

PLANNING REPRESENTATION

Response to Highways Observations

5 Alicia Walk, L10 4YX

Applicant	Aspire Care Collective
Application	Change of use from residential dwelling (Use Class C3) to children's care home (Use Class C2)
Maximum occupancy	One child
Planning reference	26/00183/COU
Purpose	Supplementary representation responding to the Knowsley Council Highways department consultation response

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Prepared for submission to Knowsley Council

1. Introduction

This response has been prepared following the Highway Authority's observations dated 29 July 2026. Aspire Care Collective acknowledges the matters raised and has prepared additional operational information to demonstrate how the proposed children's home can operate safely and appropriately without creating unacceptable impacts upon highway safety, pedestrian accessibility or parking conditions.

The proposal is for a small-scale children's home accommodating a maximum of one child. It is not intended to operate as an institutional or high-turnover facility.

Aspire Care Collective recognizes the characteristics of Alicia Walk and is committed to operating the home in a manner which protects the residential amenity of neighboring occupiers and prioritizes pedestrian safety.

This response should be read alongside the accompanying:

- * Traffic Management Strategy; and
- * Parking Management Plan.

These documents will enable further clarifications to be answered.

This statement confirms that the proposed one-child care home will not materially increase traffic or parking demand beyond that of a typical dwelling and sets out specific management measures to protect pedestrian safety on Alicia Walk.

2. Nature and Scale of the Proposed Use

The proposed development is limited to the care of one child.

The operational model will be carefully managed so that vehicle movements associated with the home are controlled and minimized.

Aspire Care Collective will implement management procedures covering:

- staff arrival and departure;
- shift handovers;
- visitor appointments;
- professional visits;
- deliveries;
- servicing;
- taxis and other transport;
- emergency access; and
- parking.

The Registered Manager will retain oversight of these arrangements and will ensure staff understand their responsibilities in relation to parking, access and consideration of neighboring residents.

3. Alicia Walk and Pedestrian Safety

Aspire Care Collective acknowledges the Highway Authority's observation that Alicia Walk is an adopted footway linking Winifred Road and Amy Walk.

The operation of the children's home will therefore be managed on the basis that pedestrian safety takes priority.

Staff and visitors will not be permitted to drive onto or obstruct Alicia Walk where this would be unlawful or inappropriate.

Vehicles associated with the home will not be permitted to:

- obstruct the adopted footway;
- prevent safe pedestrian passage;
- obstructing neighboring properties;
- park across access points;
- wait on Alicia Walk during staff handovers; or
- undertake manoeuvres that would create an avoidable conflict with pedestrians.

Staff will receive clear instructions concerning these requirements as part of their induction.

4. Staff Arrivals, Departures and Shift Changeovers

The Highway Authority has specifically requested clarification regarding staff movements and shift changeovers.

Aspire Care Collective proposes to manage these operationally rather than allowing multiple staff vehicles to arrive and depart simultaneously without coordination. Staff rotas will be planned.

Where a handover is required, arrival and departure arrangements will be coordinated by management to minimize overlapping vehicle movements and parking demand and be conducted outside of peak hours of the daytime.

Staff will be encouraged to use sustainable transport, car sharing and drop-off arrangements where suitable, and this expectation will be set out in staff induction and ongoing management briefings. Where practicable, staff will also be encouraged to use sustainable transport, car sharing, drop-off arrangements and public transport where suitable.

The intention is to ensure that a staff handover does not translate directly into an equivalent increase in vehicles requiring parking simultaneously.

5. Visitors and Professionals

Unlike many commercial C2 uses, the proposed home will not generate unrestricted public access. Professional visits will normally be arranged in advance and will be no more than a small number per month, as such it will not have any adverse impact on the property or surrounding neighboring residents.

Where reasonably practicable, appointments will be coordinated so that professional visitors do not arrive during staff shift-change periods.

The home will operate an appointment-management approach to avoid unnecessary concentration of vehicle movements.

Visitors will be informed in advance that they must park lawfully and must not obstruct Alicia Walk, neighboring properties or pedestrian routes. As such it will be no different from an ordinary C3 dwelling receiving visitors to their homes.

6. Deliveries and Servicing

The home does not expect to have a higher number of deliveries in comparison to a normal family home and routine deliveries will be managed in substantially the same way as deliveries to a normal residential property.

Aspire Care Collective will seek to minimize unnecessary servicing movements. Where larger or planned deliveries are required, these will, wherever reasonably practicable, be scheduled outside staff handover periods. Delivery vehicles will not be instructed to enter or obstruct Alicia Walk.

7. Parking

Aspire Care Collective acknowledges the Highway Authority's comments concerning the nearby communal parking area.

For the purposes of this management strategy, Aspire Care Collective does not seek to establish the acceptability of the development on the assumption that third-party parking spaces will always remain available.

Instead, parking demand will be actively managed through:

- staff rota planning;
- coordinated shift handovers;
- management of visitor appointments;
- encouragement of car sharing and alternative transport where practicable;
- advance management of professional visits; and
- clear staff and visitor parking instructions.

No member of staff or visitor will be authorized by the children's home to park unlawfully or obstructively.

8. One-Child Capacity

The scale of the proposal is a material operational consideration. The home will accommodate a maximum of one child.

Consequently, it will not generate the level of movements that could potentially arise from a substantially larger residential institution.

Aspire Care Collective will maintain the one-child operating model in accordance with the planning permission sought.

9. Management and Monitoring

The Registered Manager will monitor parking and vehicle movements associated with the home. If any recurring issue is identified, management action will be taken.

This may include:

- adjustment of staff arrival times;
- revised handover arrangements;
- changes to visitor appointment times;
- additional staff instructions;
- increased use of car sharing; or

- other reasonable operational measures.

Any complaint concerning parking or vehicle movements associated with the home will be recorded, investigated by the Registered Manager, and appropriate remedial action taken where issues are identified

10. Conclusion

Aspire Care Collective has taken the Highway Authority's concerns seriously.

The additional Traffic Management Strategy and Parking Management Plan established an operational framework designed to ensure that:

- Alicia Walk remains unobstructed;
- pedestrian safety is prioritized;
- staff changeovers are controlled;
- visitor movements are managed;
- service and deliveries are coordinated;
- parking demand is actively managed; and
- The residential character of the surrounding area is respected.

Aspire Care Collective therefore respectfully requests that the Highway Authority reconsider its objection considering the additional operational controls and supporting information now provided.

Aspire Care Collective would welcome the opportunity to discuss any remaining technical matters with the Highway Authority and, where appropriate, would be willing to accept a suitably worded planning condition requiring continued compliance with the approved Traffic Management Strategy and Parking Management Plan.

The home will at all times be operated in accordance with the approved Traffic Management Strategy and Parking Management Plan, and any subsequent updates agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

We request that consideration is taken to the actual scale of our proposal is a modest change of use from class C3 to C2. It is hoped that in this document and the additional information that is to be shared that we have demonstrated that from a parking and traffic management perspective, the volume of any perceived hazards and increase that differs from normal residential property is negligible.

Given that Alicia Walk consists of 3-bedroom properties, it is reasonable to expect that a typical dwelling could be occupied by multiple adults of driving age, potentially generating comparable or greater parking demand than the proposed one-child care home