

Petition: Opposition to Proposed Youth Night Safe House in Industrial Area

We, the undersigned members of the community, respectfully call upon the relevant authorities and decision-makers to reconsider the proposed establishment of a youth night safe house within the designated industrial area.

While we strongly support the concept of a youth safe house and acknowledge its importance in providing care, protection, and support for vulnerable young people, we believe that the currently proposed location is unsuitable and poses significant safety and security and potential noise pollution concerns for both the young people it intends to serve and the surrounding businesses and residential housing in the vicinity.

Primary Concerns:

1. Lack of Appropriate Infrastructure

The proposed site is located within an industrial area that lacks essential infrastructure necessary to ensure the safety of young people, including:

- Adequate footpaths
- Sufficient street lighting
- Safe pedestrian access
- Lack of amenities within the location structure itself

In particular, access from the town centre via Weaber Plains Road presents serious safety risks due to limited pedestrian provisions and traffic hazards. There have already been serious incidents on this particular stretch of road in the past. Introducing a youth safe house is only going to increase the pedestrian traffic, particularly of young people and increase the chance and likelihood of more accidents/incidents happening which no one wants to see. Which makes this environment not conducive to the wellbeing of vulnerable youth, especially at night.

2. Increased Risk to Youth Safety

Industrial zones are not designed for youth-centred services. The absence of nearby amenities, support services, and safe public access routes may place already at-risk individuals in further danger rather than providing the intended protection.

3. Incompatibility with Surrounding Environment

Industrial areas are designed for commercial and heavy-duty operations, not care-based services. The presence of machinery, transport vehicles, and ongoing industrial activities creates an environment that is inherently unsafe and unsuitable for a youth safe house.

4. Impact on Local Businesses

Businesses operating in the surrounding area store many valuable assets onsite, not limited to machinery, vehicles, and equipment. Many of these businesses have already experienced:

- Theft
- Break-ins
- Property damage

- o Vehicle theft and vandalism

These incidents have occurred multiple times within the past six months alone. The introduction of a youth facility in this location raises legitimate concerns about an increased risk of further incidents, placing additional strain on local business owners and the local police.

Our Position:

We reiterate that we **support the establishment of a youth night safe house** and recognise its value to the community. However, we strongly believe that there are more appropriate locations available.

Some thoughts for a better suited location:

- Closer to the town centre
- Near existing support services and amenities
- Accessible via safe, well-lit pedestrian pathways
- Located within an environment designed to support community and social services

Conclusion:

We respectfully urge decision-makers to pause the current proposal and engage in further consultation with community members, local businesses, and stakeholders to identify a safer, more appropriate location for this important initiative.

The safety, wellbeing, and long-term success of both the youth using the facility and the broader community including the local business owners depend on thoughtful planning and appropriate placement.

We call for:

- Immediate reconsideration of the proposed site
- Exploration of alternative locations
- Further community consultation before proceeding

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