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Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use or Development

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x) Northing (y)

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Curtis

Surname

Martins-Brown

Company Name

Brighter Horizons Care & Support

Address

Address line 1

15

Address line 2

Jeffereys Crescent

Address line 3

Town/City

Roby

County

Knowsley

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

L24 2UN

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

**** REDACTED ****

Fax number

Email address

**** REDACTED ****

Description of Proposal

Does the proposal consist of, or include, the carrying out of building or other operations?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Does the proposal consist of, or include, a change of use of the land or building(s)?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please give a full description of the scale and nature of the proposed use, including the processes to be carried out, any machinery to be installed and the hours the proposed use will be carried out

The home will be changed to a residential children's home for one child with three bedrooms one being a staff sleep-in room and the other being an office. I am applying for a change of use so the property can be used to offer a home to a child who has been placed into the care of the Local authority who more often than not are vulnerable children who need a place to call home where they feel safe and secure and their basic needs and more can be met. The home would not have more than one child residing at the home which will offer a home environment to the children and also keep up with the homely feeling for the surrounding neighbours as sometimes larger numbers of children residing together can cause disruption to neighbours. I don't believe one child living at this address would disrupt the community as the surrounding properties are also three-bedroom dwelling houses which typically would be home for up to three children and their parents or carers. We spoke to our neighbours who are in full support of this being used for a children's residential home. Staff are fully trained to support children of this age group will be on the premises at all times during the day and night, the company that offers this support is brighter horizons. We will be registered with Ofsted at care and support and will be inspected about the quality of care the children receive to ensure its suitable for vulnerable children, the home will operate in accordance to the children's home regulations and will be inspected and rated by Ofsted. Brighter Horizons will be offering a therapeutic approach of care to the children to enable them to live in a safe environment which allows them to flourish and reach their full potential to achieve their goals and aspirations for the near future as well as others in their peer groups do. The care provided in the home will be based upon the welfare and dignity of the child or young person, and there will be a commitment to increase each young person's potential for growth, independence and development.

If Yes, please fully describe the existing or the last known use, with the date when this use ceased

A normal dwelling house

Has the proposal been started?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Grounds for Application

Information about the existing use(s)

Please explain why you consider the existing or last use of the land is lawful, or why you consider that any existing buildings, which it is proposed to alter or extend are lawful

The home will only have a maximum of 2 occupants at any one time, this consists of 1 young person who will live at the property and 1 staff member who will be on shift patterns. It is my understanding that if this exceeds 6 occupants then I would need planning, as this is not the case i am applying for a certificate of lawfulness.

Please list the supporting documentary evidence (such as a planning permission) which accompanies this application

There is no supporting evidence as planning permission is not needed.

Select the use class that relates to the existing or last use.

C3 - Dwellinghouses

Information about the proposed use(s)

Select the use class that relates to the proposed use.

C2 - Residential institutions

Is the proposed operation or use

- ☒ Permanent
☐ Temporary

Why do you consider that a Lawful Development Certificate should be granted for this proposal?

Due to the rise in looked-after children in the UK, there are not enough homes for these young people resulting in them being placed in unregulated homes that do not provide high-level care due to having no regulations and guidelines to follow which results in young people achieving negative outcomes. The United Kingdom has seen a significant increase in the number of children coming into care In 2021, the number of CLA (Children Looked After) by local authorities in England rose to 80,850, up 1% on last year and continuing the rise seen in recent years. In current findings, as shown below in the table 36% of residential homes are rated as requiring improvement to be good and 14% are rated inadequate therefore showing a total of 50% of homes in the United Kingdom are rated as below par. Brighter Horizons Care and Support consists of directors who have years of experience working in residential homes from roles as support workers to managerial roles with ratings of good therefore showing experience of what it takes to operate at a GOOD level deemed by OFSTED a registered Manager who has 30 years experience with looked after children.

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- ☐ The agent
☒ The applicant
☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff**
- (b) an elected member**
- (c) related to a member of staff**
- (d) related to an elected member**

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Interest in the Land

Please state the applicant's interest in the land

- ☒ Owner
- ☐ Lessee
- ☐ Occupier
- ☐ Other

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Lawful development: Proposed use as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Curtis Martins-Brown

Date

20/12/2023