

Update Sheet

Agenda Item 8 - Application Reference: HW/FUL/24/00388. Change of Use from Existing Use Class C3 (Dwellinghouse) to Use Class C2 (Children's Residential Care Home)

One additional representation has been raising concerns that the following objections have not been addressed in the Committee report:

- Disruption to the local community;
- Adequacy of infrastructure and local services;
- Overall impact on the quality of life in the area.
- Potential increases in traffic and parking; and
- Altering the residential character of the area.

The issues raised by objectors are listed on pages 9 and 10 of the Committee papers. The matters are further addressed on pages 12 through to 15 of the report.

In terms of adequacy of infrastructure and local services, previous responses relate to access to open space and play areas. In response to this, the property is a five-bedroom dwelling which could have the same number, if not more, children than this scheme proposes. There is a large area of open space to the west of the site and a pre-school and primary school within walking distance. Officers are of the view that the impact on services and facilities is no different to if the property was retained as a C3 use.

Further questions have also been asked in relation to the democratic process of the Committee meeting.

Officers can confirm that letters were sent to all interested parties on the 5 February 2025. There are further opportunities to address the Committee meeting, subject to notification being provided within 24 hours of the meeting with there being a limit of three people in support and three against the application.

Recommendation

The recommendation remains one of approval as per the Committee papers with proposed conditions as detailed on pages 30 and 31 of the report.