

Certificate of Lawful Development Application Supporting Evidence

84 Alandale Road is a 2 bedroom semi-detached, two storey property set within a residential estate in Bradley, Huddersfield. There is a small garden to the front of the property and a larger garden at back. The house is on a main bus route to Huddersfield and surrounding local areas within Kirklees. There are no planned structural changes being made to this property.

Numbers of children, age range, and average length of stay – this is indicative in terms of materiality, short stay and frequent turnover would alter character of use.

The home will support one young person between the age of 10-18 years. The child will remain in the home on a short to medium term basis whilst a period of assessment can be completed. It is anticipated that the child would remain in placement for a minimum of 12 weeks but potentially longer.

Numbers of staff shift pattern – complex shift patterns and high numbers of staff could also alter the character.

The home structure will be 1 manager, 1 deputy manager and up to 6 permanent residential care officers, 2 working waking nights. Residential staff will work a combination of shifts over a 24 hour period. Shift patterns will include sleep-in's and working over a 24 hr period. It is expected that there will only be 2 -3 staff in the home at any one time, maximum 4 including the child. During the night hours (21.30-07.30) there will be two staff (1 waking night, 1 Sleeping in)

Details of existing parking arrangements – tandem parking is more awkward when the first car in needs to leave and the manoeuvring of vehicles could represent a change of character.

Cars will be parked on the road outside.

Would the building have lockable bedroom and office doors, specialist fire or security alarms, buzzers on the doors – this can also alter the character to a more institutional arrangement.

The home would have some doors that can be locked – office door, cleaning cupboard and some cupboards in the kitchen area to store cleaning consumables and sharp objects. There will be a medication and key cupboard with locks in the staff office. The home will be fitted with a fire alarm safety system and window restrictors/keys. Smoke alarms will be fitted in all rooms. Exit and entry doors into the home will have a normal locking system. Consideration will be given to installing some CTV cameras around the home to monitor the perimeters these are expected to be discrete devices and would only be there to promote safety.

Other professional visitors to the site such as therapists, medical professionals, social workers, tutors visiting the site – the number and frequency for visitors also speaks to the character.

It is expected that there will be some regular visitors to the home from a range of multi agencies and professionals. Family members and friends of the young person will also visit the home. It is anticipated that visitors to the home will be monitored and managed to reduce any unnecessary foot flow.

Any external changes to the property – the alteration of the appearance may also indicate a change in the character.

We will be erecting a higher fence around the perimeter of the back garden to support improved privacy. This will not go beyond 6ft and will be in keeping with the home and other properties within the area. The aim is to keep this properties appearance in line with all other properties on the street.