

**Re: 2025/90273- Change of use of dwelling (C3) to children's residential home (C2)
at 21 Delves Wood Road, Beaumont Park, Huddersfield, HD4 7AS**

Thank you for your request for consultation. I have reviewed the application and supporting documentation available via the Planning Portal.

I have no concerns in relation to the site's location.

Having reviewed the Operational Statement supplied by the applicant, I note the remarks in relation to external cameras at the property- this is supported from a crime reduction perspective. Images should be stored for at least 30 days. Staff onsite should be trained to operate the system and download the footage in case it is required urgently. The system should comply with the requirements of BS EN 62676:2015 Video surveillance systems for use in security applications and where applicable BS 7958:2015 CCTV management and operation Code of Practice, and the requirements of the Data Protection Act and GDPR. If images of public space are visible and recorded, there may be a legal responsibility to register the system with the Information Commissioner's Office – <https://www.ico.org.uk>. It should be installed by National Security Inspectorate (NSI) or Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board (SSAIB) approved contractor.

The CCTV system should work with the property's external lighting and landscaping to ensure appropriate coverage and mitigate blind spots.

With regard to thumbturn locks- these should have an override facility on the outer face so staff can gain entry in case of emergency. Window restrictors or lockable hardware should be installed on non-accessible windows (above ground floor) for child safety.

The rear perimeter of the property is adjacent to Butternab Wood. It requires to be secured with fencing (minimum height: 1.8 metre); it should not feature any footholds or cross members on either side to deter climbing. Any climbing aids should be removed from its vicinity.

I would also advise the applicant to install buzzers/ alarms on external doorsets to immediately alert staff to comings and goings to/ from the property. Early realisation that a child had gone missing can assist greatly with locating them quickly. Equally, staff should be alerted immediately should a trespasser gain entry to the premises.

Ground floor windows should be designed to prevent children from climbing out and potentially leaving the property unnoticed.

In summary, West Yorkshire Police have no objection to this application. The advice provided above should be considered and implemented where possible.

Kind regards,

Agnieszka Boryn
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