

## **91 Long Lane**

### **Proposed Use of the Property**

The property at 91 Long Lane Huddersfield is intended to provide a safe and nurturing home for **one** child at any given time aged between 7 and 17 years. The child will receive tailored support from highly trained staff, typically on a 2:1 staffing ratio. This arrangement ensures that the child's individual needs are met.

The proposed use aligns with the property's current residential character and does not constitute a requirement for full planning as there will be no change to the structure of the building.

### **Staffing Arrangements**

**Support Staff:** A maximum of two staff members will be present on-site at any given time. Staff work on a simple shift pattern, starting at 10:00 am and ending at 10:00 am the following day. This 24 hour shift structure minimises comings and goings, fostering a stable and homely environment.

**Manager:** The home will be overseen by a manager, thus rendering the need for a change of use. However the manager will not be present during the full week and will work remotely from home. She will utilise MS Teams to review documentation where possible and may attend the home for 2-4 days a week (Monday – Thursday), typically between the hours of 11am – 2pm (to avoid peak times). This would be akin to a regular visitor to a residential property, which is not uncommon.

### **Property and Parking**

Our newly appointed manager is not a qualified driver and therefore will be relying on public transport to visit the home. There are three bus stops within the locality that she can make use of:

Tolson Crescent - one minute walk away from the household.

Crossley Lane – one minute walk away from the household

Albany Road – six minutes walk away from the household

We will be providing our support / care staff with 2 company vehicles and they will be car sharing whilst working in pairs. Each time there is a shift change every 24 hours at approximately 10am (to avoid peak times) only one parking space outside of the household will be occupied.

We will also be encouraging the cycle to work scheme and installing a bike rack in the rear garden for any staff to safely store their bicycles.

The property is a terraced home with one available parking space, however there is ample parking outside the home ensuring no disruption to the surrounding area.

### **Support and Daily Activities**

The child will attend school or educational provisions off-site, ensuring that the property's activity levels remain similar to a typical residential household. Any medical appointments are conducted at external locations, such as medical centre or hospital, further minimising activity at the property.

## **Professional Services Required**

Medical Reviews: Any CAMHS services, dental, medical or routine check ups will take place at the relevant health centres.

Educational Needs: Any additional tuition to cater for the child's educational needs will be provided by KipMcGrath Education Centres which offer in-centre classes (Huddersfield Centre) or an online service.

Social Worker: A social worker is expected to visit 2-3 times per year, depending on the child's needs.

RI (Responsible Individual) will visit the household once per month, typically for 1-2 hours to ensure everything is running smoothly.

## **Security and Safety Measures**

The property will incorporate secure lockable doors for all bedrooms, ensuring the safety of occupants. Interlinked smoke alarms will be installed in all key areas, including bedrooms, hallways, the kitchen and the living room, to enhance fire safety. CCTV will be installed, much like many other homes, in order to provide security while maintaining the residential character of the property.

The property will retain its residential appearance with no external structural changes. Any interior alterations, such as installing lockable doors for security, will be minimal and will not affect the property's character. The home will continue to provide a welcoming, community-oriented atmosphere consistent with a typical family home.

## **Duration of Stay and Comings and Goings**

The children's stay is expected to be medium to long-term, with typical durations of 2 years or more. In some cases the placement can last up to adulthood and therefore makes it no different to other children living in their homes. It is not respite period or a short term arrangement.

We will not be admitting a child who displays severe anti-social behaviour as we do not want to cause any concern to the local residents and the wider community. We will ensure that each step is taken with extreme caution under the scrutiny of the regulatory body (OFSTED), local authorities and social services to ensure the right child is placed in the right home.

The home aims to provide a stable environment where a child can overcome past traumas and build a positive future. Staff are trained to support a child with a range of needs, including those with Emotional and Behavioural Disorders (EBD). De-escalation techniques and therapeutic approaches are prioritised to maintain a calm and nurturing setting.

The stable environment we will offer reduces frequent turnovers and contributes to a homely atmosphere. The comings and goings associated with the home will be comparable to a standard family household.

## **Conclusion**

The proposed use of 91 Long Lane will not result in a definitive change in the nature or character of the property in planning terms and will maintain the property's residential nature. The home's activity levels, parking arrangements, and overall character are consistent with those of a typical family dwelling. By providing essential care in a stable, community-focused environment, this home will have a positive impact on its resident while preserving the amenity and character of the surrounding area.