

Planning Statement – Change of Use from Crèche (Use Class E) to Adult Day Care Centre (Use Class E)

Location: Family And Friends Playcentre Ltd, Prescot Gospel Hall, Evans Street, Prescot, Knowsley, L34 6HU

Background and Proposal

This statement has been prepared in support of an application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for the proposed change of use of the premises from a children's crèche to an adult day care centre.

The proposed use falls within Use Class E and does not involve any operational development or external alterations to the building.

The service will provide structured daytime support for adults with additional needs in a safe and inclusive environment, promoting independence, social interaction and wellbeing through activities such as performing arts, cookery and arts and crafts.

Scale of Operation

- The service will typically support between 8 and 16 service users per day, with a maximum capacity of up to 20 service users
 - Up to 6 members of staff on site
 - Staff trained to support individuals with additional needs
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Opening Hours

- Monday to Saturday
- 9:00am to 3:00pm

There will be no evening or late-night use of the premises.

Access and Transport

Attendees will arrive in a managed and staggered manner:

- Transport will include a small number of taxis arranged via local authority transport services, alongside drop-off and collection by parents/carers

- Numbers may vary depending on individual needs and wellbeing requirements; however, arrivals and departures will remain controlled and within short timeframes

The premises also benefit from 6 existing parking permits, which support staff and visitor parking requirements.

This approach ensures minimal congestion and disruption to the surrounding area.

Impact on the Local Area

The proposed use is considered to have minimal impact on neighbouring properties:

- Activities are structured, supervised and predominantly indoor based
- Noise levels are low and comparable to, or less than, the previous use as a crèche
- Traffic movements are limited to short periods at the beginning and end of the day
- No increase in antisocial behaviour or disturbance is anticipated

The nature of the use is consistent with a community-based service and is compatible with the surrounding area.

Conclusion

The proposed change of use remains within Use Class E and does not represent a material change in the character or intensity of the use of the premises. As such, the development is considered lawful.

We trust this information is sufficient to validate the application and welcome any further queries if required.