

# BARLBOROUGH NEWS

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## SECURE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL- UPDATE

Dear Resident, BARLBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL is opposed to the proposal to locate a secure psychiatric hospital in Barlborough.

**If you wish to object also, you may find the following information helpful:**

**Planning application number:** 07/00148/FULMAJ Erection of a 60 Bed Residential Care Home.

**Address for your objections:** Bolsover District Council is the Planning Authority and they will make the decision on this application. Letters should be sent to Mr Graham Clarke (Head of Planning), Bolsover District Council, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover, Derbyshire S44 6NF. E-mail: [dev.control@bolsover.gov.uk](mailto:dev.control@bolsover.gov.uk) Please make sure you include the application reference number 07/00148/FULMAJ.

**Closing date to submit objections:** The final date for commenting on this application is the 10th April 2007. Comments may be accepted after this date, providing the Planning Officer has not started writing the report. You will need to check with the Planning Department beforehand.

**Points you may wish to make against the proposal and questions to ask.**

**1. The proposal should be refused on the grounds that:**

It will require a re-designation of land use from employment (mixed use business and residential —Class B1) to secure residential institution (Class C2A). The proposal represents a change of use and fails to demonstrate sufficient justification for such a change in terms of economic or social benefit, to Barlborough.

**2. The proposal should be refused because:**

Barlborough falls short of the residential requirement for this kind of development.

Typically, a 60 bed unit would be sited within a community of at least 4500 residents to assist in the stated aim of rehabilitation. The population of Barlborough is less than this. The proposed site is bounded by 40 mph roads without safe pedestrian access. There is limited public transport and no easy access to recreational facilities.

**3. This application should be refused because:**

There is no evidence that the facility proposed in an isolated industrial location without good access to public amenities or facilities, will contribute to better health outcomes in this particular client group.

**4. This application should be refused on the grounds that:**

The risk of harm to neighbouring businesses and the local population, is unknown.

**[www.barlboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk/index\\_19.htm](http://www.barlboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk/index_19.htm)**

**The planning authority should consider the following:**

What will be the impact for existing businesses particularly those that supply family orientated services that are located adjacent to and on the proposed site?

What is the ability of Barlborough Links to retain or attract future business occupants, given this type of proposed neighbouring uses?

**Where can I get up-to-date information?**

The Parish Council website has a dedicated page keeping residents informed about our campaign. This page can be found at [www.barlboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk/index\\_19.htm](http://www.barlboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk/index_19.htm) We intend to keep this page up to date with the latest information, so check this page daily.

**How do I comment on a Planning Application?**

There is information on the website on how to comment on a planning application. Alternatively, you can contact Roz in the Parish Office for a copy (details below). Generally, a personal well written letter (or e-mail) outlining your objections on planning grounds is more effective than signed multiple copies of a standard letter.

In addition to the points and questions you may wish to raise (listed overleaf ) regarding these proposals, there is further information on the website for you to consider in your response.

**What else can I do?****Sign the Petition—Sign up your Street!**

We have organised a petition to stop these proposals. We have volunteers who are ‘signing up their street.’ Additional forms can be downloaded from the website, or you can pick some up from the Parish Office.

**Sign the Petition—Sign Online!**

You can also sign the petition online, just click on the ‘Sign the Petition’ link on the webpage, you will then receive a confirmation email that your name has been added to the list. Hundreds of residents have already signed the petition and made constructive comments regarding this proposal. The closing date for adding your name to the petition is the 9th April.

**Finally...**

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for their support. The public response has been phenomenal. Thank you to those people who have already submitted their comments to Bolsover District Council, signed and made comments via the Parish Council petition and offered their help and expertise in responding to the proposals. One final ‘thank you’ to all the volunteers who have been delivering the Special Edition Barlborough Newsletters— we couldn’t have done it without you!



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