazeworth House which caters for young adults struggling with accommodation and brings it's own issues with it.

I note others have stated around the traffic issues which is already a real concern in the area and completely agree with the points raised, however there are other concerns. From a crime and safeguarding perspective, care homes usually bring a unique set of circumstances with them. These involve anti-social behaviour, misuse of drugs and the unfortunate predatory behaviour of organised crime in the shape of 'county lines' issues. Criminals prey on young vulnerable people and this would be a target rich environment for them to operate in.

Working within the emergency services, I am acutely aware this is a genuine issue from experience and having two care homes within such a small area would most certainly see issues raised. There could also be a 'rivalry' aspect between both homes, which could cause further potential problems.

This view is not only as a resident in the area, but from a safeguarding perspective for vulnerable children.

This area is not suitable for another care home.