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Subject: Comments on NYM/2017/0422/CU - Case Officer Mrs J Bastow - Received from Dr Andrea Dickinson-Back at Hawsker-cum-Stainsacre CE VC Primary School, Hawsker-cum-Stainsacre School, Station Road, Hawsker, YO22 4LA

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The Board of Governors of Hawsker-cum-Stainsacre CE VC Primary School wish to make a formal objection to the change of use of Hawkesgarth Lodge Nursing Home to a 50 bedroom hotel. Our objection is based on concerns for the health and safety of our pupils and staff. The access roads are very narrow and the proposal for change of use to a 50 bedroom hotel is unacceptable. The increase in traffic is a significant safety hazard to pupils, staff and parents/carers particularly at the beginning and end of the school day. The road is already clogged with traffic at these times and additional cars, delivery trucks etc is a real risk to everyone's safety and well-being. Currently, many of our pupils walk or cycle to school and the increased traffic would be a serious hazard to children. The road is too narrow with limited pavements for a large number of vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists to co-exist safely. In addition, we have significant concerns about increased noise pollution and dust from deliveries and guests and hotel staff accessing the site during the school day. The school building is situated very close to the edge of the pavement and the road and classrooms would not be able to open windows due to the increased noise. This is a significant issue for the health and well-being of the staff and pupils. Another concern is the number of parking spaces (44) designated in the proposal. It appears to be insufficient to support both hotel staff and guests. This would inevitably lead to increased parking on the road around the school with additional concern about the safety of staff and pupils and the appropriate safeguarding of pupils. The development is unsuitable for the site given its proximity to a flourishing primary school with children aged 4 to 11 years old. The access to the site is on to a narrow road which is already heavily used. We assume that the application for an alcohol license means that meals would be served throughout the day leading to extra traffic throughout the school day. The Governing Board is concerned about the current traffic issues and this proposed change of use significantly increases the danger to our staff and pupils. We have a duty of care for their safety and well-being and we object to the proposal in the strongest possible terms. We ask the Planning Authority to appreciate the potential impact on the school, as a hotel and a school is not a good fit in working effectively together in such a small area.

Dr Andrea Dickinson-Back, Chair, on behalf of the Governing Board

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