

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 Page

Address: 20 Hamlet Road, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 8EH

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Parking issues
- Plan queries
- Residential Amenity
- Traffic or Highways

Comment: Comments on Site Plan Amendments

As the amended site plan has limited narrative some of what the applicant is trying to achieve is left to the readers interpretation.

My interpretation of the amendments are as follows:

Parking - 4 cars parked in two rows of two instead of the original front row of 3 with one car parked behind.

Cycle storage moved from the front garden to the rear garage.

Bin storage and collection moved from the side of the property to the back lane at the rear of the property.

A small area of approximately 30 feet by 15 feet appears to have been created in the back garden due to the change of the parking layout.

More space has been created in the front garden by moving the cycle storage.

Impact of the amendments

The change in the parking layout now means that two vehicles are blocking the vehicles parked at the front rather than one in the initial plans, potentially causing more issues to residents using the back lane particularly at changeovers. It should also be noted that the amendments in no way address residents' original concerns regarding the extra number of vehicles using Hamlet Road and parking at or close to the property.

Bin collections from the back lane are made using a small wagon collecting only small residential bins. This could be an issue if commercial bins were used by the children's home

If the small piece of land created in the rear garden is designed for the children's leisure space, I would suggest that this is far too small and clearly located immediately next to the car park.

Whilst the front garden now has more space for children's leisure, I reiterate the views of others that if this is the applicant's intention - this area is not suitable for vulnerable young people's leisure space as it is so close to a busy road.

In summary these amendments are just tinkering with the application and make no material difference. Whilst opening small children's homes in the community is a noble cause they need to be in the right location. As has been stated many times already on the West Suffolk Council planning portal by residents - Hamlet Road is not the right location. We already have a children's home about to open for this applicant and an existing homeless supported housing scheme 100 yards either side of 26 Hamlet Road.

I therefore continue to object to this application.