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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to voice my concerns over the location of the new youth justice facility, slated for Pontville.

The site chosen is in close proximity to a cannabis farm, which frequently envelops the local area in an overwhelming odour that is difficult to ignore. I am concerned that young people, many of whom may suffer ongoing trauma from living in such environs, should be subjected to this while attempting to develop as improved members of society.

Noise from the local gun club is also likely to be upsetting for residents of a youth detention centre and thus detrimental to their rehabilitation.

These considerations do not lend the chosen site to one of a child-centred and therapeutic model of care.

Furthermore, the purpose and development of the site seems at odds with the local area and the attraction to tourists of the heritage highway. Pontville has some of the best examples of convict-era buildings with Lithgo's row, the Crown Inn and the Shene Estate. These attractions are already woefully under-celebrated, a youth detention centre would entirely overshadow the draw of these historical gems.

Finally, the lack of public transport to the area makes it a difficult place for families to visit and maintain a relationship with children and young people at the centre. This would seem to in direct contrast to the child-centred and therapeutic model of care the plan for the centre purports to be based on.

I urge a reconsideration the chosen site based on the reasons above.

Kind regards,

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