

PLANNING REF : 250114
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 36
: Woodwaye, 36 Woodwaye, Woodley
: RG5 3HB
SUBMITTED BY : Mr And Mrs Ron Finneran
DATE SUBMITTED : 06/02/2025

COMMENTS:

Woodwaye,

Woodwaye is a quite residential area of bungalows occupied by mostly retired residents. This road has parking problems due to people using Woodwaye to park when shopping and working in Woodley.

This application is for the property of remote ownership to be turned into a commercial property, where people with no interest in the property other than use it as temporary housed and cared for children (age 9 to 18) by a team of people who again have no interest in the property other than be employed to work in it. This is totally at odds with all other property owners.

The intention of the non-residential owner to create a business by employing carers look after children given temporary accommodation. The cares will not live on the site but attend for shifts. 4 parking bays are to be created on the site to allow them to come and go as necessary. The regular changing of stuff is likely to cause difficulties to surrounding residents since the onsite parking area will only house cars parked head to toe, and the on-road parking leaves little space for manoeuvring in and out. Plus visiting social workers, doctors, family members and transportation for the children will also have to park there.

The property is quite small and once the large oak tree outside the property is in leaf the bungalow is in constant shadow one doubts the atmosphere this will generate will be in the children's interest. The proposal states the children will have complex needs from emotional trauma and behaviour issues. Having experience of children with these issues I know how disruptive it can be. They often have tantrums that involve being very noisy and use of bad language. I cannot see them using the garden without causing great distress to the elderly people living round and about. Using this bungalow for this purpose is totally out of character with other properties, and not at all like a regular family of four with one or two cars.