

Number 5 Thursby Walk Planning Application – Supporting Statement

This paper provides a supporting statement re. the planning application for 5 Thursby Walk, Northwood, Kirkby, Liverpool. The application asks for a change in use of the above property, from its current use to the following use category:

“E(g)(i) Offices to carry out any operational or administrative functions”.

About the wider Thursby Walk scheme

Thursby Walk is a new development in Kirby (within the borough of Knowsley), consisting of nine self-contained bungalows now intended to service adults with additional needs.

One Vision Housing (OVH) a member of the Sovini Group purchased the completed properties in 2024 and have been working with KMBC to bring the scheme forward in partnership with Homes England as an independent living scheme under a social rent tenure. It is anticipated that the necessary minor adaptations (electric hobs, cctv etc) will be completed August 25.

AFG will act as care provider for the scheme.

People Supported and their Model of Support

The scheme is designed to be a home for eight people with learning disabilities, with one of the bungalows on the development to be used for staff office provision, (subject to approval of this change of use planning application).

Staff Space – 5 Thursby Walk

Bungalow 5: Bungalow 5 has been assessed as being the preferred option. The bungalow is in the middle of the development and as such is proximate to the people supported, therefore enabling a rapid response to any issues arising if appropriate. This option also provides the optimum solution from a staff safety perspective.

Staffing and Parking Arrangements

There will be one member of staff present in bungalow 5 at any point in time during a 24 hour period.

Bungalow 5 will require the allocation of one parking space, which is already available.