46 The Runway Hatfield Hertfordshire AL10 9GL

Planning Department Welwyn Council

Subject: Objection to Children's Care Home Application - Application No. 6/2023/0989/FULL

Dear Sir/Madam,

residing at 46 The Runway, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL10 9GL, am writing to formally express my strong objection to the proposed application for a children's care home under Application No. 6/2023/0989/FULL. As a concerned resident in close proximity to the property in question, I believe that granting permission for a change of use from a dwelling to a care home would be detrimental to the peace, privacy, and character of our residential area.

Firstly, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the requested change of use contradicts the existing covenant. The property's covenant specifically restricts any commercial or business activities, and converting it into a care home for children would clearly fall under this category. Granting permission for such a change would set a precedent that undermines the purpose and integrity of the covenant, potentially leading to further incompatible developments in the future.

Furthermore, the operation of a 24-hour care facility necessitates the continuous presence of support staff, which will significantly increase the number of vehicles entering and exiting the property. This will undoubtedly disrupt the tranquility of the area, as well as create additional noise pollution. The constant flow of vehicles throughout the day and night will not only disturb residents in close proximity to the care home but also affect the entire neighborhood, further breaching the existing covenant that protects the residential nature of the area.

Additionally, the presence of a care home for children would introduce uncertainties and potential risks to the community. Although I understand the importance of providing appropriate care for vulnerable children, it is crucial to consider the impact of such a facility on the immediate surroundings. Increased foot traffic, unfamiliar faces, and potential behavioral issues could lead to a less secure environment for local residents, especially those with young children or elderly individuals who rely on a peaceful and safe neighborhood.

In conclusion, I, strongly urge the Welwyn Council to carefully consider the points raised above and reject Application No. 6/2023/0989/FULL for a children's care home. The proposed change of use violates the existing covenant, poses an unwelcome disturbance to the neighborhood, and introduces potential risks to the community's well-

being. It is essential to maintain the integrity and character of our residential area by preserving the restrictions set forth in the covenant and prioritizing the welfare and tranquility of the existing residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will give my objection the consideration it deserves.

Yours faithfully,