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Planning Statement for Application 5 Alicia Walk, Fazakerley, Liverpool, L10 4YX

Planning Statement: To accompany application for Change of Use for Residential C2 Use. 5 Alicia Walk, Fazakerley, Liverpool, L10 4YX:

Site Location: 5 Alicia Walk, Fazakerley, Liverpool, L10 4YX

Applicant details: Aspire Care Collective

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This letter accompanies the application for change of use for a proposed use of a dwelling house as a residential home at **5 Alicia Walk, Fazakerley, Liverpool, L10 4YX**. The Application has been submitted on behalf of my client, and owner of the property, who specialise in the provision of care for young people, and currently looking to set up and operate residential homes for young people across the Northwest. The home will accommodate solo provision going forward. The young person we care for may encompass a range of needs including Emotional and Behavioural, Learning Disabilities and or a child who may require support with their mental health. However, any child will be carefully matched in consultation with Knowsley's Children's services, to ensure the local child can be cared for and supported appropriately within the home and local community. More than anything however, the young person that will reside in **5 Alicia Walk, Fazakerley, Liverpool, L10 4YX**, will need a loving, nurturing stable home. The young person will be supported by 3 members of staff at a maximum depending on the care need required. Full-time staff members on a 24-hour cycle (with a maximum of three carers at any time), should the children have any complex or additional needs.

The home will be registered with Ofsted as a solo provision. This means that we will be registered to have one child in placement at any one time. We feel the home is comfortable enough to accommodate one child. The young person in placement would be for short to long term care based on their needs and support. Our aim as an organisation is to support the young person through their needs and requirements, and we understand that stability of placement enables the young person to thrive in a warm and stable environment.

The home is to offer an atmosphere of family environment for one young person at any given time living as a household (joined activities, sharing amenities and learning social and interpersonal skills)

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unlike many other institutions. The aim is to for the resident/young person to be empowered to gain skills for independent living. It is our client's intention to expand the scheme and open a new home at **5 Alicia Walk**, so the needs of the local population can be met. This would also mean that the young person doesn't have to be placed out of area and far from their family homes.

Planning permission is sought to change the use of the premises from a dwelling to a care home for children (as defined by Class C2 of the Use Classes Order). The intention is to provide short to long-term care for 1No. Young person aged between 7 and 17 years. The overall ethos of the company is to give children the opportunity for personal growth and development.

Up to three full time support workers will also be present at all times. The staff members will be working on 24-hour cycle (with a maximum of three carers at any time), should the child have any complex or additional needs. They will reside for 24 hours at a time. Shift handovers will occur based on the needs of the child residing at the home. The home will be operational 24/7. However, this will be based on a normal family home where staff will sleep at the property, so there are no physical operations through the night. As noted above the home will be managed 24/7 by up to three staff members working a shift pattern. The handover would normally take place at 10:00am. The time takes into consideration school and work traffic, with the aim that this would not then create additional traffic in the morning. The allocated manager has responsibility for the home and will be based at the company office through the working week of 9-5 but will check in on the property when required. The manager we have employed lives near to the home and knows the location very well. Her main responsibility will be ensuring that the home runs efficiently, and compliant with Legislation. For out of hours we have an on-call system so a manager / Responsible Individual would be contactable to support with any issues.

The duties of the three full time staff/job description are to support the young person with day-2-day care. Support the young person with education, health, and activities. Engage with the young person in making positive choices for their future. Helping the young person to feel safe, secure, and happy in their home. Household duties such as cleaning and cooking. Attend training and complete qualification relating to their role such as diploma level 4 or 5.

As noted above the full details of staff shift pattern, including how many staff would be on site throughout the day and night and staff ratios (delivery model) are up to 3 staff throughout the day and night (night-time sleeping in). Staff will work as set out above. Up to 3 staff will be at the home 24/7. Staff will have their own bedroom for sleeping in duties.

Please see attached submitted plans for overall layout to include for assigned bedrooms for 1No. Young person and 1No. Staff sleeping bedrooms and office space. Floor plan includes lounge/dining area which will be used for relaxing and watching TV, playing games, etc and the kitchen room for cooking and eating.

The occupying child will be encouraged to participate in a form of education, may this be mainstream school, or more commonly a specialist provision. Children will attend mainstream school, a specialist provision or a virtual school. We do not propose for our young person to be home tutored. The premises will be visited by the child's social workers and/or other professionals supporting them, but it is anticipated that this will be no more than twice a month. The home has 3 bedrooms 1 for the child and 2 for staff (1No. Sleeping and 1No. Office). There will be no accommodation for external professionals or family members. Visiting times will occur between 9am - 5pm and the dwelling house will have no additional servicing or delivery arrangements than a normal home setting. A manager will attend the home 9-5 Monday to Friday. Social workers visit once per month. An independent visitor will visit once a month to conduct checks (Regulation 44

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visitor). Ofsted attend either once or twice per year. Education and therapy (if required) will be away from the home. Any visits to the home by friends and family must be arranged in advance. Due to protection of children, we can't just let people in the home without prior agreement from social care.

The property has no dedicated off-road parking but there is ample on street parking nearby and our staff abide by car sharing to reduce any overflow on street parking, along with cycle store to the rear garden. Again, staff will be encouraged to abide by car share so not to overload public highway. With regards to transport to and from the home will vary between private use and public transport. The maximum private transport will be 1/2 cars. Where possible, public transport will be encouraged to /help the young person with their life skills.

Regarding the proposed policy or procedures which would apply for dealing with noise or disturbance, ASB etc. We have a clear neighbour policy, which we would ensure our neighbours are aware of and provided with the contact details of the homes manager and responsible individual, should the neighbours have a concern or issue to raise. Once a complaint has been responded to, if the neighbour is not happy with the response, then they can go direct to Ofsted or the children's commissioner for England. As a registered provision we must have robust complaints policy and procedure in place. This forms part of the regulation 39 of the children's home's regulation 2015. However, it will be our aim to build up positive neighbour and community relationships on opening and running the home. Curfews are specific to the individual child. The child will be observed and monitored by the staff team. However, if applicable, curfew times will be based on a risk assessment and taking into account the child's chronological and emotional age.

The home will have security alarms on the front and back doors, and the windows have security locks on, and restrictors – in which the windows will open by 6 inches. The rear of the property has 6-foot fencing all around and a gate which will be locked whilst not in use. Security lighting will also be at the front and rear of the property.

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