



CARE COLLECTIVE NW

Supporting Statement

Application Reference: 25/00079/FUL

Address: 38 Howden Drive, Roby, Knowsley, L36 4NU

Purpose of the Statement

Following the submission of our planning application on 7th April 2025, we have further developed our proposed provision and are now able to provide a more detailed overview of the services. This amended supporting statement reflects those updates. The purpose of this statement is to assist the planning department in considering the application for a one-bedroom children's residential home at Howden Drive, Huyton, for a child aged 7-17. There are no significant internal or external modifications proposed to the property.

Shift Patterns, Parking Facilities, and Local Amenities

At Care Collective NW LTD, we design our shift patterns to align with the needs of young people and the local community, aiming to minimise disruptions. Our goal is to create an environment that feels like home, emphasising stability and consistency. When a young person is in residence, there will always be at least two trained staff members on duty. The home will accommodate only one child, with two dedicated staff members providing support day and night.

Our staff shifts commence at 10:00 AM, with two staff members working two consecutive days before handing over to another team of two for the following two days. This arrangement promotes continuity and reduces disruption associated with shift changes. Starting at 10:00 AM also avoids peak traffic times related to school runs, ensuring minimal impact on the community.

We aim to foster an atmosphere reminiscent of a traditional family setting, and this philosophy will guide our operations and community relationships. Staff adhere to this structured shift pattern to promote a consistent environment for the children and establish a reassuring routine. While professionals may occasionally visit the home, we aim to minimise these meetings to preserve the familial atmosphere. When necessary, meetings will be held at schools, social work offices, or other local venues.

The property includes a driveway with space for two vehicles, and there is on-street parking sufficient for the home's needs. Additionally, Care Collective NW LTD will

promote a cycle-to-work scheme to encourage staff to use environmentally friendly transportation options. Cycle storage is available on-site, and as part of our staff incentives, we will offer subsidies for bicycle purchases.

The home's location provides easy access to various local amenities and services beneficial to our young residents. Proximity to major motorway links facilitates access to quality educational opportunities, sports clubs, extracurricular activities, and family visits, all contributing to positive development.

Management

A Registered Manager (RM) employed by Care Collective NW will oversee the quality of care and the smooth operation of the home. The RM will work on a hybrid schedule, with administrative days performed remotely from home or the office. The RM will manage two sites, splitting their time between Howden Drive and another location. The RM will be on-site hours will take place between the hours of 09:00 - 17:00, Monday - Friday. There may be occasional times when the manager is required to attend the site outside of these timeframes in the event of an emergency. We would anticipate them to spend less than fourteen hours on site in total.

A Responsible Individual (RI), in accordance with OFSTED regulations, will supervise the quality of care and regulatory compliance at the home, visiting once a week.

Staff Changeover

The staff team will consist of six permanent staff members: two care workers on forty-eight-hour shifts and a Residential Manager who will be present at the property on an ad hoc basis. Changeover will occur every two days at 10:00 AM, with the process lasting approximately fifteen minutes, to minimise traffic and noise pollution.

Home Vehicles

Depending on the child's needs, a company vehicle may be sourced to transport the young person to education and leisure activities. The site currently has space for two vehicles on the driveway. Staff will be encouraged to use eco-friendlier transportation options through our cycle-to-work scheme and subsidised public transport passes. We will also promote staff car-sharing to reduce the number of vehicles at the site.

Visitors

Occasionally, additional visitors such as Social Services, OFSTED inspectors, or maintenance contractors may visit. The home management will encourage visitors to park considerately to avoid inconveniencing neighbours. When access to the property or the young person is not required, meetings will be conducted online or at external venues.

Daily Procedures

Transport to and from educational placements will be arranged in the morning or afternoon by staff. Grocery shopping will be delivered twice weekly, consistent with residential area norms. After school, the young person will be provided with a home-cooked meal, and they will have opportunities to engage in hobbies and external activities facilitated by our staff.

General Maintenance

Maintenance tasks will be carried out during school hours to minimise disturbance unless an emergency requires immediate attention.

Community Relations

Care Collective NW is committed to providing every child with a safe, caring environment. We acknowledge that negative stereotypes can cause apprehension among residents. We aim to work collaboratively with the community to reassure them that our homes will be operated in strict accordance with OFSTED guidelines and with respect for being good neighbours. Pending planning permission and OFSTED registration, we will write to our neighbours, providing contact details for the Registered Manager so that any concerns or complaints can be addressed promptly.