

Change of use application ref: 20/02352/COU 13 Front Street Prudhoe NE42 5HJ

Statement

I'm writing on behalf of the Prudhoe Traders Committee, you will be aware that we submitted an objection letter to the council with reference to the Prudhoe Community Partnerships change of use application for No 10 Front Street, in that we objected to this location becoming a youth centre.

I would like it to be know that the PTC does not object to having a youth centre, however do object to a youth centre in this specific location, given its immediate adjacency and exposure to licensed pubs and clubs.

We believe to facilitate all the activities suggested by the partnership including mental health support have not been fully thought through, there are many questions that have gone unanswered, centred around H&S, duty of care and appropriate qualified staff in managing this centre.

There is an existing youth centre know as the East Centre in an appropriate location, while it's acknowledged that it requires an investment it is nevertheless the current youth centre, having a second location will only but create a divide between the youth population in Prudhoe which will become problematic in the future.

And finally It should also be know that given the overwhelming amount of objections from local retail and leisure including existing tenants of the co-op, that the co-op have in fact now decided NOT to progress with the partnerships interest in No 10 Front Street, regardless of the outcome from this application.

This statement together with our letter of objection forms the basis of why the PTC feel that a change of use application should be rejected.

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