



Planning Statement

Introduction

I am writing this statement on behalf of Haven Care Group. To outline the rationale for the above application.

We have been working within the residential Childrens homes sector for over 11 years and currently operate 10 residential children's homes services across the East and West Midlands. We have providing residential childcare as part of tendering contracts and through spot purchase agreements, with Local authorities across the UK.

All of our current homes are registered with Ofsted and we are a consistently good provider. Our homes offer long-term residential care to young people between the ages of 7-17. These are young people are categorised as having Emotional difficulties, predominately resulting from poor early childhood experiences from primary care givers.

Current sufficiency issues impacting on residential childcare

Nationally there continues to be a significant increase in young people being looked after by Local Authorities. There are several factors that over the last 5 years have seen a significant increase in Local Authorities seeking either through voluntary agreement or court orders young people being brought into the care system. Predominately there has been a much wider acceptance and understanding of the safeguarding issues faced by young people. The increase in public consciousness of Child sexual exploitation and the level of vulnerability and abuse experienced by young people has increased the referrals to Local Authorities.

Our proposal

Our intention to open a Residential Childrens home in Milton Keynes is not a decision we have taken without significant consideration. One of the recommendations from the 2016 Ofsted report was to;

“Ensure that there is a suitable range of placements available to meet the current and future needs of children looked after, not least so that siblings can be placed together when appropriate”.

The home is ideal to create a large family home for young people. The property has ample parking and storage facilities.

We intend to offer 24hr care to 3 young people aged between 8-17. They will be supported by staff to attend education and normal activities associated with growing up in a family home.



The home will have two cars available to transport young people to appointments or other recreational activities.

Benefit to the local Community

we also feel as a new employer, we will provide opportunity for a number of residents to gain employment.. This would provide stability for staff and significant investment and training opportunities.

Young people placed at the home would be able to maintain their education and training provision, which is so important for the continuity and stability for their futures. Along with this they will be able to maintain contact with significant family members, where appropriate.

Maintaining young people in their Local area also enables us to build partnerships with other local support services. This provides a holistic approach to the support and care for the young people.

Conclusion

we feel this we have approached this project with the correct level of diligence. and are confident in our track record in commissioning and managing a residential children's home. The area where the home is located has lots of local amenities and is a nice established area of Luton. We also feel this will have a very positive impact on the local community and in particular the Looked after children within Milton Keynes

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