

Outstanding Questions for Planning Permission

11 St Peters Close L33 1ZT

A justification and explanation as to the appropriateness of the premises for the proposed children's home.

The house is a very spacious 3 bedroomed property in a reputable community area with full support of the neighbours to provide a safe home for looked after children. It has been completely renovated to a very high standard as a warm and welcoming home which meets Health and Safety and Fire Regulations. There are schools in the area which have Good rating for Ofsted and numerous recreational facilities to integrate the children into the heart of the community. There is a front, side and rear garden to provide outside space for the children and a vegetable patch being developed to encourage the children to grow food.

Will the home be registered with Ofsted?

An application to Ofsted has been commenced but cannot be fully submitted without the certificate for Planning Permission classification change.

How long is each placement within the children's care home?

We do not offer short holiday breaks and the length of placement of the children will depend on the care plan, it can vary from a few months to a year or longer.

How many staff in total will there be? And how many staff will be present at any one time within the home?

We will be employing 7 staff in total which includes the Registered Manager (RM). During the day Monday to Friday there will be 2 staff and the RM, after 5pm just 2 staff overnight.

Will this number of staff be in addition to a home manager – and if so, how many individuals overall will be present at any one time?

There will be 2-3 staff at any one time as above except for a half hour changeover of staff there will be 4 staff.

Please could you clearly set out the changeover movements (how many and at what time) for a typical week – detailing clearly how staff rotate, their shift patterns and how many staff will be on site at any one time during these changeover periods?

The staff work 48 hours (2day shifts and sleep over) this is for continuity of care for the children. The change over then only occurs every other day around 10 am when there will be 4 staff and the RM.

What other support officers would be likely to visit the property?

Potentially on a monthly basis there may be visits from Therapist or Social Worker.

How would visits be scheduled and would staff/support-workers meetings take place at the property?

Meetings in the house will be pre planned and the support staff would be present.

Would therapeutic care be offered on site?

Potentially there may be visits to the home or children taken to Therapists clinics.

Are friends and relatives of residents able to visit at any one time?

Visits from family or friends of the children will be set out in the care planning of the children and will be advised by Social Worker, there are situations when neither are allowed.

Are children ever left alone unsupervised at the property?

The children will never be left unsupervised.

Under what circumstances are children allowed to leave the property?

The children will be taken to school or to appointments and recreational activities and will be always be accompanied by a member of staff.

What security provisions are proposed e.g. security and access controls on doors?

There is CCTV around the property (not infringing on neighbours) to view who is on the property or around the property to ensure children's safety and it is in a close, one way in and one way out. There are thumb locks on downstairs doors to meet fire evacuation standards.

How would local residents know how to raise a concern in the event of an issue?

My colleague and I have met with neighbours, we are planning an open day at the house for neighbours to meet the staff and the RM and given a mobile number to call if any concerns although in first instance would be encouraged to knock and speak with the RM.