

Hamish Evans

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Sent: 03 December 2025 10:48
To: Hamish Evans
Subject: Comments on 65 Balcombe Rd on behalf of R Eastwood 107 Penland Rd

Re: Application No. DM/25/2830 – 65 Balcombe Road

Dear Sir

I would like to object to the plan to change 65 Balcombe Road from a family home into a children's care home.

I understand that children need safe and caring places to live. However, this proposal would clearly change the house from an ordinary home into a small institution, with staff coming and going all day and night. Something like this should need full planning permission, not just a certificate.

The use would be very different from a normal home

The plans show staff working in shifts, managers visiting, and regular visits from inspectors and social workers. This is not how a family home works, and it would change the feel of the property completely.

Other places have refused similar changes

I understand that in other areas, these types of applications have been turned down because the use is so different. It seems only fair that the same should apply here.

Too many comings and goings

This house has always been used by a normal family. The amount of traffic from staff, visitors, school runs, and possibly emergency services would be far more than the road has ever had to cope with. It would bring noise and disturbance at all times of day.

Parking is not suitable

The driveway is very small and cannot take the number of cars the applicant claims. Cars would end up parking on Balcombe Road, which is already difficult and dangerous. I worry this could cause accidents and block access, especially for emergency vehicles.

The area's character must be protected

This part of Haywards Heath has a special character, and it is recognised as such. I do not believe this proposal would help preserve it.

For these reasons, I kindly ask the Council to refuse this application. It would change the nature of the house, bring too much traffic and noise, create parking and safety problems, and not support the character of the area.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Yours faithfully,