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Change of use of dwelling (C3) to children's residential home (C2)

Details of the number of children

The Planning requested is for 2 children's number of children in the facility typically ranges from 1 to 2 at any given time, depending on the needs of the children in care. In some cases, children may require 1:1 support due to their individual care needs, meaning only one child can be accommodated at a time, even if space allows for more. This is particularly relevant for children who may have more complex or specialized needs, such as those requiring tailored therapeutic support or a safer, quieter environment.

Details of the age range

The age range of children within the facility is between 7 and 17 years old. The average length of stay varies significantly depending on the age of the child, as children can stay anywhere from 3 months to up to 9 years, depending on their specific needs and circumstances. The duration of stay is particularly influenced by the age at which the child arrives; older children typically stay for shorter periods as they approach the age limit of 17, while younger children may stay longer if their care needs require extended support.

Details of the average stay for each child (or children)

This wide variation in length of stay contributes to a dynamic environment with a mix of children at different stages of their development. Short stays, particularly for older children nearing the age limit, create more frequent turnover, which may lead to a less stable atmosphere. In contrast, younger children who stay longer may foster a more familiar, stable environment. The overall character of the facility is therefore influenced by this combination of short-term and long-term stays, which impacts the level of attachment, the nature of interactions, and the sense of continuity within space.

Details of staff shift patterns (including whether live-in)

The facility operates with a simple shift pattern: staff work a 12-hour shift starting at 8:00 AM and ending at 8:00 PM, after which they remain on-site to assist with the children's bedtime routines and stay overnight until the following morning. The same staff member who work the day shift also handle the night shift, ensuring continuity of care for the children.



Details of staffing numbers,

Typically, there will be 1 or 2 staff members on duty, depending on the needs of the children being cared for at the time. The maximum number of staff on duty at any given time is 2. This limited number of staff ensures a more focused, individualized approach to care, as the staff are able to provide constant, personalized attention to the children.

The relatively simple shift structure—with no complex rotations—may contribute to a more consistent and stable atmosphere, as the same staff members are present throughout the day and night. However, the presence of overnight care and the potential for long shifts might also alter the character of the facility, making it feel more like a 24-hour, home-like environment, rather than a typical institutional or shift-based setting

Details of existing parking arrangements

The property currently has 3 parking spaces available. Given this arrangement, tandem parking is not an issue, as there is ample space for all vehicles to park without causing any inconvenience.

Drawing to show location of lockable bedroom and office doors, specialist fire or security alarms, buzzers on the doors

The building will have lockable doors for all bedrooms and the office areas. The doors will be fitted with thumb-turn locks, providing secure access while ensuring ease of use for the occupants. One of the bedrooms will also be used as an office, and it will have the same locking mechanism for consistency and security.

In terms of fire safety, the building will be equipped with interlinked smoke alarms in every bedroom, hallway, kitchen, and living room. This ensures early detection of any fire hazards and enhances the safety of the property. Additionally, fire extinguishers will be mounted on the walls in key locations to facilitate quick response in the event of an emergency.

While the building will not have security alarms, there will be cameras installed around the exterior of the house for added security and to monitor the premises. However, there will be no internal buzzers on the doors.

These security and safety features, while important for ensuring the well-being of residents and staff, contribute to a more secure and controlled environment. However, the relatively low-key security measures, such as the absence of external alarms and buzzers, help maintain a more homely and non-institutional character, while still ensuring the safety of the building's occupants.



Details of the number and frequencies of other professional visitors (i.e. therapists, medical professionals, social workers)

The facility will have social workers as the primary external professional visitors. Their visits will occur on a flexible schedule, typically every 3 to 6 months, depending on the needs and circumstances of the children. The frequency of these visits will vary based on individual cases and may be adjusted as required.

There are no regular visits from other professional visitors, such as therapists, medical professionals, or tutors, as the children's needs are primarily met by the on-site staff. Most children attend school regularly, and when educational support is required, the staff are trained to provide the necessary educational guidance and assistance, ensuring that the children continue their learning within the facility.

Medical care is typically provided as in a normal home environment, with medical professionals visiting only as needed for routine check-ups or emergencies. This infrequent external contact means the atmosphere of the facility remains more private and homely, rather than institutional, contributing to a more familiar and community-based character.

There will be no external changes to the property. The building will remain as it is, preserving its appearance as a normal home. Any alterations made to the interior will be minimal, such as the addition of lockable doors for security, but these will not alter the overall external look or feel of the house.

The property will continue to maintain its homely character, with the aim of providing a comfortable and familiar environment for the children. We strive to create a space that feels like a true home, and as such, the external appearance will remain consistent with a typical residential setting, ensuring that the house continues to look welcoming and non-institutional. This approach helps maintain a warm, community-oriented atmosphere.

Kind Regards

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