



Neighbour Impact & Objection Response Strategy

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Applicant: Linacre Children's Homes Ltd

Site Address: 221A Whitefield Drive, Westvale, Kirkby, Knowsley, L32 0RB

1. Purpose of this Document

This document has been prepared to proactively address potential concerns that may be raised by neighbouring residents in relation to the proposed change of use from C3 (Dwellinghouse) to C2 (Residential Children's Home).

2. Scale of Operation

The home will accommodate a maximum of one child, supported by up to two care staff on shift at any time. This small-scale model ensures the property operates in a manner comparable to a typical family household.

3. Traffic and Parking

The property benefits from on-site parking via driveway. Staffing levels are limited and operate on shift patterns, meaning traffic movements will be minimal and similar to a standard residential dwelling.

4. Noise and Residential Amenity

The property has been soundproofed to minimise any potential disturbance. Only one child will reside at the property, ensuring the intensity of use remains low and residential in character.

5. Safeguarding and Community Safety

Linacre Children's Homes Ltd operates in accordance with the Philomena Protocol and robust safeguarding procedures. The organisation has substantial positive references demonstrating successful placements and positive transitions for young people in its care.

6. Ofsted Standards and Regulation

The property has been prepared to meet Ofsted standards. C2 certification is required to finalise the Ofsted registration process, ensuring full regulatory oversight of the home.

7. Community Engagement Approach

If concerns are raised, Linacre Children's Homes Ltd is committed to:

- Providing clear communication with neighbours where appropriate.
- Sharing contact details for the Registered Manager once appointed.
- Addressing any issues promptly and professionally.
- Operating transparently within regulatory frameworks.

8. Conclusion

The proposal represents a carefully managed, single-occupancy residential care setting delivering significant social benefit while maintaining the character and amenity of the surrounding residential area.