



Tuesday 4th November 2025

Attention Ms Caroline Grist

DM/25/2550 Hillsborough House 118 High Street Hurstpierpoint West Sussex

Change of Use from 6 no self contained flats, 4x1bed, 2x 2 bed (Class C3) to Children's Residential Home (Class C2) maximum of seven children between the ages of 8 and 18, with up to 5 carers working during the day and up to 5 carers at night.

Our Society has been in existence for over 60 years and aims to protect and conserve the natural and built environment of our village and surrounding area.

We have a number of grave concerns about this application not least that there will be a loss of 6 small residential units, which are needed in the village, especially in a central area within a Conservation Area.

We are surprised about the proposed change of use as the property is on a very busy and congested High Street surrounded by some residential properties but also a range of commercial units of shops/offices /a theatre/ restaurants and a public house.

The Design and Access Statement refers to a children's home following therapeutic fostering, which is a specialist type of foster care for children and young people who have experienced significant trauma, abuse, or neglect. However, this area can be busy in the evenings with people using the theatre, restaurants and the public house when the children are most likely to be at home. It may not provide the quiet, stable, family home environment required, especially for up to 7 children, and for this reason we consider it to be the wrong location for this type of children's home.

For Hurstpierpoint Society

Patrick Haworth -Trustee