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Validation Proforma for Children's Homes

1. Home and Location Assessment (Planning Applications Only)

Requirement	Response
a. Evidence of need for Children's Care Home in the Area this must include liaison with Knowsley Council Children's Services	See Children's Home Statement paragraphs 3 to 8. No liaison has yet taken place with Knowsley Children's Services in relation to the proposed use of this property.
b. Evidence that the proposed Children's Care Home location and format aligns with the type of accommodation needed by Knowsley.	See Children's Home Statement paragraphs 9 & 10.
c. A justification and explanation as to the appropriateness of the premises. To include the identification of hazards and control to be put in place including the local and wider environment. This must include liaison with Merseyside Police regarding County Lines, missing persons, general hazards and exploitation.	See Children's Home Statement paragraph 12 and Management Plan. See also Planning Statement paragraphs 28 to 70. No liaison has yet taken place with Merseyside Police in relation to the proposed use of this property. The matters raised are not land use planning matters. The matters raised would be matters regulated by Ofsted.
d. Identified hazards and controls to be put in place including but not limited to: i. Risks of injury within the home including access to roof ii. Traffic, Railway, Waterways, Risks of Child Sexual Exploitation, Risk of Gangs, Crime, Anti-social Behaviour, Risks of Missing from Care, Risk of Substance Abuse, Drug Involvement. iii. Please include agencies who you have consulted as part of the risk assessment.	See Management Plan. Notwithstanding that, the matters raised are not land use planning matters. The matters raised would be matters regulated by Ofsted. None.
d. That the premises is located in a suitable and sustainable location; This must include an assessment of accessibility, local amenities and social infrastructure	See Planning Statement paragraphs 28 to 35 and 48 to 55.
e. That it provides suitable access and parking provision to accommodate activity associated with the premises.	See Planning Statement paragraphs 56 to 61.

2. Management Plan (Planning Applications and Lawful Development Certificates)

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a. The name of the company proposing to operate the facility and background.	PALS Residential Services Limited
b. Whether the home will be registered with ofsted and any evidence of communication with ofsted relevant to this home?	Yes, the home will be registered with Ofsted. See Children's Home Statement paragraph 11.
c. i. Type of provision (e.g. crisis, short or long term) and statement of purpose c. ii. Type of registration (emotional and behavioural difficulties, mental disorders, sensory, present alcohol problems, present drug problems, learning difficulty, physical disabilities)	Full-time specialist therapeutic care for children with Emotional Behavioural Difficulties and mild to moderate Learning Disabilities. These include, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, social/emotional difficulties and associated challenging behaviors, to include attachment disorders, post-traumatic stress disorders and mental health. The home will offer supportive and individualised care packages. The aim is to offer a homely environment within a specialised children's home setting.
d. How many children would be accommodated and the age range (lower and upper limit)?	See Management Plan paragraph 3.
e. What will happen if any children reach 18? Will they remain?	From sixteen they are engaged in a transition plan, in preparation for adulthood and transition to adult services. That transition usually occurs around seventeen years and six months.
f. What is the ratio of staff to children that is required i.e. delivery model?	A minimum of two staff for up to three children.
g. What is the likely level of need of the children accommodated i.e. is there a focus on complex needs? Will the home have a particular specialism?	See answer to 'c' above.
h. What is the likely shift pattern of staff i.e. how many staff (management and care staff) would likely be at the premises at any one time and when would shift changes occur? A staff Rota should be provided.	See Management Plan paragraphs 5 to 7.

i. What support officers would be likely to visit the property?	See Management Plan paragraph 8 & 9.
j. How would visits be scheduled and would staff/support-workers meetings take place at the property?	Visits would be scheduled by phone and or email, usually around six weeks in advance, following reviews and in line with statutory guidance. Meetings would not normally take place at the property.
k. Is the intention that the children cared for at the property will be home schooled or will they attend local schools? If children will be home schooled, will additional teachers/tutors attend the premises and how often.	It is intended that the children cared for will be in full-time education, attending local schools when possible. See Management Plan paragraph 10.
l. Would therapeutic care be offered on-site?	See answer to 'c' above.
m. Would case reviews taken place on or off-site?	Case reviews are scheduled in line with statutory guidance. They are normally undertaken on-line, but can sometimes take place in the home.
n. Are children ever left alone unsupervised at the property?	Never. The matters raised are not land use planning matters. The matters raised would be matters regulated by Ofsted.
o. Under what circumstances are children allowed to leave the property?	They are only allowed to leave the home in line with placement plans. For example, a 10-year-old must be accompanied by staff whereas a 15-year-old might be allowed to leave the home unaccompanied but will be required to have a curfew and to remain in phone contact with staff, to ensure their safety. The matters raised are not land use planning matters. The matters raised would be matters regulated by Ofsted.
p. Would staff members be informed/aware if a child left the property?	Yes, and they are required to log key details including destination, whether in company with others and if so then who, curfew time and clothing.

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q. Is there a curfew?	Yes. Times will vary according to age and placement plan. The curfew time forms part of the log every time they leave the house unaccompanied. The matters raised are not land use planning matters. The matters raised would be matters regulated by Ofsted.
r. What would happen in the event of a breach of the curfew?	Unacceptable behaviour will be challenged and confronted in a constructive manner. The matters raised are not land use planning matters. The matters raised would be matters regulated by Ofsted.
s. What security provisions are proposed e.g. security and access controls on doors?	See Management Plan paragraphs 14 and 16.
t. Would CCTV be installed?	See answer to 's' above.
u. How would local residents know how to raise a concern in the event of an issue?	See Management Plan paragraphs 17 & 18.
v. How long is each placement within the children's care home?	As required. The matters raised are not land use planning matters. The matters raised would be matters regulated by Ofsted.
w. Would any rooms be used as a dedicated meeting, training or therapy room?	There will be no dedicated meeting, training or therapy room. See proposed floor plan.
x. Would the parents or family of the children visit the home and, if so, how often is this likely to take place?	No, family visits will not be permitted.
y. What dedicated parking provision (if any) exists for the dwelling and how is it intended to control vehicle movements and parking associated with the use arising from staff and other visitors?	See proposed site plan, Planning Statement paragraphs 59 to 61 and Management Plan paragraph 12.